

# **Minutes of Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee**

**Meeting Held:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010

**Venue:** The meeting was held in the Board Room at Namoi Valley Brickworks with a site tour following the meeting.

**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)

**Apologies:** Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)  
Mr Stephen Benham (SB) (Council Representative)  
Mrs Vivienne Rooke (VR) (Bruce Reid's Representative)  
Mr Casper Dieben (General Manager Operations – Whitehaven)

Moved AK, seconded by BR

## **2. Previous Minutes**

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

BR commented that JS does a good job with the minutes and he doesn't have to worry about recording the meeting with his dictaphone anymore.

## **3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **3.1 Payment costs of tank clean-out – “Woodlawn”**

BR reiterated his concerns and MB moved a motion that this item be removed from the CCC meeting agenda and discussed separately between BR and Whitehaven. Motion seconded by AK.

### **3.2 Review of bus stops on Blackjack Road**

The Committee discussed advice from Council that Whitehaven has met its obligations in relation to the Sunnyside approval. TM advised that Whitehaven is not able to initiate any roadworks without a direction from Council. MB asked if Whitehaven can

question Council on where their funds are being used and TM said they can.

MB noted that Blackjack Road hadn't been maintained for a long time. AK also stated that the shoulders along Quia Rd were in a poor state of repair, noting that it is not an issue with Whitehaven or Toll but rather a safety concern.

GB advised that he would write a letter to Council as an individual to express his concerns. TM advised that in the letter he should request that the issues are reviewed by the Traffic Committee. TM stated that he would advise the appropriate Whitehaven representative (Wayne Parkes) that the request will be raised with Council.

Motion moved to remove action from CCC meeting agenda – moved MC, seconded BR.

### **3.3 Noise monitoring at “Woodlawn”**

JS advised that the noise monitoring report had been provided to BR. BR said that he had received it but he didn't really understand it.

BR stated that noise doesn't worry him.

Motion moved by MB, seconded by AK, to remove the item from the CCC meeting agenda. Issue to be discussed privately between BR and Whitehaven.

### **3.4 Dust monitoring at “Woodlawn”**

JS advised that the dust monitor had been installed but there had been a delay in collecting the sample due to issues with the environmental monitoring contractors. The sample was collected today and will be collected on a monthly basis from now on.

Any further discussions to be conducted privately between BR and Whitehaven.

### **3.5 Tree corridor on boundary of “Woodlawn”**

JS advised that DY had not received any correspondence from BR's son (Graham Reid) regarding a possible tree corridor. The Committee agreed that this action should also be removed from the CCC meeting agenda and discussed privately between BR and Whitehaven.

### **3.6 Request to DoP for Bruce Reid's family representative to attend meetings**

MB tabled a letter received from DoP advising that the Department permits a family representative to attend meetings

with BR. The letter states that the representative is not able to be involved in any decisions at the meetings.

#### **4. Mine Progress**

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

- Operators - 8 full time and 5 permanent casual, including 3 females.
- Fitters - 1 permanent and 1 permanent contractor.
- Site management – 2 permanent and 1 contractor.
- 160 LTI free days as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- 5 shots have been fired since the last meeting with no compliance issues.
- In the last three months 665,000m<sup>3</sup> of overburden has been moved, 38,000 tonnes of coal has been mined and 83,000 tonnes of coal has been transported offsite.

GB asked whether there were plans for an extension because there are a number of rumours at the moment. MC advised that the mine is permitted to mine up to 1Mtpa. GB asked if there were any reserves around the mine. MC said that there are reserves around all mines but economic viability determines where the coal will be mined.

AK asked about the approval timeframe on the mine and GB asked what's involved in applying for an extension. JS advised that the Project Approval permits mining until November 2015 (7 years from the grant of the mining lease). TM advised that any extension to the mine will require a Section 75W approval.

#### **5. Environmental Report**

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

Report moved by JS, seconded by AK.

#### **6. Complaints**

No complaints have been received via the complaints line or Whitehaven personnel since the last CCC meeting.

As a follow up to the complaint raised by AK at the last CCC meeting on behalf of the "Glendower" residents, AK said the residents were thankful for Whitehaven's quick response to their concerns.

#### **7. General Business**

- 7.1 JS tabled a letter from Gunnedah Shire Council advising that Stephen Benham had been re-appointed as the Council delegate for the Sunnyside CCC.

**8. Date for next meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 – 3:30pm, Namoi Valley Brickworks.

Meeting closed 4:15pm



Michael Broekman - Chairman