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MINUTES
Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee
4th September 2018
At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Hamish McTaggart	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Garry Chapman	Community Representative
Mrs. Jennifer Lecky (<i>arrived at 12.36pm</i>)	Community Representative
Mr. Craig Milton (<i>guest presenter</i>)	NSW Minerals Council
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
Mr. Jake Kell (<i>Senior Mining Engineer - observer</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was opened at 12:08pm by Ms Julie Thomas, acting Chairman. The committee agreed Julie would step in as acting chair for this meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr. John Madden	Community Representative
Mr. Noel Downs	Community Representative
Mr. Malcolm Ogg	Community Representative

3. Correspondence

Nil.

4. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5th June 2018 were confirmed as true and reliable
Moved – Mr Garry Chapman and Mr Grant Clouten.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

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

Nil.

8. NSW Mining Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue

Mr Craig Milton from the NSW Minerals Council presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee regarding the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue (UHMD). This presentation provided the committee with an understanding of the purpose of the UHMD and key projects which the UHMD is currently undertaking in Land Management, Water, and Emissions and Health)

All CCC members were invited to attend the 2018 Annual Forum which is being held in Muswellbrook on 20 November 2018.

9. 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. 481,075 tonnes of coal were mined and 1.783 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iv. 209.3 hours was lost due to rain. 36.4.1 hours lost due to adverse weather conditions and impacts on dust generation.

West Muswellbrook Project

- No updates

Sandy Creek Project

- No updates

Operational Changes

- Nil

Approvals Update

- Nil

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily south easterly wind directions for April, May, and June.
- ii. *Rain*: Below average for April, May, June and July. An increase in amount of rain during August

Dust

- i. *PM₁₀*: All sites below yearly criteria.

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. There has been a general increase in salinity levels which have been investigated and shown to be due to natural causes.

Blasting

- i. All results are below criteria.

Noise Monitoring

- i. Noise monitoring results up until August 2018 were presented and were compliant with the noise criteria.
- ii. The weather conditions in winter are worst case for enhanced noise levels and MCC have maintained compliance.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until August 2018 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around the types of complaints. Overall there has been a low level of complaints with a significant reduction in odour complaints.

10. General Business

Grant Clouten advised MCC are currently working on the 2019 Budget and there will be no change in the way in the quality and mining of coal. MCC will continue to operate as per current operations.

11. Submissions

Nil

12. Announcements

Nil

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4th December 2018.

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. A sandwich lunch and refreshments shall be provided.

14. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting closed at 12:55pm.

15. Site Inspection

Due to wet conditions a site tour was not conducted on this occasion.