



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 129

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 26th February 2020
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
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: 3.10pm

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Dennis Burton, Malcolm Ogg, Llewlyn Bates, Sharon Pope, Noel Downs.
Opened to the CCC for a chair for the meeting in the absence of Malcolm Ogg. JM declined and nominated FH. FH chaired meeting.
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Moved by: Jonathan Moore Seconded by: Cam Halfpenny
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**

Action 1 - To review lighting impacts from Bengalla to LB property and then minimize same. Action Complete. CW made presentation

Action 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. Action Complete. Presentation by CW

Action 3 – How is Bengalla preparing for continued drought? Action Complete- CW made presentation.

Action 4 - Present at the next meeting the location of dust monitors per the approved Air Quality Management Plan. Action Complete. CW made presentation
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
Pre-meeting Summary Papers, Agenda and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members.

Email from Jonathan Moore- minutes are read as correct.

Email from Llewlyn Bates- adjustment to minutes.
Emails from 5 CCC members- apologies for the February meeting

6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Jonathan Moore

- JM commented at the beginning of the fire season, two spot fires came close to the entrance of Bengalla mine, and there was a quick response to the fires. On days of a total fire ban, there were personnel using chain saws, and JM did not observe them with knap sacks in the event a fire started. JM happy with the overall response to fires.
- The old dairy and farm are looking impressive, positive comments on fencing, irrigating crops, and the farming activity.
- JM shared that St Joseph's school are connecting with a farm and a coal company and the children are able to work on it and has been successful. Jonathan talked about a possible connection with the local school and Bengalla and a connection that will be positive.
- Donations of hay to the community from Bengalla was greatly received.
- JM thanked Bengalla on behalf of Wybong RFS- a joint sponsorship with Mangoola and Mt Pleasant for the installation of toilets.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period Nov, Dec 2019 and Jan 2020, was presented by Peter Madden.

- Air Quality
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were measured during Nov 2019, Dec 2019 and Jan 2020 variously for PM1, PM2, PM3 and PM4. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results and the expert found no exceedances of this criteria. BMC provided the expert reports to the DPIE.
 - During the reporting period BMC reported all source annual rolling average Total Suspended Particulates and Total Deposited Dust against the criterion for the period.
- 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 Nov 2019, Dec 2019 and Jan 2020 was below the long-term average trend. Bengalla did not discharge any water during the reporting period. Bengalla has extracted 1240L since the first July (2019/20 water year).
- Progressive Rehabilitation: 13.5 Ha. was rehabilitated during 2019.

- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 12 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.

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 27th May 2020 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 4:40pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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