



Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Daily Meeting Room, Austar Coal Mine Main Office

Time: 4:00pm

Date: 5 November 2009

Name	Representative
Hon Garry West (GW) Councillor Jeff Maybury (JM) Louise Dews (LD) Adrian Moodie (AM) Gary Mulhearn (GM)	Independent Chair Cessnock City Council Representative Community Representative Austar Coal Mine Austar Coal Mine
Apologies	
Roger Lewis (RL) Frank Fulham (FF)	Community Representative 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. JM noted he is a member of the MSB. No conflict of interest considered	Note	
3	Confirmation of Previous Minutes		
	The minutes were ratified. Moved by JM and seconded by LD.		
4	Business Arising		
	• Nil		
5a	Current Operations Update		
	• Longwall progressing to plan. Completion of total mining beneath first		

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	<p>landholder completed with nil adverse comment from resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidence minimal and less than or equal to predicted • Development operations proceeding according to plan 		
5b	Environmental Monitoring Update / Complaints		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed recent monitoring data and trends. Nil exceedances of criteria. • Two noise complaints received since last meeting. Both from a single resident relating to Pit Top. A dolly car alarm was since replaced with a quieter unit (14dB reduction). A new wear plate at the top of the drift conveyor was creating a different style of noise. This was replaced and is now similar to previous. Resident notified of changes undertaken, no further complaints have occurred. 		
6	Environmental Incident – Bellbird Creek		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tailings breakout from ground adjacent to underground discharge area into onsite portion of Bellbird Creek via a tributary on 28/9/09. • No offsite discharge – all intercepted in Doyle St Dam onsite and returned to site • DECCW notified on day of occurrence – have inspected the incident • Water quality quite good in Doyle St Dam except for suspended solids (good pH, good EC) • Cleanup has been ongoing in constant consultation with DECCW. Very labour intensive, but good standard achieved. Duration approx 6-8 weeks remaining. Photos presented indicated the good quality of clean up being achieved. • Tailings discharge line now moved to dirty water management part of site. 	Ongoing until completion	

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7	General Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent St rail crossing works complete • Noise wall around pump on emergency dam is complete. • Noise Reduction Program for CHPP. Trial on upgrade of walls of OL3 conveyor drivehead building currently in progress. Materials have been ordered for western wall of CHPP. • Area 12 Rehabilitation (planned during longwall move March 2010) • Aberdare Extended Reject Emplacement (fencing complete, signage being arranged, community consultation undertaken in October, reject emplacement will commence soon) • Exploration – aerial magnetic survey cancelled. Ground survey planned instead. • AEMR 2008-2009. Copy provided to CCC members prior to meeting. GW noted timeframes for actions in AEMR to be completed in regard to demolition of buildings for rehabilitation works. Meeting to be arranged with Council and DII to resolve. • DoP have indicated they will comment on AEMR that additional CCC members are required to be recruited. GM indicated that it is intended to inform landholders from Stage 3 at the community information day of opportunity to be on CCC, with advertisement in local papers to follow shortly after. 3 – 4 new members to be sought. • LD noted Middle Road has accumulated rubbish. GM indicated contractors have been arranged to collect rubbish next week. 	<p>GM/AM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>	<p>30/11/09</p> <p>14/11/09, advert by 21/11/09</p> <p>13/11/09</p>

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8	Stage 3 Project Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Planning granted Project Approval No. 08_0111 on 6 September 2009 • Key points of Project Approval presented. A copy of the approval was provided to each of the CCC members present. • Community information day planned at Austar on Saturday 14 November 2009 at 2pm for Stage 3 Project. CCC members are invited to attend. • Sharing the Benefits landholder agreements presented. There will be a Short Form Access agreement for limited, one off type access ie exploration, environmental surveys, and a Sharing the Benefits agreement for access and compensation. These will be presented at the Stage 3 community information day. 		
9	Actions form Previous Meeting		
	Nil		
10	Next Meeting		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday 4th February 2010 at 4:00 pm		
	Meeting closed 5:15pm		

Recorded: A Moodie 5/11/2009

Confirmed: To be confirmed at next meeting

Chairperson – Garry West