

<i>CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY</i>			
Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery		
Date:	16/11/16	Time:	2:00pm
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Paul Maky (PM) – Community</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) - Community</p> <p>Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Ben Johnston (BJ) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Craig Shales (CS) – LakeCoal (Chain Valley Colliery)</p> <p>Jenny Mewing (JM) - Central Coast Council</p> <p>Nick Jones (NJ) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Dave Walker (DW) – LakeCoal (Manning Colliery)</p>		

Minutes

No	Item
1.	MM declared the meeting open at 2:10pm.
2.	<p>MM welcomed a new member to the committee, Cllr Nick Jones from Lake Macquarie City Council who is replacement for LMCC Cllr Jason Pauling.</p> <p>WC mentioned an apology from DW who could not make it due to operational commitments arising.</p> <p>MM declared her interests; no change; Independent Chair appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment and Member of the NSW Mine Subsidence Board.</p>
3.	Minutes confirmed for previous combined CCC meeting (02/08/16) were moved by JO and

	seconded by BB.
4.	MM summarised correspondence with one addition being a letter from WC advising of LakeCoal's intention to increase the handling volumes from Mannering Colliery to 2.1Mt from 1.3Mt
5.	<p>WC detailed actions from previous meeting (2/8/16) including erroneous seagrass monitoring results, survey marker confirmation, background of pines at Mannering and their treatment and the reuse of recycled water from WWWTTP.</p> <p>AW enquired as to where juvenile pines were to be removed.</p> <p>WC explained that the majority of juveniles that were identified were located along the Mannering Colliery fence line.</p>
6.	WC provided an operational update for both sites.
7.	<p>BB raised concerns about the lake water level being affected in the Chain Valley Bay area as a result of mining and subsidence.</p> <p>WC, CS reassured BB and the committee that mining operations in the Chain Valley Bay would not affect water levels in the area. WC explained that CVC's mining operations were designed with protective barriers from the foreshore areas to ensure that no further mining impacts occurred in these areas. BB explained that the area had a bad history with mining impacts and just wanted to explain that it was a sensitive area for this reason. WC agreed and stated that LakeCoal was committed to undertaking its activities in a sustainable manner and understood the communities concerns about mining in the area.</p> <p>JO explained that this area was sensitive to the locals in the area for this reason.</p> <p>CS explained the seam layout, subsidence controls and the barrier protection zone from any shore areas.</p> <p>WC commented that LakeCoal was undertaking substantial modelling for the extraction plan in this area to confirm the subsidence prediction. WC explained that the existing model had proven to be accurate with the operations previous miniwalls and that LakeCoal had confidence that mining in the Chain Valley Bay area could be undertaken successfully.</p> <p>AW enquired if LakeCoal was looking to re-enter the north headings once the mining in Chain Valley Bay (MW5a) had been completed.</p> <p>WC explained that MW5a was not actually in the Chain Valley Bay area and that mining would progress into Chain Valley Bay after MS5a. WC advised that further mine planning work needed to happen in the northern area before operations could recommence in that area.</p> <p>AW enquired as to how long LakeCoal would be in the Chain Valley Bay area.</p> <p>CS stated that current scheduling showed mining would take approximately two years</p>
8.	<p>WC provided an update on the VPA. WC explained that the VPA was executed in September and that LakeCoal had transferred approximately \$197,000 into the fund which was now being administered by the Council.</p> <p>JM explained that the planning department at Central Coast Council would most likely not take part in decisions made regarding expenditure of funds from the VPA and that Council had setup a new</p>

	<p>division under the recent restructure to look after community related matters.</p> <p>JO enquired if there was a time for first meeting of the VPA committee. WC advised that LakeCoal had requested a date from the Council.</p> <p>JM explained that Council was still trying to determine who the most appropriate representative would be for the Committee.</p> <p>NW enquired about if the fund was generating funds. JM explained she did not believe this was the case but would check.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>JM to check details of VPA fund regarding interest earned and how it was managed.</p>
9.	<p>WC gave update on the LakeCoal Driver's Code of Conduct and Traffic Management Plan. WC advised the Plans had been approved internally and would be distributed for comment.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>WC to distribute copies of LakeCoal Driver Code of Conduct and Traffic Management Plan to the CCC</p>
10.	<p>WC gave an update on CVC and Mannering environmental monitoring results including air, water, noise, subsidence monitoring.</p> <p>WC explained that one noise exceedance was recorded at Mannering Colliery. WC advised that the monitoring consultant was unable to pin point the exact cause of the siren but would continue to assess the area during monthly monitoring.</p> <p>BB mentioned that noise from VPPS can be very loud when releasing excess pressure via a valve.</p> <p>WC advised of one elevated TEOM result was recorded which coincided with hazard reduction burns in the nearby area.</p>
11.	<p>WC detailed incidents that had occurred since last meeting and acknowledged one community complaint had been received regarding a truck on a public road. WC detailed steps taken and feedback given.</p> <p>BB enquired as to how many trucks currently on the roads at the moment.</p> <p>CS explained that the numbers of trucks varied.</p> <p>AW queried if number of complaints had reduced since change from previous contractor.</p> <p>CS confirmed this and advised that this was most likely attributable to a variety of reasons.</p> <p>AW enquired if dashcams could be used in the future.</p> <p>CS commented he would speak to contractor regarding this.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>CS to enquire with ME transport as to possible future dashcam use in trucks and report back to the committee at next meeting</p>
12.	<p>WC provided a LakeCoal environmental approvals update</p> <p>BB enquired as to what current contracts were for sale of coal</p> <p>WC replied that supply contracts were in place for certain tonnages at set rates of \$/tonne. WC advised that LakeCoal were contracted to supply up to 1.3Mt per annum currently but had recently</p>

