

# Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

## CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Meeting via video/teleconferencing</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 / 08 / 20</b>	<b>Time: 14:06</b>	
<b>Participants:</b>	<p><b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</b></p> <p><b>John Oakes (JO) – Community</b></p> <p><b>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</b></p> <p><b>Greg Everett (GE) – Delta Coal (invited guest)</b></p> <p><b>Steve Gurney (SG) – Delta Coal (invited guest)</b></p> <p><b>Chris Armit (CA) – Delta Coal</b></p> <p><b>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal (invited guest)</b></p> <p><b>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</b></p> <p><b>Dave McLean (DM) – Delta Coal</b></p> <p><b>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</b></p> <p><b>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</b></p> <p><b>Neil Wynn - Community</b></p> <p><b>Stuart Slough (SS) – Central Coast Council, Community Grants (invited guest)</b></p> <p><b>Adra Anthoney (AA) – Central Coast Council, Community Grants (invited guest)</b></p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b></p> <p><b>John Gilbert (JG) - Lake Macquarie Council</b></p> <p><b>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</b></p>		
<b>WELCOME</b>	MM declared the meeting open at 14:06pm and welcomed SS and AA from Central Coast Council Community Grants division.		
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	MM declared no change in her interests from previous meetings. No change in previously declared interests from members present.		
<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the May 2020 meeting were confirmed without amendment. The minutes were moved by BB and seconded by AW.		

<p>CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PRESENTATION</p>	<p>SS provided an explanation of the Chain Valley Colliery / Delta Coal Community Fund, being a joint initiative between Delta Coal with Central Coast Council.</p> <p>Information sessions for the Chain Valley Community Fund will be on the 20 August at 6pm (Microsoft teams meeting, register via Councils event page) and 28 August at 10:30am via Microsoft Teams.</p>										
<p>BUSINESS ARISING</p>	<p>CA provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="466 443 1439 1572"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="466 443 965 533">Action</th> <th data-bbox="965 443 1439 533">Update</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="466 533 965 990"> <p>MMH to write to Central Coast Council requesting an explanation of how rates paid by DC are spent</p> </td> <td data-bbox="965 533 1439 990"> <p>MMH sent email to Central Coast Council on rates and Council representation on 02/06/2020.</p> <p>Central Coast Council replied via e-mail regarding rates expenditure on the 17/06/20.</p> <p>Central Coast Council will participate where necessary. Community Grants team provided presentation to CCC.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="466 990 965 1214"> <p>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</p> </td> <td data-bbox="965 990 1439 1214"> <p>The opening and closing period for the grant has been extended to be open for 6 weeks from 17 August 2020 to 25 September 2020.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="466 1214 965 1451"> <p>CA to investigate appropriate land ownership adjacent to MSHV and inspect with BB stockpiled vegetation which could be a bushfire hazard</p> </td> <td data-bbox="965 1214 1439 1451"> <p>Investigations undertaken by CA with Delta Electricity determined the land was owned and maintained by Central Coast Council.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="466 1451 965 1572"> <p>CA Group photo of CCC at August meeting.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="965 1451 1439 1572"> <p>General Business at end of November meeting.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Update	<p>MMH to write to Central Coast Council requesting an explanation of how rates paid by DC are spent</p>	<p>MMH sent email to Central Coast Council on rates and Council representation on 02/06/2020.</p> <p>Central Coast Council replied via e-mail regarding rates expenditure on the 17/06/20.</p> <p>Central Coast Council will participate where necessary. Community Grants team provided presentation to CCC.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>The opening and closing period for the grant has been extended to be open for 6 weeks from 17 August 2020 to 25 September 2020.</p>	<p>CA to investigate appropriate land ownership adjacent to MSHV and inspect with BB stockpiled vegetation which could be a bushfire hazard</p>	<p>Investigations undertaken by CA with Delta Electricity determined the land was owned and maintained by Central Coast Council.</p>	<p>CA Group photo of CCC at August meeting.</p>	<p>General Business at end of November meeting.</p>
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<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>Correspondence was included on the agenda and presentation with no further discussion.</p>										

