

**Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the
Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee**

Meeting Held: 14th March 2012, 3:30pm

Venue: The meeting was held in the Board Room at Namoi Valley Brickworks.

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Mr Michael Broekman (MB) (Chairman)
Mr Bruce Reid (BR) (Community Representative)
Mrs Jill Johnson (JJ) (Environmental Officer - Whitehaven)
Mr Craig Woodhead (CW) (Action Project Manager - Whitehaven)
Mr Tim Muldoon (TM) (Community Liaison Officer - Whitehaven)
Mr Andrew Kennedy (AK) (Community Representative)

The Committee was advised that Michael Clark had resigned and Craig Woodhead has taken up the position of Acting Project Manager.

Apologies: Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)

Moved: AK and CW

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of BR and TM.

3. Business Arising

- 3.1. Letter received from Vivienne Rooke (BR's daughter) advising of her resignation as BR's representative on the Committee. No alternative representative provided. Letter of thanks to be issued to Vivienne – moved BR, TM.

4. Mine Progress Report

CW provided an update on the mine's progress as follows:

- Operators - 13 full time, 9 permanent casual and 4 part time casual.
- Fitters - 1 permanent.
- Site management – 2 permanent.
- 616 LTI free days as at 29th February 2012.
- Some repair works to be conducted in the coming months (weather permitting) for erosion on rehabilitated areas following heavy rain.
- Overpressure exceedance recorded during shot 43 (18th Jan 2012).
- Noise exceedance recorded at Plainview on 7th February 2012.
- Total blasted volume for the three months was 729,550 bcm.
- Nil topsoil has been removed and stockpiled in the last three months.
- In the last three months 946,632 bcm of overburden has been removed and 115,639 tonnes of coal mined.
- 94,720 tonnes of ROM coal has been transported offsite.

AK asked if there had been any issues with pit water during the wet weather events. CW advised that all pit water had been retained onsite.

BR commented that the mine seems to be working in one area and it must be getting deep. CW said there will be another 3 months of working towards the east and then the pit will move west. The highwall will be approximately 80m on the highest corner.

5. Environmental Monitoring Report

JJ presented the environmental monitoring results which are attached in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

TM asked if the pit water was actually groundwater intercepted in the pit or rainfall runoff collected in the pit. CW advised that the majority of the water is rainfall runoff.

BR asked if there will be a final void. CW said that there would be.

BR asked about trucks turning right from the highway to Blackjack Road. AK said he thought they were Tunbridge's trucks. Whitehaven said they would investigate and provide an update at the next meeting.

MB asked if the Committee was happy with the Company's response to the complaint regarding blasting. AK asked if the Company had responded. JJ advised that the complainant indicated that he didn't need a response to the complaint but requested it be recorded. A follow up phone call had since been received from the complainant requesting a meeting with Whitehaven. Whitehaven will arrange the meeting with the complainant.

6. Complaints

Complaints were discussed in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

7. General Business

AK tendered his resignation from the Committee. TM thanked AK for his contribution to the Committee. Letter of thanks to be issued to AK.


MB tabled a letter from Liz Ferguson expressing interest in being a member on the CCC. JJ to check CCC application requirements and respond to Liz's letter. Whitehaven to advertise for expressions of interest for new members.

TM provided a brief update on the proposed Whitehaven/Aston merger. Due diligence works are still being undertaken with further outcomes expected in April.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th June 2012

Meeting closed at 4:00pm


Michael Broekman - Chairman