



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 128

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 27 November 2019
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Llewleyn Bates	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environment Superintendent)
Peter Madden	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Fiona Hartin	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist)
Sharon Pope	Muswellbrook Shire Council

Meeting opened: 3.13pm

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Dennis Burton
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Moved by: Malcolm Ogg Seconded by: Jonathan Moore
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**

Action 1 – Wybong Road pavement water spraying trial during dusty periods. CW consulted with Muswellbrook Shire Council regarding spraying of water on the Wybong Road pavement. Following that consultation, the water spraying will not be undertaken. Action Complete

Action 2 - What is Bengalla's fire-fighting capability? How can we assist with local rural fires? CW explained Bengalla's fire-fighting capability. Action Complete.

Action 3 – Wild dog Baiting - Work with Mount Pleasant to coordinate baiting. Action Complete.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Pre-meeting Summary Papers, Agenda and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members.

Emails sent to the CCC chairperson and members regarding availability for a dam tour prior to the next CCC meeting.

Email from Jonathan commending the CCC newsletter.

6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Jonathan Moore

- JM would like to see more specific reporting to the CCC regarding equipment stoppages relevant to dust management. He is looking for information so that the CCC can then communicate that information to the community
- Jonathan requested operational information regarding water carts usage.
- JM discussed a community meeting held recently in Singleton regarding dust management where Jodi McKay the leader of the NSW opposition attended. JM indicated that the community want the EPA to be doing more. That is additional guidelines or control to enable the EPA to be more effective.
- Use of water from the Hunter River. There are concerns that the Power Stations and Coal Mines get water before the farmers. JM would like more information on how Bengalla is preparing for drought. There is a feeling that Liddell recently asked for a release of some water, but they were not ready to use it. There is a question of wastage from the community. The community is wondering what are the early planning practices of Bengalla regarding drought and how those practices will we operate? CW says we are focused on ways to minimise the use of water. Bengalla will be able to provide more information on water management.
- JM commented how good the farm area looks now that the dairy has been removed.

Report from Llewleyn Bates

- LB described the light from Bengalla are still impacting on her property. CW suggested line of sight.
- When wind is high how does Bengalla look to reduce dust levels? Alarms from real time monitors require action. CH described how Bengalla respond to high wind levels by ceasing operations. OCE's in pit do a report of the meteorological conditions including photos. CH described emerging opportunity to show real time data when trucks and draglines aren't working.

Report from Malcolm Ogg

- MO congratulated Bengalla on the Open Day and commented that there were lots of reports on 2NM radio about what a good day it was.
- MO states he spoke with the Independent Environmental Auditor with a focus on blasting and rehabilitation. CH thanked the CCC for their support and for a committee that works well with great outcomes.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period Aug, Sept, Oct 2019, was presented by Peter Madden.

- Air Quality
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were measured during Aug 2019 for PM4, Sept 2019 for PM4, and Oct 2019 PM4. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results and provided the expert reports to the DPE. DPE have advised acceptance of the August and October conclusions in the experts reports and will take no further action at this time.
 - During the reporting period, the HV6 annual rolling average has continued to trend above the long-term TSP criterion.

- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla had no recorded blasts over the upper limit criteria.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall received during the reporting period Aug, Sept and Oct was below the long-term average trend. Bengalla did not discharge any water during the reporting period. Bengalla has extracted 620L since the first July (2019/20 water year).
- Progressive Rehabilitation: No rehabilitation was completed during the period.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 32 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 3 internal reportable incidents.

8. COMMUNITY REPORT

Community slides presented including a summary of the Community Partnerships and community events, as well as the recent Bengalla Community Open Day.

9. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

How is Bengalla planning for dry times, forward thinking, what will we do?

Describe the recent hay donation, the successful applicants, some words from them, expectations, farms and photographs.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th February 2019 at 3.00pm

The 2020 dates were adopted by the committee being February 26th, May 27th, August 26th and November 25th.

Meeting closed at 4:39pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
1	CW to review lighting impacts from Bengalla to LB property and	CW

	then minimise same.	
2	Report to the CCC regarding Bengalla's sources of dust and Bengalla's response to elevated dust levels with respect to the operation of equipment.	CW/CH
3	How is Bengalla preparing for continued drought?	CW
4	Present at the next meeting the location of dust monitors per the approved Air Quality Management Plan.	CW