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MINUTES

Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee

6th September 2016

At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Scott Brooks	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Ray Butchard	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Noel Downs	Community Representative
Mr. Grant Clouten (<i>Senior Operations Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Ms. Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Coordinator</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mr. Hilton Goldfinch	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. **Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 12:25pm by the Chairman Mr. Ray Butchard.

2. **Apologies**

Mr. John Madden	Community Representative
Mrs. Glenda Watts	Community Representative

3. **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**

Nil.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 8th March 2016 were confirmed as true and reliable

Moved – Mr. Ray Butchard

Seconded – Mr. Scott Brooks

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

6. **Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised**

Nil.

7. **Correspondence**

Nil.

8. Reports

A. *Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations* – Ms Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, water, blasting and noise), for the previous two quarters (*January – June 2016*) 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. 850,000 tonnes of coal was mined and 3.86 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iii. 499 hours was lost due to environmental conditions.

W. Muswellbrook Project

- Recent drilling programs and installation of groundwater piezometers is complete.

Sandy Creek Project

- No update

Continuation Project

- Statement of Environment Effects (SEE) submitted to Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) on 29th April 2016
- A newsletter was distributed in early May 2016 to surrounding neighbours.
- Community and regulators have provided submissions in relation to the project.
- MCC have reviewed these submissions and have provided a response to submissions to MSC.
- MCC and MSC are discussing these submissions and draft consent conditions.

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily south-easterly wind directions during the first reporting period, January, February and March which is consistent with seasonal expectations. For the following period, from April, May and June, wind directions were primarily from the north-north-westerly which is again, consistent with seasonal expectations.
- ii. *Rain*: Above average precipitation in January, June and July.

Dust

- i. *Dust Deposition*: Average levels at all sites were within the compliance levels.
- ii. *TSP (Total Suspended Particulates)*: All sites below criteria.
- iii. *PM₁₀*: Majority below criteria.
 - Mr. Ray Butchard queried anomalous spikes in three (3) TSP (Quarry) readings. MCC unable to present history for the anomalies at the time of the question. No further discussion or action.

Water

- i. Quality of surface water is influenced by natural conditions. Ground water has decreased in pH & EC due to the increased rainfall. Underground water levels also consistent and stable.

Blasting

- i. There were 60 blast events conducted at MCC Open Cut Operations between 1st January and 30th June 2016. All results for the reporting period were below criteria.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until July 2016 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around the types of complaints. These were mainly odour complaints.

9. CCC Membership

MCC have been discussing with MSC the option to revisit the CCC membership. It has been ~5 years since the membership was reviewed and with the upcoming Council elections and modification to the approval, MCC and MSC feel that now would be a good time to revisit the membership and allow an opportunity for new members to join the CCC. The MSC guidelines allow for up to 5 community members and there are currently 3 community members on the committee. All existing members are encouraged to reapply for roles on the CCC if they wish to remain involved with the CCC.

10. Submissions

- Via Ms. Julie Thomas, proxy for Mrs. Glenda Watts
Mrs. Glenda Watts has smelt spontaneous combustion smells at her property during the reporting period and at times it can be quite bad.

11. Announcements

- Mr. Noel Downs issued an invitation for attendance to a Cultural event on the 22nd September 2016 at the Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre.

12. Items arising from General Business

Scott Brooks would like to have a tour of the operation. This tour occurred following the closing of the meeting.

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 13th December 2016

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

Mr. Ray Butchard thanked MCC for being made welcome to the CCC and he has enjoyed his involvement in the CCC. As Mr Butchard is stepping down from Council he will no longer be involved with the MCC CCC.

Ms. Julie Thomas thanked Mr. Ray Butchard for his input to the CCC.

Meeting closed at 1:05pm.