



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL
Tuesday, 20 April 2010

PRESENT: Sarah Roberts (Singleton Shire Council)
Cr Val Scott (Singleton Shire Council)
Craig Flemming (Muswellbrook Shire Council)
Cr Jennifer Lecky (Muswellbrook Shire Council - Chairperson)
Tony Galvin (Liddell Coal Operations)
Renaë Mikka (Carbon Based Environmental)
Mark Howes (Liddell Coal Operations)
Michael Spiteri (Community Representative)
Trevor Wells (General Manager-Northern Operations)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The meeting opened at 9:06am.
- 1.2 Apologies: Julie Clydesdale (Community Representative), Brian Thomas (Singleton Shire Council)
- Moved by Val Scott, seconded by Michael Spiteri

2 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

- 2.1 Nil

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 The Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2009 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- Moved by Val Scott, seconded by Jennifer Lecky.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items from Previous Minutes:

- 4.1 Mark Howes contacted Paul Jones (RFS Superintendant, Upper Hunter) on recommendation from Col Scrivens of Muswellbrook Fire Brigade regarding permanent power supply at the Upper Hebden Rural Fire Brigade shed. Currently there are two

options for power supply – connection to the nearby 11,000V line or solar power. On cost comparison, solar power is currently the cheaper option. Mark Howes suggested that there may be the opportunity for the project to be joint funded between Liddell Coal and the RFS but cannot confirm until closer to the end of the financial year. Michael Spiteri reiterated that the absence of lighting at the shed is a safety issue. Craig Flemming enquired as to which Shire the RFS shed was located, to which Mark Howes responded, the Singleton Shire. Trevor Wells suggested that if solar power is installed security measures will need to be put in place to ensure the solar equipment is not stolen. Michael Spiteri stated that the RFS annual general meeting will be held shortly and that this issue will be discussed to gain further input from the RFS.

- 4.2 Julie Clydsdale has not provided any further information regarding the feasibility of relocation/reconstruction of the Hebden Community Hall. This issue was deferred to the next CCC meeting.
- 4.3 Liddell Coal distributed the community newsletter during February 2010.
- 4.4 Craig Flemming stated that the Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) CCC Guidelines had been discussed at the last council meeting but the item had been deferred. Jennifer Lecky had received an anonymous letter querying whether the MSC CCC Guidelines matched the Department of Planning (DOP) Guidelines. Val Scott enquired which guidelines were being used at Liddell, as Singleton Shire Council (SSC) also have CCC Guidelines. Craig Flemming responded that the Council Guidelines are just that, and it is up to each CCC to decide how they will operate. Trevor Wells recommended that a gap analysis be performed on the SSC, MSC and DOP guidelines and the findings be discussed at the next CCC meeting.
- 4.5 An update on DECCs proposed real time dust monitoring network in the Hunter Valley was provided by Colin Davies of Carbon Based Environmental at the end of the CCC meeting.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- 5.1 Email from Craig Flemming (MSC) to Liddell Coal, 11 November 2009, regarding MSC CCC Guideline review at Council Admin Building on 20 November 2009.
- 5.2 Letter from Craig Flemming (MSC) to Liddell Coal, 11 December 2009, outlining consultation on MSC CCC Guidelines and inviting any further comments.

Outgoing

- 5.3 Letter from Liddell Coal to the Department of Planning on 16 November 2009 providing a copy of the CCC minutes for the CCC meeting held on the 20 October 2009.
- 5.4 Letter from Liddell Coal to Liddell Coal on 2 March 2010 to CCC members requesting any comments on the MSC CCC Guidelines.

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;
 - Mining Operations;
 - Environmental Performance, including;
 - Environmental Incidents;
 - Community complaints;
 - Air Quality;
 - Dust Management;
 - Spontaneous Combustion Management;
 - Blasting;
 - Noise;
 - Water Quality;
 - Rehabilitation;
 - Weed Management.
 - Community Involvement
- 6.2 Craig Flemming enquired whether the new TEOM (real-time dust) monitors to be installed this year are additional to Liddell Coal's consent conditions. Mark Howes confirmed this. Trevor Wells made further comment that similar monitors to these are already utilised by Glendell/Mt Owen and are a big assistance in dust management as alarms can be set to alert key personnel by SMS/email when dust reaches a specified level.
- 6.3 Jennifer Lecky queried the location of the Salinity Remediation project. Mark Howes located on the aerial map (near railway bridge on Antienne Road, adjacent to Lake Liddell).
- 6.4 Craig Flemming questioned whether the use and success of biosolids on rehabilitation areas is shared with other mine operations. Trevor Wells and Mark Howes responded that this information is shared with other Xstrata operations through E&C workshops and with the wider industry through the Hunter Coal Environment Group meetings. It is common practice now at some mine sites.
- 6.5 Tony Galvin queried the proposed locations of the new HVAS and TEOM dust monitors. Mark Howes responded that a TEOM will be installed at the current Scrivens site on Hebden Road and a TEOM and TSP will be installed at a new site to the north-west of Liddell Coal (denoted as "proposed TSP/PM10" on slide 11 of the CCC presentation).
- 6.6 Jennifer Lecky queried the location of dust gauges D57 and D61 which have high annual averages. Mark Howes pointed out the location on the aerial map – both sites are within the Liddell Coal boundary – D57 is located to the east of current operations, and D61 to the south. Both sites are within 1km of current operations. The closest private residence is Scrivens on the corner of Hebden and Antienne Road.
- 6.7 Mark Howes commented that there is currently an investigation into the high TSP result recorded at the Scrivens site on 20th March 2010 and information will be provided at the next CCC meeting.

- 6.8 Trevor Wells questioned how the February 2010 noise monitoring results compared with the previous monitoring during winter. Mark Howes responded that they were higher, but this is to be expected as temperature inversions (which accentuate noise) are more common during the winter period. Mark Howes further commented that a real-time noise monitor is planned to be installed at the Clydesdales property on Scrumlo Road.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Nil

8 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Actions to be addressed before the next meeting:

- 8.1 Michael Spiteri to provide any comments gathered at the RFS annual general meeting regarding the proposed lighting options for the Upper Hebden RFS shed at the next CCC meeting.
- 8.2 Julie Clydsdale will discuss the feasibility of relocation/reconstruction of the Hebden Community Hall with Ross Clydsdale.
- 8.3 Liddell Coal to conduct gap analysis of MSC, SSC and DOP CCC Guidelines and provide summary at the next CCC meeting.
- 8.4 Liddell Coal to provide findings of the investigation into the high TSP result at the Scrivens site on 20th March 2010 at the next CCC meeting.
- 8.5 Craig Flemming to provide verbal report regarding the rehabilitation observed during the Liddell Coal mine inspection on 20th April 2010 at the next CCC meeting.

9 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is set down for 9am on Tuesday, 19th October 2010 at the Liddell Coal Operations office. The meeting will incorporate a site inspection including examples of rehabilitation, current mining operations and the Coal Preparation Plant.

The meeting concluded at 10:30am.