



Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room, Austar Coal Mine Main Office

Time: 4:05pm

Date: 11 December 2008

Name	Representative
Hon Garry West (GW)	Independent Chair
Louise Dews (LD)	Community Representative
Paul McGreevy (PM)	Community Representative
Roger Lewis (RL)	Community Representative
Adrian Moodie (AM)	Austar Coal Mine
Sarah Harvey (SH)	Austar Coal Mine
Apologies	
Councillor Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Frank Fulham (FF)	Austar Coal Mine
Copy of minutes	
Councillor Alison Davey	Mayor of Cessnock City Council
Mr Joel Fitzgibbon MP	Federal Member for Hunter and Defence Minister
The Hon Kerry Hickey	State Member for Cessnock
Mr Colin Phillips	NSW Department of Planning
Ms Valerie Phillips	Librarian, Cessnock City Council

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome		
	GW welcomed the committee.		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	Nil.		
3	Confirmation of Previous Minutes		
	The minutes were ratified. Moved by LD and seconded by JM.		
4	Business Arising		
	Nil		
5	Current Operations Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 mining is complete • The longwall move will take place during December and January • Stage 2 mining is due to commence in February 2009 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final subsidence measurements have been taken for Stage 1 area and the results are below the predicted levels. • Although it is not required through any consent, an end of panel report with full details will be submitted to the DPI. 		
6	General Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Monitoring results for the period July to November were presented and discussed. • Noise PRP update – a draft condition for comment was received from the DECC regarding the PRP the week prior to the CCC meeting. Comment has been provided and it is expected that the condition will be finalised in the new year. • Community Complaints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 complaints were received since the last meeting, all regarding noise • 4 were from the same complainant, with one of those 4 being forwarded by the DECC • 1 was from a complainant that we have not heard from in a while • No exceedances of noise monitoring criteria were recorded during 2008 to date • Quarter 4 noise monitoring is due to take place as soon as weather permits <p>LD noted that Austar had been using barbed wire when repairing boundary fences and asked if it would be possible in future to use plain wire at least on the top and bottom in order to avoid injuring wildlife. SH agreed that this was a good idea and would therefore pass it on to the relevant people on site.</p> <p>RL suggested that an open day would be a positive way of informing the community about the operation. AM and SH agreed and will look into this for 2009.</p>		

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	<p>PM announced that this was his last meeting as he had resigned from the CCC due to increasing work commitments. GW thanked PM for his involvement with the CCC. PM stated that he would still like to receive the meeting minutes.</p> <p>SH agreed to continue sending the minutes to PM.</p>		
7	Stage 3 Project Update		
	<p>The Stage 3 EA is on public exhibition until Friday 19 December 2009. Some submissions have been received by Austar and have been forwarded to the DoP.</p> <p>A Community Meeting for Stage 3 landholders was held on 30 November 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The approvals process – Stage 3 Project Overview – Subsidence – Environmental effects • After presentations there was an open forum and response to questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The main issues raised were in regard to subsidence and the effect on amenity and property values 		
8	Next Meeting		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday 19 February 2008 at 4:00 pm		
	Meeting closed 6:10pm		

Recorded: S. Harvey 11 December 2008

Confirmed: To be confirmed at next meeting

Chairperson – Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee