



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 130

Location: Bengalla Boardroom and Via Microsoft Teams

Date: Wednesday 27th May 2020

Present:

| Name | Affiliation |
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| Malcolm Ogg | Chairperson |
| Llewlyn Bates | CCC Member |
| Noel Downs | CCC Member |
| Dennis Burton | CCC Member |
| Cam Halfpenny | Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager) |
| Craig White | Bengalla Mining Company (Environment Superintendent) |
| Peter Madden | Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor) |
| Fiona Hartin | Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist) |
| Sharon Pope | Muswellbrook Shire Council |

Meeting opened: 3.10pm

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Jonathan Moore
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Moved by: Cam Halfpenny Seconded by: Llewlyn Bates
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**
Nil
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
Pre-meeting Summary Papers, Agenda and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members.
02.04.2020- Fiona Hartin to Malcolm Ogg- Suggesting options for May meeting due to COVID 19
02.04.2020- Craig White to CCC members- Mining operations plan 2017-2021- Amendment B- Bengalla Mine
02.04.2020- Malcolm Ogg to Fiona Hartin- Options for CCC Meeting
09.04.2020- Fiona Hartin to CCC Members- Alternative non face to face options CCC Meeting
20.05.2020- Fiona Hartin to CCC Members- Follow up options for CCC Meeting
22.05.2020- Jonathan Moore to Fiona Hartin- Apology for the May CCC and Jonathan's Community Report

6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Llewellyn Bates

- LB enquired about Wybong Road. Commented that it was great to have the Road reopened and appreciated that the road needed to be repaired and the problem identified. LB appreciated the ongoing communication. Power Point presentation given regarding the timeline of events
- The old dairy and farm are looking impressive, positive comments on fencing, irrigating crops, number of round bales produced and the farming activity.
- LB shared that St Joseph's school are connecting with a farm and a coal company and the children are able to work on it and it has been successful.
- LB asked for information on blasting which occurred on the 1st Feb, and 14th and 20th April. CW provided the information following the meeting.

Sharon Pope

- Council acknowledged the ongoing contribution from Bengalla for their ongoing contribution to the community.

Report from Jonathan Moore (via email)

- Favourable reports about all they can see management wise, from an old dairy farm now cropping and beef cattle raising operation.
- Could Bengalla make an annual management plan to participate in the Wybong Wild Dog Association 1080 Baiting Program. (May). Contact Frank Bragg (Details with Craig W) MACH Energy and Glencore already participate in this program. CW responded- Bengalla make a contribution to the Local Land Service for baiting in the Upper Hunter Shire. On a 4-year program. CH. Yes we can participate in the 1080 Baiting Program.
- Bengalla appears to be moving quickly beyond Dry Creek. Please comment on mining progress and plans to start redesigning Dry Creek. CW spoke to the redesign of Dry Creek. ND asked for clarification about the flow of water from Dry Creek. Does Dry Creek, in the area after the mine still flow through the original location of the Creek below the mine? If not can it be readdressed? CW stated that the diversion of Dry Creek from immediately north of Wybong Road to the Bengalla Mine southern edge was approved enabling mining through Dry Creek. Dry Creek is in place south of Bengalla Mine and water reporting to this part of Dry Creek from the adjacent catchment still occurs.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period Feb, March and April 2020, was presented by Peter Madden.

- Air Quality
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were reported during February 2020 for PM1, PM3 and PM4 and March 2020 for PM4. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results. The expert report found no exceedances of this criteria. BMC provided the expert reports to the DPIE.

- During the reporting period HV1, HV2 and HV6 annual rolling averages continued to trend above the long term total suspended particulates criteria. The annual rolling average at HV4 dropped below the long-term criteria.
- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla had no recorded blasts over the upper limit criteria.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall received during the reporting period Feb, March and April 2020 was above the long-term average trend. Bengalla did not discharge any water during the reporting period. Bengalla has extracted 1704ML since the first July (2019/20 water year). Bengalla completed water transfers of 350ML on the 18th Feb and 30th April.
- Progressive Rehabilitation: 13.5 Ha. was rehabilitated during 2019.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 8 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 3 internal reportable incidents.

8. COMMUNITY REPORT

Community slides presented including a summary of the Community Partnerships and community events.

9. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Suggested by Malcolm Ogg as an agenda items to create a calendar of some usual themes that recur eg education, apprentices, bush fire season, scholarships etc

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 4:17pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

Meeting No. 130 – Wednesday 27th May 2020

| ITEM NO. | ITEM | ACTION BY |
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| 1 | Can Bengalla participate in the Wybong annual baiting | CW |

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| | program? | |
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