<p>DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</p>	<p>CA provided an operational update on the mines.</p> <p>Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bord and Pillar (also referred to as Herringbone) mining methods to commence mid-August 2020 (subject to approval)</li> <li>• Production schedule for FY21</li> <li>• Introducing Umwelt Consultants and bathymetric results</li> <li>• Covid 19 Update regarding DC procedures</li> <li>• Miniwalls S3 relocation to miniwall S4 commencing production on 31<sup>st</sup> August</li> <li>• Outline area for herringbone operations</li> <li>• Record production was observed for period of May 2020.</li> </ul>
<p>Business update</p>	<p>DM provided a business update, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recapitalisation \$65.9m to enable change in mining method</li> <li>• Mine to transition from miniwall method in October 2020</li> <li>• Recruitment drive due to transition from miniwall to herringbone method for 15 positions Delta Coal received 525 applicants</li> <li>• Currently employs 215 employees with additional contractors and should currently vacant positions be filled Delta Coal anticipates a total of 231 employees</li> <li>• Lesley Parker asked where positions are advertised, DM advised they are typical advertised on Seek.com.au</li> <li>• FY21 Production plan presented by DM.</li> </ul>
<p>NORTHERN MINING AREA – EXTRACTION PLAN (S2/S3/S4)</p>	<p>CA advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miniwall S4 extraction plan approved</li> <li>• Bathymetric scanning for S2-S, no exceedances of limits observed</li> <li>• Miniwall S4 extraction and associated plans have been approved and mining commenced in August 2020</li> <li>• Intended S5 mini-wall workings and are in process of consultation and risk assessment.</li> </ul>

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	<p>LM provided an overview of environmental performance at the two sites based on routine monitoring results, nothing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been no exceedances of attended noise monitoring since the previous CCC meeting on the 20/05/20.</li> </ul> <p>Routine surface water sampling had been within water quality limits, however exceedances were observed following a significant rainfall event.</p> <p>NW queried whether sediment sampling was undertaken at the receiving water bodies for heavy metals. LM advised that sampling would not be solely representative of the mines contribution due to potential up-stream contaminant sources, however monthly water sampling includes heavy metals testing and the results are available on the Delta Coal website.</p>
FORESHORE SUBSIDENCE	<p>CA advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No subsidence changes were noted along foreshore areas during visual surveys</li> <li>• No exceedances or abnormal mining related impacts along Summerland Point, Chain Valley Bay or Kingfisher Shores.</li> </ul>
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>LM advised there had been two exceedances of air quality limits identified in monitoring since the May CCC meeting. It was noted that both the incidents were reported to DPIE and further investigation identified the monitoring location (DDG005) was subject contaminated.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT / COMPLAINTS	<p>LM advised there had been a total of three environmental incidents/criteria exceedances. It was noted that two of the exceedances associated to cross-contamination of a depositional dust gauge (DDG005). Additionally, an exceedance of volumetric discharge limits and Faecal Coliform concentrations was observed at Chain Valley Colliery following a high intensity rainfall event (131mm/24hr) on 26 July 2020.</p> <p>LM advised that a total of 15 community complaints had been received for the year to date period, with a total of 2 complaints recorded in May, 1 complaint in June, 4 complaints in July and at the time of the meeting, a total of 1 complaint for the August period. All complaints were noted to be directed to Mannering Colliery and pertain to noise emissions only. All complaints were recorded within the Mannering Colliery public complaints and incidents register available on the Delta Coal website.</p>

