



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 131

Location: Bengalla Boardroom and Via Microsoft Teams

Date: Wednesday 26th August 2020

Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Llewellyn Bates	CCC Member
Noel Downs	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: 3.10pm

1. APOLOGIES:

2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:
Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Sharon Pope Seconded by: Llewellyn Bates

4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Action 1- Can Bengalla participate in the Annual Wybong baiting program? CW- Yes. Bengalla will participate. JM thanked Bengalla and he will follow up how payment is made

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

02.07.2020- Denis Burton to Fiona Hartin- Formal resignation from the CCC Committee

02.07.2020- Fiona Hartin to Malcolm Ogg- Communication regarding the resignation of CCC committee

02.07.2020- Malcolm Ogg to Fiona Hartin- Options for CCC replacement community member

03.07.2020- Fiona Hartin to CCC Members- Announcement of Dennis Burtons resignation from the CCC committee

07.07.2020- Llewellyn Bates to Fiona Hartin- Llewellyn's appreciation to Dennis for his time to the Bengalla CCC Committee

6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Malcolm Ogg

- MO enquired if there would be a Council representative attend the Bengalla CCC? SP responded that no a Council staff member would attend.

Report from Jonathan Moore

- Concerns about repairs to the Wybong Road in the Mt Pleasant section. Quite a few potholes developing and a concern for safety. Last week Mt Pleasant were fixing these potholes.
- Mixed messages in the media regarding price of coal and difficulties. BHP getting out of coal. Bylong Valley, Wambo, workforce uncertainty. How is the industry going in relation to Bengalla? CH discussed Bengalla's current perspective.

Report from Llewlyn Bates

- Also made enquires regarding coal prices etc and feels like her questions have been answered by Cams presentation
- What angle do the coal seams dip to the west? Cam showed a presentation on the coal seams.
- With the overhaul of the dragline, is it Bengalla employees doing the work or is it contractors? CH discussed that we have engaged the use of Synclift to do the work.

Report from Sharon Pope

- Report from Council they have received applications for closure of some of the unformed Crown roads which will enable Bengalla to continue to expand to the west. Also, workload very active with Mt Pleasant's construction of their new railway line.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period May, June and July 2020.

- Air Quality:
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were reported during May, June and July 2020 for PM4. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results. The expert report found no exceedances of this criteria. BMC provided the expert reports to the DPIE.
 - During the reporting period HV1, HV2 and HV6 annual rolling averages continued to trend above the long term total suspended particulates criteria. The annual rolling average at HV3 and HV4 below the long-term criteria. HV1, HV2, HV3, HV4 and HV6 trending downwards.
 - During the reporting period the PM10 annual rolling average at PM1, PM2, PM3 and PM4 were above the annual average criteria, trending downwards.
- Noise Management:

- For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria at all monitoring locations, noting the June ANO4 reading was invalid due to meteorological conditions.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla was compliant with the blast criteria.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall received during the reporting period May and June 2020 was below the long-term average trend, and for July 2020 rainfall was above the long-term average trend. Year to date to the end of this period Bengalla has recorded 487mm of rain. Bengalla discharged 95 ML at the end of July. Bengalla has extracted 1792 ML since the first July (2019/20 water year). Bengalla completed water transfers of 350ML on the 18th Feb and 30th April. Bengalla Mine extracted 77 megs of water since the 1st July 2020.
- Progressive Rehabilitation: 13.5 Ha. was rehabilitated during 2019.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 13 complaints received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 0 internal reportable incidents.

8. COMMUNITY REPORT

Community slides presented including a summary of the Community Partnerships and community events.

9. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Discussed themes for upcoming newsletters. These included - bush fires, drought, dust mitigation measures, rehabilitation, programs such as dog baiting, water, tube stock, data, summary of events and sponsorships, scholarships, work experience and vacation work, apprentices/trainees, special community projects and the farmland.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 4:45pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
1	Send a gift and letter to Dennis Burton and thank him for his participation in the CCC.	FH

2	Arrange for the CCC to go to the dragline	FH
3	Arrange for an inspection of the dust gauge on JM's property	CW
4	Presentation at the next meeting on the HDWV 5-year program	CW
5	Provide a presentation on the new air quality monitoring network	CW