	signed a new agreement.
13.	<p>WC detailed a letter regarding the latest modification approval for Mannering and outlined feedback from Department of Planning.</p> <p>JO, CS, CS, NJ, WC discussion on most effective forum to communicate with local community. Newsletters, newspaper adverts, meetings discussed. The committee advised that the CCC was the most appropriate avenue for this type of information as they are all involved in the local community through other groups and report on LakeCoal's progress at these meetings. JO advised that the community associations had sent out newsletters previously and that they were a waste of money as nobody responds. WC explained that LakeCoal was discussing the options of newsletters or the use of the local paper. WC advised that LakeCoal appreciated the feedback and would pass this onto DP&E.</p>
14.	<p>WC explained LakeCoal had commenced a minor modification to the CVC development consent to allow for the export of product coal from the VPPS stockpiles. WC advised that this would allow LakeCoal greater flexibility for the movement of export coal.</p> <p>AW, BB, CS, NW discussed the existing infrastructure, rates of coal, stockpile use and seam layout. WC also mentioned proposed changes to the approved extraction plan to include MW5a.</p> <p>WC detailed LakeCoals intention to extract coal from Chain Valley Bay and that this would be subject to another extraction plan.</p> <p>WC mentioned to the committee that LakeCoal was also assessing the feasibility of an internal access road between Mannering and Chain Valley Collieries.</p>
15.	<p>WC provided an update on the long term environmental approvals including rail loader project and explained LakeCoal was progressing this approval as a priority. WC advised that further updates on this project would be provided to the CCC in the next meeting.</p>
16.	<p>WC explained that LakeCoal were currently assessing the feasibility of installing a gas flaring site at Newvale to assist with reducing greenhouse gas from the site. WC explained that gas is currently piped to the power station from Newvale and that gas can build up when the pipeline is closed. WC advised that a flaring unit would run 24/7 and assist with converting Methane to Co2. WC also advised that LakeCoal were assessing the viability of other gas related projects across the site (to reduce emissions) however these were very conceptual at this stage. If feasible, WC explained that LakeCoal will seek approval from DP&E or local council.</p> <p>BB queried if the project had been approved.</p> <p>WC advised that LakeCoal had not submitted any applications at this stage.</p>
17.	<p>WC detailed LakeCoal environmental projects onsite since last meeting including dust suppression trial, APZ works, rising sewer main project and Mannering discharge point monitoring upgrade.</p>
18.	<p>WC detailed the recent weed surveys and action plan which were completed at both CVC and MC. WC advised that the findings from the surveys would be used in the 2017 weed management campaign.</p>
19.	<p>WC detailed community projects/sponsorships including Catherine Hill Bay surf club, Mannering Park PS annual school fete, relocation of agapanthus from MC to Mannering Park with MP Progress</p>

	Association.
20.	WC outlined general business including a letter from Mannering Park Precinct Committee regarding the establishment of a shared pathway along the foreshore and Centennial site adjacent to Woolworths on Tall Timbers Rd. WC advised that LakeCoal supported the community projects in the area and that LakeCoal would provide a formal response in the coming days.
21.	<p>MM enquired if there were any further items.</p> <p>NW asked how the consultants determined the abundance of seagrass from the transects.</p> <p>WC explained that the transects are a nominal width and the consultant measure the bare areas along the length of the transect to come up with an area. WC also advised that video footage is taken of the transects.</p> <p>MM raised an item that the CCC Guidelines had been published by the Department of Planning and Environment and detailed some changes.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>MM to distribute new CCC Guidelines to the committee</p>
22.	<p>MM set times for next CCC meetings for the year:</p> <p>22/2/17at 12:00pm</p> <p>24/5/17 at 12:00pm</p> <p>16/8/17 at 12:00pm</p> <p>22/11/17 at 12:00pm</p> <p>MM thanked the members of the committee for participation over the year and wished committee members a Merry Christmas.</p> <p>WC thanked the committee and commented that LakeCoal appreciated their feedback and involvement over the past year.</p> <p>PM, BB thanked LakeCoal for the facilitation of the meetings and commented that the meetings were well presented and professional. WC thanked the members for the feedback.</p>
23.	MM declared the meeting closed at 3:45pm.