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MINUTES
Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee
4th June 2019
At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Hamish McTaggart	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Noel Downs	Community Representative
Mrs. Jennifer Lecky	Community Representative
Mr. John Madden	Community Representative
Mr. Malcolm Ogg	Community Representative
Mr. Garry Chapman	Community Representative
Mr. Grant Clouten (<i>General Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Ms. Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Superintendent</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mrs. Erin Muffett (<i>Minute Taker</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was opened at 12:07pm by Mr Hamish McTaggart, acting Chairman.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Correspondence

Out – December 2018 minutes sent out to CCC members on 17 December 2018.
Independent Environmental Audit sent out to CCC members on 25 January 2019.
March CCC Presentation sent out to CCC members on 11 March 2019.
Annual Environmental Management Report sent out to CCC members on 11 March 2019.

In - Nil

4. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 4th December 2018 were confirmed as true and reliable
Moved – Mr Hamish McTaggart and Mr Noel Downs.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

7. Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised

Mr Malcolm Ogg raised a question in relation to the Independent Environmental Audit which had been sent to CCC members in January 2019. The document refers to the acronym RR. Mr Ogg wanted to confirm what RR was referring to? Julie Thomas advised that RR refers to the Resource Regulator.

8. Reports

A. *Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations* –Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, project, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, gas, water, blasting and noise), at the mine site.

B. *Report Discussion* –

Mining Update

- i. Mining activities continued in Open Cut 1 with some material being dumped in Open Cut 2.
- ii. Spontaneous combustion management continued.
- iii. 383,314 tonnes of coal were mined and 1.83 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iv. 310 hours was lost due to rain. 2 hours lost due to adverse weather conditions and impacts on dust generation.

West Muswellbrook Project

- No updates

Sandy Creek Project

- No updates

Management Plan Update

- Discussions with MSC regarding the Rehabilitation Strategy and Mine Closure Plan have stalled.
- MSC consultant visited site on 14 February 2019 to discuss these documents and they were to write a report for MSC.
- No further correspondence has been received from MSC despite numerous attempts from MCC to get an update.

Operational Changes

- Nil

Approvals Update

- Nil

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily strong south easterly wind directions for January to April and north westerly winds for May.
- ii. *Rain*: Variable rainfall for this period. Above average for March and nil rainfall for April.

Dust

- i. *PM*₁₀: All sites below yearly criteria. Few higher results earlier in the year which was identified to be due to regional conditions.

Gas Monitoring

- i. Gas monitor results from Muscle Creek, were presented to the CCC. All results were below criteria. Full results are available on the company website.

Water

- i. The rainfall at the end of March has dropped the electrical conductivity in the water results.

Blasting

- i. All sites below criteria.

Noise Monitoring

- i. Noise monitoring results up until April 2019 were presented and were compliant with the noise criteria.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until May 2019 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around recent noise complaints. Grant Clouten advised this was due to operational changes which were later modified to minimise noise. Overall there has been a low level of complaints with a significant reduction in odour complaints.

9. General Business

Question by Malcolm Ogg: Malcolm raised a question in relation to the Independent Environmental Audit which had been sent to CCC members in January 2019. The document refers to the acronym RR. Mr Ogg wanted to confirm what RR was referring to?

Answer: Julie Thomas advised that RR refers to the Resource Regulator.

Question by Mr Garry Chapman: Garry raised a question in relation to mining in old workings and if this is worked is carried out at a certain time of year to allow for favourable wind conditions?

Answer: Grant Clouten advised that yes, the time of year is taken into consideration however currently MCC is mining in a very difficult area. This area that was expected to take two (2) months however this has extended to four (4) months due to the challenging work area.

Grant Clouten provided the CCC members with an update on the proposed Pumped Hydro facility. Idemitsu Australia Resources has entered into an arrangement with AGL to conduct a feasibility study which is expected to take approximately 18 months. Whilst Grant is not involved in this process as it is being over seen by MCC's Corporate office in Brisbane Grant will continue to provide quarterly updates.

10. Submissions

Nil

11. Announcements

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, 3rd December 2019.

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. Refreshments shall be provided.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting closed at 12:32pm.

14. Site Inspection

A site tour was not conducted on this occasion.