

Minutes of Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee

Meeting Held: Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Venue: The meeting was held in the Board Room at Namoi Valley Brickworks.

Commencement Time: 3:30pm

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Mr Michael Broekman (MB) (Chairman)
Mr Bruce Reid (BR) (Community Representative)
Mr Andrew Kennedy (AK) (Community Representative)
Mr Glenn Bailey (GB) (Community Representative)
Miss Jill Scealy (JS) (Environmental Officer - Whitehaven)
Mr Michael Clark (MC) (Project Manager - Whitehaven)
Mr Tim Muldoon (TM) (Community Liaison Officer - Whitehaven)
Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)

Apologies: Mr Stephen Benham (SB) (Council Representative)
Mrs Vivienne Rooke (VR) (Bruce Reid's Representative)

Moved BR, seconded by AK

2. Previous Minutes

Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record by BR, seconded by AK.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

4. Mine Progress

MC provided an update on the mine progress, as summarised below:

- Operators - 8 full time and 6 permanent casual.
- Fitters - 1 permanent and 1 permanent contractor.
- Site management – 2 permanent and 1 contractor.
- 250 LTI free days as at 28th February 2011.
- 3 overburden blasts have been fired since the last meeting with no compliance issues.
- Independent Environmental Audit conducted in February with good closing remarks from the auditors. Report not finalised at this time.
- In the last three months 695,780m³ of overburden has been moved, 86,684 tonnes of coal has been mined and 79,327 tonnes of coal has been transported offsite.

5. Environmental Report

DY provided the Environmental Monitoring Results, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

BR said he believed that drilling activities are always dry as they emit toxic gas if wet. MC explained that this is incorrect and that water injection is used in drilling operations to reduce dust emissions. BR said he has noticed dust from drilling but is not concerned about dust from blasts because he's never seen it.

BR asked how often drilling is occurring. MC said approximately 70% of the time over strips that are approximately 50m wide and 300m long, but only one hole can be drilled at a time.

6. Complaints

Only one complaint received since the last meeting, as discussed in the Environment Monitoring Report.

7. General Business

7.1 JS provided an electronic and hard copy of the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) to the Chair for the information of all CCC members. GB indicated that the Namoi CMA would like a copy of the AEMR and would be interested in attending the AEMR site tours.

7.2 DY explained the Independent Environmental Audit process that occurred in early February 2011. He advised that the formal audit document as well as an action plan to address any issues must be submitted to Department of Planning for review. This information will be available to the public.

8. Date for next meeting

Wednesday 1st June 2011 – 3:30pm, Namoi Valley Brickworks.

Meeting closed 3:50pm



Michael Broekman - Chairman