<p>APPROVALS/ PROJECTS UPDATE</p>	<p>CA updated current approvals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CVC Mod 3 (approved 26 June 2020 – December 2027)</li> <li>• MC Mod 5 (approved 26 June 2020 – December 2027)</li> <li>• S4 Miniwall Extraction Plan (approved 22 June 2020).</li> </ul> <p>CA provided update for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed approvals</li> <li>• CVC Mod 4 status and outstanding items</li> <li>• Long-term mine plans including consolidation of the mines project consent</li> <li>• Continued operations projects</li> <li>• The areas of the proposed drone magnetometer survey</li> <li>• Exploration activities including planned magnetometer drone surveys in October/November.</li> </ul>
<p>AUDITS AND REPORTING</p>	<p>Monthly website reports and technical specialist reports.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS</p>	<p>LM provided an update on the Delta Coal environmental projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise reduction program incorporating decommissioning and by-pass of the rotary breaker completed in June 2020 and enclosure of the Coal Handling Facility completed early August 2020</li> <li>• Remnant coal stockpiles at CVC have been removed</li> <li>• CA provided an update to Pollution Reduction program 8 (PRP 8), noting a development application was submitted to Council via the planning portal in August and detailed engineering design is to be finalised to commence the tender process</li> <li>• 3 weeks of weed management works were undertaken in Autumn by Biraban Aboriginal Land Council (BALC). DC applied for a license from Crown Lands to undertake weed management in the Crown Lands owned foreshore area, license approval was received in June 2020, weed mapping was undertaken in August and weed treatment works are to commence in September</li> <li>• Mine cottages and old CVC site infrastructure being demolished, with demolition commencing in June 2020. Asbestos removal works were undertaken prior to demolition with airborne fibre monitoring undertaken around the perimeter of the works confirming no asbestos fibre migration off-site</li> <li>• GE provided an update on the Catherine Hill Bay remediation project including Possum Gully remediation status, jetty security, Hale Street works completion and headland works being undertaken.</li> </ul>
<p>DELTA COAL VPA AGREEMENT</p>	<p>GE provided update of Council rates increasing 218% and Delta Coal's intent to challenge those rates based upon Council's update to the land valuation. Additionally, it was noted that Lake Macquarie Council rates are far less than Central Coast Council, and that technically, the coal is extracted from within Lake Macquarie City Council boundaries. It was also noted that other sites i.e. Wallarah 2 have far less Council rates.</p>

Community Events / Media	<p>CA provided update regarding community events and media including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mannering Park Primary School Principal and community meeting July 2020</li> <li>• Third Delta Coal community newsletter publication and distribution is anticipated for September 2020</li> <li>• Commencing six monthly catch up with the registered aboriginal parties (RAPs) in August 2020</li> <li>• Exploration related Frequently Asked Questions to be included on Delta Coal website</li> <li>• Social impacts surveys and interactions to be undertaken by Delta Coal engaged consultant (Umwelt).</li> </ul>		
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>LP requested public announcement of drone surveys. CA advised those affected by drone surveys are suitably notified.</p> <p>Send copy of DC Newsletter to CCC members.</p> <p>NW queried who to go to with subsidence claims and if colliery sets aside funds. DM advised those affected are to go to NSW Subsidence Advisory. All coal mines in NSW currently pay a levy under the Mine Compensation Act.</p> <p>NW queried if Delta Coal monitor the health of their workers, past and present. DM noted that all employees at Delta Coal undertake 3 yearly health screens including hearing, sight, lung capacity testing and lung x-rays, for which these records are kept with Coal Services (a specialised health and safety scheme developed for the protection of the NSW Coal mining industry and its workers) who maintain those records for coal industry workers even when they leave the industry.</p>		
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2pm) – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p> <p>MM thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MM declared meeting closed at 15:49.</p>		
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	Group photo of CCC	CA	November Meeting
	Provision of Delta Coal newsletter to CCC members	LM	Upon finalisation of newsletter
	Inclusion of discharge and sampling locations on an aerial image figure	LM	November Meeting
	Determine appropriate body to first report claims for mine subsidence related damages	MMH	November Meeting