

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

Venue:	Meeting via video/teleconferencing		
Date:	20 / 05 / 20	Time: 14:05	
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Greg Everett (GE) – Delta Coal (invited guest)</p> <p>Steve Gurney (SG) – Delta Coal (invited guest)</p> <p>Chris Armit (CA) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</p> <p>Dave McLean (DM) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</p> <p>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community (invited guest)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>John Gilbert (JG) - Lake Macquarie Council</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p>		
WELCOME	MM declared the meeting open at 14:05pm and welcomed LP as an invited guest and LM as the new DC Environmental Compliance Officer.		
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	MM declared no change in her interests from previous meetings. No change in previously declared interests from members present.		
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the February meeting were confirmed without amendment. The minutes were moved by BB and seconded by AW.		

BUSINESS ARISING	CA provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.	
	Action	Update
	CA provided DC Weed Management	<p>Land management activities including weed management commenced.</p> <p>Following action from February meeting, CA contacted Central Coast Council regarding weed mapping monitoring and management on Lake Macquarie foreshore adjacent the mining cottages and was referred to Crown Lands, who were contacted and licence has been requested to treat weeds in this area.</p>
	Discussion of VPA \$/tonne	<p>GE and SG provided update regarding VPA \$/tonne. Indicating that the current rate considers annual consumer price index (CPI) inflation. Note that 66% of rates paid by Delta Coal are specific 'coal mining rates' and request to council to be made to improve understanding of the usage of this.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	Correspondence was included on the agenda and presentation with no further discussion.	
DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	<p>DM provided an operational update on the mines.</p> <p>Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bord and Pillar (also referred to as Herringbone) mining methods to commence mid-August 2020 (subject to approval) • Production schedule for FY21. 	
NORTHERN MINING AREA – EXTRACTION PLAN (S2/S3/S4)	<p>CA advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miniwall S4 extraction and associated plans have been approved will commence August 2020 • Miniwall S3 workings to continue until July 2020 • Delta Coal completed subsidence reporting and received commentary from DPIE for intended S5 mini-wall workings and are in process of consultation and risk assessment. 	

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	<p>CA went through the water quality results noting no exceedances of water quality results had occurred since the February meeting.</p> <p>CA stated that noise monitoring for CVC was compliant since the last meeting.</p> <p>CA stated that noise monitoring for MC was compliant since the last meeting with the exception of an exceedance of attended noise monitoring at location RA2 on the 5th May 2020, follow up monitoring undertaken that evening and the following week did not exceed site noise limits for MC with no changes in operations.</p>
FORESHORE SUBSIDENCE	<p>CA advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no changes noted along foreshore areas during visual surveys and no exceedance or abnormal mining related impacts along Summerland Point, Chain Valley Bay or Kingfisher Shores • Power station underground link road subsidence monitoring conducted with no exceedances or abnormal mining impacts • No mining induced movement has been recorded in Frying Pan Bay adjacent mini-wall S1 • Subsidence Monitoring completed for mini-walls S2 and S3. • 2019 Annual Subsidence Report on website • OEH permitted S4 marks were installed on 7 May 2020.
LAKE MACQUARIE SUBSIDENCE	<p>CA advised bathymetric subsidence surveys had been undertaken for S1/N1 and S2 extension in March 2020 and reported no subsidence detected.</p>
AIR QUALITY	<p>CA advised there were no exceedances of air quality limits identified in monitoring since the February CCC meeting.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT / COMPLAINTS	<p>CA advised 1 externally reportable environmental incident at MC – exceedance of attended noise monitoring at location RA2 on the 5th May 2020, follow up monitoring undertaken that evening and the following week did not exceed site noise limits for MC</p> <p>CA gave an update on the community complaints since last meeting relating to Mannering Colliery with a trend of the 2019 and YTD complaints.</p> <p>MMH noted she had been copied in in correspondence between a resident of the Village and Delta Coal regarding ongoing noise complaints. The committee discussed the current situation between the resident and Delta Coal actions to ameliorate the issue.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	<p>CA provided an overview of the environmental performance of both Mannering Colliery and Chain Valley Colliery since the last meeting.</p>

