

**Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the
Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee**

Meeting Held: 12th June 2013, 3:35pm

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 Tim Muldoon (TM) (Manager Community Relations - Whitehaven)
Mr Hans Allgayer (HA) (Gunnedah Shire Council Representative)
Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)

Apologies: Mr Glenn Bailey (GB) (Community Representative)

No advice: Mrs Liz Ferguson (LF) (Community Representative)

Moved: HA, TM

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of MB and BR, with agreement that Tim Muldoon's name be moved from the present list to the apologies list.

3. Business Arising

- 3.1.** DY advised that an application to convert Sunnyside to the care and maintenance phase was lodged last year and Whitehaven is still awaiting advice from the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE). Initial indications are for a conditional approval with additional actions required for the void however Whitehaven is not progressing development of a care and maintenance MOP until formal advice has been issued by DRE.

HA said he would like a tour of the site, which JJ said she would arrange.

- 3.2.** In relation to GB's concern about Toll's response to claims of reject falling from trucks (in relation to the Melville Emplacement Area, not Sunnyside) JJ advised that Toll's Mining Services Manager – Gunnedah Region clarified that some reject may fall from the top of the trailers (deposited by the excavator when loading) or from the mudflaps and that the material in the trucks would not be spilling out. JJ also noted that the consent for Brickworks requires loads to be covered and trucks washed down prior to entering the public road network.

4. Mine Progress Report

JJ and DY advised that the remainder of coal stockpiled at site had been transported to the CHPP. Rehabilitation of 2.6 hectares has commenced and, as discussed previously, Whitehaven is awaiting DRE advice on their requirements of the care and maintenance MOP. DY noted that the Development Consent for Sunnyside expires in 2015 so the company will need to decide soon what they intend to do at site – either move to

closure or seek an extension to the approval timeframe. He said it is unlikely that DRE would support a care and maintenance period beyond expiry of the consent.

BR asked when mining finished. DY said around November 2012. BR asked when coal carting finished and DY said May 2013. BR said he won't be around for his main issue that the mine will never be properly rehabilitated. He said by the time Whitehaven gets around to rehabilitating the site the money dedicated to rehabilitation will only be enough to get equipment to site. TM and HA said they don't agree with HA noting that modern legislation is fairly tight in relation to rehabilitation of mines.

BR said planting trees is nothing and that we know that trees grow. He referred to filling in the void and disposing of nasty chemicals floating around. DY said it was never on the agenda to fill the void. BR asked what about the pools of muck and said there are always by products of mining that we don't hear about.

HA asked if there was any prospect of highwall mining. DY said it had been discussed but the quality and quantity of coal doesn't make it viable at this stage.

Mine Progress Report moved by TM and HA.

5. Environmental Monitoring Report

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

Moved by HA and TM.

6. Complaints

No complaints in the last three months.

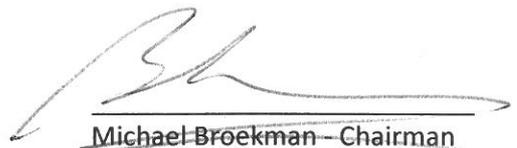
7. General Business

TM queried the frequency of meetings now the mine is in care and maintenance. DY said he'd discussed the situation with Steve O'Donoghue from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure who said the CCC guidelines recommendation for four meetings per year is only a recommendation and therefore the frequency of meetings can be varied so long as there is consensus from the Committee. BR said he wonders what we're doing at this meeting and agreed that once a year is appropriate as we haven't got much to do. TM said if something happens in the period between meetings the Chair can call an extraordinary meeting. MB moved a motion that a letter be issued to CCC members not in attendance at the meeting to seek their opinion on annual meetings. Moved BR.

8. Next Meeting

To be advised

Meeting closed at 4:00pm



Michael Broekman – Chairman