

Narrabri Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting No: 26
Date: Wednesday 8th October 2014
Time: 4:00pm
Location: Railway Hotel, Baan Baa
Present: Terry Miller (TM) – Outgoing Chairman
 Russell Stewart (RS) – Incoming Chairman
 James Stieger (JS)
 Mark Foster (MF)
 Peter Webb (PW)
 Sally Hunter (SH)
 Rodney Dunlop (RD)
 Cathy Redding (CR) – Narrabri Shire Council Delegate
 Steve Bow (SB) – Narrabri Mine General Manager
 Owen Salisbury (OS) – Narrabri Mine Technical Services Manager
 Steve Farrar (SF) – Narrabri Mine Environmental Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Nil (MF arrived late)

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: James Stieger

Seconded: Rodney Dunlop

2.1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CCC membership – TM welcomed new members Rodney Dunlop and Russell Stewart. TM said he hoped the members would continue meeting in the same vein and that the meetings were pretty casual so everyone can have input.

Smoking Area – SB said smoking area not progressed, SF to prepare letter. TM advised CR that committee wants to approach Council for rubbish bin for people to use.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1. OPERATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

The operations update was provided as follows:

Mine Progress Report (to 30 September 2014)

Coal produced (t):	September 2014	656,000
	FY-to-date	2,082,000
Coal Railed (t):	September 2014	585,000

FY-to-date	1,800,000
Average workforce numbers (September 2014):	
NCO	Waged – 176
	Salary – 99
	Total – 275
Contractors	Total – 83
Safety Update (FY to September-14):	
Lost Time Injury (LTI)	1
Total Recordable Injuries:	9
Planned Task Observations:	1,613
Take 5 Assessments:	26,746
Work Hours (May-14):	87,681
Days LTI Free:	41

SB stated that LW103 almost complete, stockpiles should be consumed in a month or two. Employment steady and safety ok but could be better. CR asked when we do LW104, SB replied just finishing LW103, CR asked about subsidence on Greylands Road, SB said we should have another visit, JS said would be good for new members as well. SB stated that subsidence pretty normal, topography undulating. SB stated that market still biggest issue although falling Australian dollar helps, TM said dollar going would be good, SB agreed.

JS asked about the type of injuries, SB replied finger injury and sprains/strains, TM asked if we got the two propos [shield] out, SB said no they've gone, lost in April, insurance claim with two new ones being made in Germany.

JS asked if the mine is going to recover the higher coal, SB stated that we not going to do Longwall Top Coal Caving (LTCC), due to not good quality coal and the current price. SB stated there were more efficient ways of mining instead of capital spend. TM asked if China ash content limits affect NCO, SB said no our coal quality well below the limits set, restrictions limited to coal power stations around the bigger Chinese cities.

CR asked if the 'cleanskin' programme still ongoing, SB said the mine has been fully employed for about 12 months ago so no plans for the programme to keep going. Chasing apprentices, 1 electrician and 1 fitter. CR asked if we target locally, schools etc, SB said local and beyond.

3.2. ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

As per provided report. SF discussed the monitoring report with the CCC members.

JS asked how noise monitoring results were going in other areas, SF said results showing compliance. JS stated that weekend trains at night seem louder, concertina affect as they slow down to the mine, JS said should be detected in noise trailer, SF to check, SB to follow up with Pacific National. RD said monitoring along the line may help.

SH asked about the trees in the longwall panels that had died, SF replied ecologists want to improve the area as a wetland around the ponding area and that dead trees make great habitat. SF advised area will regenerate naturally and planting may be undertaken if warranted.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Locomotives – SB said request had been passed on. JS asked about covering train wagons and air quality monitoring network, SF said Whitehaven has not been approached for funding as yet, TM asked CR if NSC had heard anything, CR replied nothing from NSC but has been talked about.

RS asked if the mine loses coal on the way to Port, SB said no, measured three times between site and Port.

AEMR/Annual Review submitted to the CCC. Hard copy and CD given to RS, JS requested another copy for himself. JS also requested a copy of the first newsletter issued by the mine.

TM formally handed over to RS, said he had enjoyed his experience and thanks for everything, SB said on behalf of Whitehaven even though it predates him, thanked TM for his guidance and stewardship moving things forward. JS thanked TM as well. RS said to meet before Christmas and start 0.5hrs early and have a tour of the mine.

5. COMPLAINTS AND COMPLAINTS HOTLINE

As per provided report.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 3:30pm, Narrabri Mine Site Tour followed by meeting at the Railway Hotel, Baan Baa.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 4:53pm.