
MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 4 February 2010

PRESENT: Greg Summerhayes, J Sonnberg, A Tomb, P Greenwood,
R Clarke, J Benson, A Pain, B Williams, N Bignall, K
Latham, J Henderson (Chair), G Wilcox, R Stimson

APOLOGIES: T Tersteeg

The meeting commenced at 3.40pm.

Pre-meeting

Commenced with safety induction.
3:50pm – Site tour until 5:15pm.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 5 November 2009 were confirmed.
(K Latham/N. Bignell)

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Request for roof rainfall testing results. Petrographic analysis was presented to the meeting & discussed. Documents tabled: "Report for dirt sample water tank" and "Report for dust sample".
2. Moved that it be requested Stratford Coal use the dust station at Stratford as an indicator of dust, to allay fears in the community. J Benson to present this request to management.
3. Request to have a member of senior management present at meetings. Discussed.
4. Minutes of previous meetings being available on the Gloucester Coal website. Resolved that Council take steps to have minutes accessible and easily located on the website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5. Presentation of water quality results and general discussion, followed by dust monitoring results. All results below EPA limits.

Complaints

6. Majority of complaints related to noise – no questions arising. Discussions are continuing with Queensland Rail to provide a train that is quieter than existing train and carriages.

Blasting

7. Only 3 in the last 3 months. All at Roseville Pit, and did not exceed EPA limits.

Rainfall

8. Higher average rainfall in 2009 than in the previous 5 years.

Noise Monitoring Report

9. The lack of monitoring results between 6.30am and late morning were discussed, especially in light of the fact that many complaints occur in the early morning. Graphed results were presented and discussed by J Benson, showing monitoring results for 24 hour periods.

10. **Reject Management Plan – Amended Document**

Revised document has been submitted to the Department of Industry & Investment. The main aspects of the amended document were presented.

11. **Evaluation of Life of Mine Rejects Disposal Management Plan & Investigation by Department of Primary Industries**

Results of the Department's investigation was presented by Greg Summerhayes (D.P.I). Outcomes of this investigation revealed Stratford are in compliance with this Plan. Amendments have been able to achieve greater density and bearing capacity of the disposed material. Final capping will occur below the natural water table level.

The Annual Management Report (AMR) was finished in December and copies are on the Gloucester Coal website or at Council. A formal response by the Department of Primary Industries will be presented to Gloucester Coal, including several action plans on routine works that are required.

12. General Report by Jim Sonnberg

Amendment to previous minutes: Gloucester Coal sold coal to Wollongong **not** Newcastle.

Production at both pits was discussed. Duralie production has slowed recently, however market demand is still strong. Have 10 drill rigs onsite for exploration, which is ongoing for the next 18 months – 2 years.

- 13.** The Environmental Assessment (E.A) for Duralie is an exhibition, and the main features were briefly presented. The E.A. also addresses rail transportation and related procedure.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

NEXT MEETING: To be held on **Thursday 6th May 2010** at 3:00pm For OH&S Induction and Washery Tour.