

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting No: 15

Date: 8th November 2011

Time: 4.05pm

Location: Narrabri Coal Operations Site Office

Present:

Terry Miller - Chairman
Sally Hunter
Peter Webb
James Stieger
Mark Foster
Greig Duncan (Narrabri Coal Operations General Manager)
Shane Pegg (Narrabri Coal Operations Technical Services Manager)
Danny Young (Whitehaven Coal Group Environmental Manager)
Mereka Smith (Narrabri Coal Operations Administration Assistant)

1.0 Apologies

Steve Farrar

2.0 Previous Minutes

Moved: Mark Foster

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1.1 The Open Day is now called the Narrabri Coal Mine Tour Day. The date of the tour is Saturday 3rd December 2011. Tour Day coincides with the recent completion of the mine's Coal Handling and Preparation Plant, and the arrival, and above ground construction of the longwall mining unit. The onsite activities for the day include a visual display of site development since 2008, audiovisual displays of mine operations and bus tours around the site. Participants will receive a goodies bag which will have a cap, water bottle, sunscreen and a small booklet.

Advertisement of the Tour Day will be in The Courier and Namoi Valley Independent, starting Thursday 10th November 2011.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided by the Narrabri Lioness Club.

Free buses will collect visitors from Narrabri and Boggabri. Booking is essential and participants will have to contact the Narrabri Information Centre to place a booking. No private vehicles will be granted access to site. All transport to site will be by the buses provided.

No underground tour will be held. At this point in time it is not feasible from a logistics and OHS perspective.

2.1.2 Shane Pegg advised the alarm has been relocated.

2.1.3 Greig Duncan to follow up the status of the Newsletter.

2.1.4 James Stieger was seeking clarification of the term Gunnedah Basin, in relation to employment. Greig Duncan replied that it is referred to as the Gunnedah Basin from a geological perspective and covers a large area; Baan Baa, Narrabri, Boggabri, Gunnedah, Curlewis, Werris Creek and Quirindi. The use of the term Gunnedah Basin does not relate to the location from where employees are sourced.

3.0 General Business

3.1 Construction Progress Report

Greig Duncan provided the following update on construction progress;

- Long Wall (LW) parts are all onsite. The LW unit is expected to be built on the surface and commissioned in the next two weeks.
- Coal Preparation Plant is expected to finish commissioning at the start of December 2011.
- Installation of fans on shaft will commence on 28th November 2011.
- Underground development – Delta SBD will develop the maingate.

3.2 Environmental Overview

As per provided report.

4.0 Neighbourhood Watch Issues

Terry Miller suggested we start at Neighbourhood watch program.

Greig Duncan replied that it is a good idea and he will investigate appropriate options. Greig advised the CCC Members that increased security will start in the next couple of week's onsite due to recent theft events. Cameras will be installed throughout the site.

5.0 New Business

Terry Miller asked about Narrabri Coal's underground workforce numbers.

Greig Duncan replied that we currently have 65 people employed, which is about half of what is required. Another group of cleanskins (inexperienced) will commence work at the start of December 2011. A total of 12 cleanskins, 5 of them are from Narrabri, 5 are from Gunnedah and 2 from other regions.

Terry Miller asked if Narrabri Coal had a plan to increase the carpark due to it being full.

Greig Duncan replied that where the current underground conveyor equipment is, it will be turned into a carpark after Christmas.

Mark Foster advised he would like to invite Kevin Humphries MP to the next CCC Meeting and to the Mine Tour Day.

Greig Duncan advised this will be done.

6.0 Complaints and Complaints Hotline

As per provided report.

Mark Foster asked if you have a complaint are you only able to contact the Complaints Hotline?

Greig Duncan advised no, you can also contact the Main Office.

7.0 Next Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2012, 4:00pm, Narrabri Coal Site Office.

8.0 Closure of Meeting

Meeting closed 4:47pm