

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 27 July 2017**

ASHTON COAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Minutes confirmed as true and correct at the 05 October 2017 CCC Meeting

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH)	Chairperson
Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA)	Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Debbie Richards	(DR)	Community Representative
John McInerney	(JM)	Community Representative
Greg Pawley	(GP)	Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Phillip Brown	(PB)	Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
James Barben	(JB)	Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)
Lachlan Crawford	(LC)	Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator (contract))

1. Opening and Welcome

- The Chairperson opened the meeting at 12:05pm.
- PB farewelled JB, introduced GP and LC
- PB thanked GA for previous service as Chair and welcomed MMH as new Chairperson.

2. Apologies

- Michael Bestic (MB) Community Representative

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Community Representatives

- MMH declared her participation as a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board (now referred to as Subsidence Advisory NSW) and chair of other CCCs.
- No other pecuniary interests declared.
- Pecuniary interest declaration forms circulated, discussed and returned to Chair at conclusion of meeting.

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes from the meeting held 28 March 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record:
Moved: Debbie Richards ***Seconded: Godfrey Adamthwaite***

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Refer to presentation

- CCC member sitting fee clarification
PB/JB confirmed ACOL CCC members will be paid for all meetings attended, backdated to the Development Consent modification 20th June 2016.
- Camberwell buildings to be demolished
Tender documents issued. Buildings will be cleared of asbestos and demolished in next few months
- Tree Screen at New England Hwy
Dead acacias removed, planning completed and quote received for re-planting of tree screen. Planting to occur before end of 2017.

6. Correspondence

- Letter received from DPE approving MMH as ACOL CCC Independent Chair
- Letter received from DPE regarding clarification of payment of expenses to Committee members.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

7.1 Ashton Operations Update

Refer to presentation

- JM enquired about status of South East Open Cut (SEOC). GP stated no change since last meeting - SEOC is approved but still on hold.

7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance

Refer to presentation.

- DR enquired about unused depositional dust gauge remaining near her house. JB to check and, if ACOL, arrange to have removed.

7.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints

Refer to presentation

- PB requested that community members with noise complaints contact ACOL at time of complaint to enable immediate response action.

7.4 Environmental Activities Update

Refer to presentation

- Discussion of proposed Singleton Council (SC) installation of Camberwell water treatment plant. GA provided background to project, and PB advised that SC are proposing information sessions.
- DR enquired whether current dog-baiting program includes North East Open Cut (NEOC) area. PB stated that permission has been sought, as NEOC is on Glencore land, and may be included in future program. Results of current program will be presented at next meeting.

7.5 Camberwell Update

Refer to presentation.

- DR enquired whether NEOC rehabilitation will be slashed before summer. PB advised slashing not planned in 2017. JM enquired whether flash-grazing had been considered as fire control measure. JB stated that option had been investigated, but rehab experts considered NEOC rehab not yet sufficiently established for grazing.

8. General Business

- CCC code of conduct forms discussed.
- JM enquired about donations for Cancer Council Relay for Life. PB stated that next call for donations will be on 1st August.
- DR queried whether ACOL will be calling for replacement CCC members. GA suggested sufficient CCC members and PB confirmed no plan to call for more at this stage.
- JM queried whether, following demolition of four scheduled buildings, any further demolition is planned. PB advised that further demolition will be considered during budget planning process currently occurring and that process.
- GA welcomed MMH, and JB thanked CCC members for their assistance during his time at ACOL.
- Tour of Bowmans Creek Diversions postponed due to CCC team member obligations.

9. Actions

- CCC code of conduct forms to be distributed with meeting minutes for completion by members and return at next meeting (PB/CCC members).
- CCC sitting fee claim and payment process to be clarified and confirmed at next meeting (PB).
- Ownership status of DDG near DR house to be checked and, if ACOL, removed (JB/LC).
- Results of current dog-baiting program will be presented at next meeting (LC).
- Arrangements to be made to take interested CCC members on inspection of Bowman's Creek Diversions (PB).

10. Date for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday 5 October 2017, 12:00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 1:05pm