<p>APPROVALS/ PROJECTS UPDATE</p>	<p>CA updated current approvals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVC Mod 2 • MC Mod 4 • S2 and S3 mini-wall extraction • CVC MOP – encompassing S2,S3,S4 and Bord and Pillar. <p>CA provided update for pending approvals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S4 Extraction Plan • CVC Mod 3 (GE provided update on IPC process and timing) • MC Mod 5 (GE provided update on IPC process and timing) • CVC Mod 4 (anticipated lodgement Q3 2020) • Consent Consolidation EIS (tendering for lead consultant) • Moonee extension EIS <p>CA provided update on Mod 4 and community information session on 5th March 2020.</p> <p>CA provided update on long-term mine plans including proposed exploration magnetometer survey and drilling to be undertaken over Moonee Extension project area.</p>
<p>AUDITS AND REPORTING</p>	<p>Monthly website reports and technical specialist reports.</p>

<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS</p>	<p>CA provided an update on the Delta Coal environmental projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that desilting of dams at Mannering Colliery being undertaken • Provided an update on the Pollution Reduction Program 8 including tree removal and proposed 9 m tall vent associated to the sewer connection. All environmental reports and consultation undertaken, Ausgrid and Transgrid provided consent. Council provided Section 306. Draft REF submitted May 2020 • Real time noise monitoring installed at RA3 (Macquarie Shores Home Village) and commenced monitoring March 2020. • Remnant coal stockpiles at CVC with initial truck of remnant coal commencing on the 11th February 2020 and continuing • GE provided an update on the Catherine Hill Bay remediation project including bin filling, Possum Gully remediation status and jetty and noted Hill Street works had been completed • Update of chlorine dosing plant status to address potential faecal coliforms within water discharged from the Bath House at CVC as an interim measure until PRP 8 completed • Continuous subsidence monitoring committed to by Delta Coal, Council agreed to land access in May 2020 • Weed management works addressed at the site and intended in Summer and Autumn • Update provided on mine cottages demolition intended to occur mid-June 2020, delays due to demolition contractor. Discussion around intended final rehabilitation of the mine cottages, which noted that land was within Delta Electricity boundaries and was intended to be returned to a native vegetated condition.
<p>DELTA COAL VPA AGREEMENT</p>	<p>GE advised that VPA \$/tonne to adhere to CPI inflation. Request made by LP to add additional suburbs to current VPA list – SG advised on complexity of achieving this with Council’s input. CA advised Council may consider this in CVC Mod 4 consent conditions review.</p>
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>BB requested potential of clean-up of the fire trail (to be further identified to Delta Coal), so as to reduce potential fuel load. ACTION</p> <p>LW queried timing for VPA submissions based on short time-frames for submissions previously. ACTION SG indicated that discussions to be held with council to allow further time from opening to ease difficulty presented by short period between submissions opening and closing.</p>
<p>2020 MEETING SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Future dates for 2020 CCC Meetings: 19 August and 18 November</p> <p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2pm) – 19th August 2020</p> <p>CA recognised National Volunteers week and subsequently thanked the members of the CCC for volunteering their time.</p> <p>MM thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MM declared meeting closed at 15:00.</p>

ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	MMH to write to Central Coast Council requesting an explanation of how rates paid by DC are spent	MMH	Before August meeting
	SG to discuss with CC council to allow further time from opening to ease difficulty presented by short period between submissions opening and being due	SG	Prior to opening of applications
	CA to investigate appropriate land ownership adjacent to MSHV and inspect with BB stockpiled vegetation which could be a bushfire hazard	CA	As soon as practical
	Group photo of CCC at August meeting	CA	August meeting