



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL**
Tuesday, 28 October 2008



PRESENT: Colby Crane (Singleton Shire Council - Chairperson)
Sarah Roberts (Singleton Shire Council)
Craig Flemming (Muswellbrook Shire Council)
Heather Warburton (Muswellbrook Shire Council)
Julie Clydesdale (Community Representative)
Tony Galvin (Liddell Coal Operations)
Mark Howes (Liddell Coal Operations)
Renaë Mikka (Carbon Based Environmental)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The meeting opened at 9:15am.
- 1.2 APOLOGIES: Brian Thomas (Singleton Shire Council), Chris Gidney (Muswellbrook Shire Council).

2 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

- 2.1 Nil

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2008 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Sarah Roberts, seconded by Tony Galvin.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items from Previous Minutes:

- 4.1 Liddell Coal have contracted Umwelt Environmental Consultants to do a weed audit on the Hillcrest property. Weed control measures will be based on their report and will be linked in with the Liddell Coal Weed Management Plan.
- 4.2 Weed spraying has occurred around the Mountain Block in the last few months with particular attention to Pampas Grass. Rehab areas will be fertilised over the spring/summer period to encourage tree growth. Cattle grazing is also planned for the Mountain Block area in the near future.
- 4.3 Liddell Coal have not received written request regarding donations towards power supply Rural Fire Brigade shed on the Upper Hebden Road. Previous suggestion of Liddell supplying a mobile generator rejected by the RFB due to unreliability and

storage issues. Mark Howes to contact Steve Oliver regarding a permanent power supply off the main lines.

- 4.4 A request for PM_{2.5} dust monitoring at Liddell Coal has been submitted to Xstrata Corporate and is currently under review.
- 4.5 Copies of the Landscape Management Plan (which includes the Final Void Management Plan) have not yet been approved by the Department of Planning.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6 COMPANY REPORTS

- 6.1 A review of Liddell Coal's Operations was presented by Mark Howes. The following items were discussed:
- Safety Performance;
 - Production Performance;
 - Environmental Performance, including;
 - Community complaints;
 - Air Quality;
 - Environmental Incidents;
 - Blasting;
 - Noise;
 - Water;
 - Weed Management;
 - Rehabilitation.
 - Community Involvement.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Enquiries regarding Liddell Coal Update newsletter. Liddell plan to have distributed in 2-3 weeks.
- 7.2 The issue of community membership in the CCC was raised and Julie Clydesdale commented that Steve Oliver is interested in joining the CCC. Mark Howes said he would contact Steve.
- 7.3 Julie Clydesdale commented that the Hillcrest property is overrun with Wild Olive and that she has been trying to control it on her property, but without cooperative control by Liddell Coal she was fighting a losing battle. Julie also made the comment that land owned by Liddell Coal which is not part of the main mine site is often largely neglected. Mark Howes stated that Liddell Coal plan to initiate weed control measures on the Hillcrest property over the coming months based on the findings of the recent weed audit.
- 7.4 Cumnock Colliery plan to mine the area where their washery currently stands. Andrew Wright (Environment & Community Coordinator, Ravensworth Operations/Cumnock No. 1 Colliery) presented a short explanation of the proposal which will involve the dismantling of the washery infrastructure and the creation of a small open-cut

operation to recover the coal. Julie Clydesdale raised the potential for increased noise during the operation. Andrew stated that noise should be minimised due to low dumping heights. CCC members were provided with a copy of the most recent Ravensworth Operations/Cumnock No. 1 Colliery community newsletter which contains contact details for any enquiries.

- 7.5 Julie Clydesdale made the comment that she had seen wild dogs around the Mountain Block/Hillcrest area. Mark Howes stated that ground-based baiting (previously aerial) would be occurring over the next few months. Julie suggested that trapping may be a better option as there is a tangible result. She added that wild pigs should be dealt with at the same time.
- 7.6 Colby Crane suggested that Liddell Coal could look up volunteer organisations to donate to under the community directory. Julie Clydesdale suggested that Liddell Coal could contribute financially to the relocation or reconstruction of the Hebden Community Hall. Liddell Coal will need to consult with John Watson (Mt Owen Complex) regarding plans for the community hall.

8 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Actions to be addressed before the next meeting:

- 8.1 Liddell Coal will review the results of the weed audit conducted on the Hillcrest property and initiate appropriate control measures as required.
- 8.2 Mark Howes will liaise with Steve Oliver to find out what would be involved in connecting power from the main power line to the Rural Fire Brigade shed on the Upper Hebden Road.
- 8.3 Liddell Coal will have the community newsletter distributed by mid-November 2008.
- 8.4 Mark Howes will contact Steve Oliver to gauge his interest in becoming a member of the CCC.
- 8.5 Liddell Coal to conduct a baiting program targeting wild dogs in the Hillcrest property/Mountain Block area. Liddell will look into the need for wild pig baiting over the coming months and also whether trapping may be a better option than baiting.
- 8.6 Mark Howes will liaise with John Watson (Mt Owen Complex) to determine the future plans for the Hebden Community Hall and look into the suggestion that Liddell Coal contribute financially to its relocation or reconstruction.

9 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is set down for Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at the Liddell Coal Operations office. The next meeting will include a tour of the mine site.

The meeting concluded at 11:00am. A site tour was conducted at the completion of the meeting.