

**Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee
Meeting Minutes #22**

Meeting Held: 31st May 2017 3.30pm

Venue: The meeting was held at Namoi Valley Bricks Training Room

1. Present & Apologies

Present:

Michael Broekman (MB) Chairman
Jill Johnson (JJ) (Group Manager Environment – Whitehaven)
Nigel Wood (NW) (Whitehaven)
Colleen Fuller (CF) (Gunnedah Shire Council Representative)
Liz Ferguson (LF) (Community Representative)
Trevor Stacey (TS) (Taking Minutes)

Apologies:

Tim Muldoon (TM) (Manager Community Relations – Whitehaven)

2. Previous Minutes

Previous were accepted as a true and accurate record on the motion of CF and LF

3. Business Arising from Minutes

JJ advised contact details had been provided to Coccooboonah RFS. LF advised she hadn't received them. JJ to follow up. (Note – post meeting close it was confirmed that some information had been received but remainder not received due to email address error. Outstanding information forwarded to LF).

JJ advised letters had been sent to current members who do not attend meetings. One replied and resigned her position. The two other members did not reply and on that basis their membership of the Committee has ceased. Advertising for new members has been conducted with applications closing 9th June 2017. MB noted that at this stage one application has been received.

LF to provide signed Code of Conduct

4. Review of Environmental Performance

JJ tabled the Sunnyside Environmental Monitoring Report for April 2016 – 2017 and discussed the findings. LF questioned the high dust result at Innisvale. JJ advised it would have been contamination and referred to the 2009 dust storm that returned results at the level.

Report moved JJ and LF

5. Complaints/Complaints Hotline

No written or verbal complaints were received.

6. General Business

CF advised that council had an appointed person if she was unavailable to attend meetings and if anyone had any objections to have someone sit in at the meeting. CF stated that it would be one of the new councillors (David Moses)
MB stated he had no problem with this happening.

JJ discussed the community information session recently held about the upcoming change to operations. JJ noted that all management plans had been updated and submitted including an Environmental Protection Licence variation reintroducing blast and noise monitoring that currently is not performed during the care and maintenance phase.

JJ noted that operation would be ramped up to about 1 million ton per annum. LF questioned if truck movements would increase or be at the same level as before. JJ and NW explained that movements would be reduced to approximately 4 Trucks per hour in daylight hours, operating hours were approved for 7am-10pm but would only be running daylight hours (Approx. 10 hrs.)

JJ explained that documentation for recommencement of operations is currently being submitted with the Department of Energy & Resources to update the Mining Operations Plan from care and maintenance status to operational status

JJ stated landholders within a 2km radius had been offered to have their properties inspected by a qualified engineer.

NW stated they were hoping for a recommencement date around the beginning of September 2017

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting was set down for 3.30pm Wednesday 30th August 2017

Meeting Closed at 3.50pm