

**Minutes of Newstan & Awaba Community Consultative Committee Meeting**

**Held Thursday 30 Jun 2016 at 4:04 pm**

**at Centennial Coal Corporate Office – Fassifern**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Margaret MACDONALD-HILL (MMH)	Chair
	Grant WATSON (GW)	Centennial Coal
	Nerida MANLEY (NM)	Centennial Coal
	Michael GALE (MG)	Centennial Coal
	John YOUNG (JY)	Fassifern Resident
	Robyn CHARLTON (RC)	Blackalls Park Resident
	Dave SNEDDON (DS)	Awaba Resident
	Symon WALPOLE (SW)	Lake Macquarie City Council
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Jason PAULING (JP)	Cr Lake Macquarie City Council
	Paul Williams (PW)	Centennial Coal
<b>WELCOME</b>	<p>Meeting commenced with a welcome by Chair.</p> <p><b>Chair's Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair noted her usual declarations; appointed by the Secretary of Planning and Environment as the independent Chairperson and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Symon Walpole from LMCC.</p>	
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Minutes of 4th February 2016 were adopted.	<b>Moved by: Robyn Charlton Seconded by: John Young</b>

<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<b>30.06.16</b> - LT Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SW made the committee aware that LMCC had applied for funding from Resources for Regions for funding for LT Creek dredging but this years application did not make the second round.</li> <li>• Council will continue to apply for funding for LT Creek dredging and includes LT Creek in their annual commitments.</li> <li>• Council have been granted \$135,000 to undertake a Floodplain Management Study and Plan on LT Creek which will consider how dredging of the creek will support flood management in the area.</li> <li>• JY contacted the EPA in April and again in June to ask the Department what their position is regarding the historic State pollution. No response has been received. JY expressed his deep frustration.</li> </ul>
	<b>30.06.16</b> – Illegal dumping at Hawkmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC discussed the illegal dumping of household waste along Hawkmount Road and fire trail at Awaba. Letter of support to keep the area clean received from Toronto Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group, Coal Point Progress Association Inc and Toronto Lionesses.</li> <li>• Centennial worked with LMCC to install a gate at the Freeman’s drive access and will continue in talks with the Crown’s Land Department to determine responsibility for the issue.</li> </ul>

CORRESPONDENCE	Comment
<b>IN</b> email 31/03/16 email 21/04/16 letter 11/05/16	email from NM on 2015 AR email from NM media statement mine seepage letter from Rick Colless MLC
<b>OUT</b> letter 25/02/16 letter 08/03/16 email 09/03/16 email 31/03/16 email 21/04/16 email 22/04/16 email 26/05/16 email 26/05/16 email 17/06/16	letter to Lake Macquarie Council on LT Creek letter to Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Waters forward email Lake Macquarie Council & Minister letters to CCC forward NM email with AR to CCC forward NM email media statement to CCC email to EPA on LT Creek email Rick Colless response to CCC email Lake Macquarie Council update on LT Creek to CCC email follow up to EPA

CENTENNIAL COAL	Presentation	Comments
<b>AWABA UPDATE</b>	<b>Nerida Manley presented -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaba – Operations &amp; Activities</li> <li>• Awaba Community complaints and enquiries</li> <li>• Awaba Environmental Monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional works completed for the decommissioning of the site since the last meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.</li> <li>• Awaba is planning on decommissioning an underground diesel tank in July.</li> <li>• No complaints or enquiries for Awaba Colliery since the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</li> <li>• There were no exceedances since the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.</li> <li>• The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at</li> </ul>

		<p>Awaba were less than 4.0 g/m2/month during the sampling period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Noise monitoring is no longer a requirement of EPL443. Noise monitoring will recommence prior to any activities recommencing at Awaba.</li> <li>• Awaba Colliery underground workings are filling up</li> <li>• Centennial received a Clean-Up Notice from the EPA for the area of sodden ground near Cooranbong and is working to fulfil those requirements by the due dates.</li> <li>• A joint media statement between the EPA and Newstan regarding the sodden area was sent out 20 April 2016</li> </ul>
<b>NEWSTAN OPERATIONS UPDATE</b>	<p><b>Grant Watson presented -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstan Operations update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued with care and maintenance activities, focused on maintaining the mine infrastructure and keeping the mine safe.</li> <li>• Will continue to recover equipment on an as needs basis for other Centennial Operations.</li> <li>• Newstan surface operations (Northern Coal Services) continue to operate. This includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Receiving coal via trucks from Mandalong / Cooranbong</li> <li>○ Operation of the Washery</li> <li>○ Transport of coal to Eraring / Cooranbong</li> <li>○ Train loading</li> <li>○ Use of reject emplacement areas</li> <li>○ Continued use &amp; operation of the water management system.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NEWSTAN ENVIRONMENT &amp; COMMUNITY UPDATE</b>	<p><b>Nerida Manley presented -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstan complaints and enquiries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent audit was undertaken in May 2015 as per the Development Consent criteria and will be made publically available on the</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstan Environmental Monitoring</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Projects</li> </ul>	<p>Centennial website once approved by DP&amp;E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstan EPL variation was received on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.</li> <li>• No enquiries were received since the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</li> <li>• One complaint was received since the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in regard to delivery trucking noise.</li> <li>• There were no exceedances since the last meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</li> <li>• The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at Newstan were less than 4.0 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month during the sampling period</li> <li>• The Total Particulate Matter (TSP) and PM10 results were within development consent criteria during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Quarterly Noise Monitoring carried out in February and June 2016. There were no exceedances of the noise criteria.</li> <li>• 1.3ha of capping has occurred around the NREA due to the receipt of VENM at the site which will be seeded and rehabilitated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEWSTAN PROJECTS UPDATE</b></p>	<p><b>Nerida Manley and Grant Watson presented -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Coal Logistics Project approved by Department of Planning on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.</li> <li>• Commonwealth Department of Environment approved the NCLP on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.</li> <li>• The Newstan Extension Project has not progressed since the last meeting.</li> </ul>

<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>Suggestion by Robyn for discussion</p>	<p>Robyn discussed the work she has been doing in relation to the Awaba Conservation Area and provided the committee with links to find further information on the matter.</p>

<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
Introduction of Michael Gale	Margaret introduced Michael to the committee who will be temporarily replacing Nerida Manley on 9 months maternity leave.

<b>ACTION NO:</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>	<b>UNCOMPLETED C/F FWD DATE</b>
10.12.13	Independent Audit	Advise CCC when independent audit is approved by the Department of Planning.	Nerida Manley	When approved		
04.02.16	Royalties for regions	MMH to write to relevant ministers regarding the Royalties for regions scheme	MMH	Prior to next meeting	25/2/16	
04.02.16	CCC Guidelines	Send out CCC guidelines once available	MMH	When publically available	Draft guidelines sent 18/02/16	
04.02.16	State Govt legacy issues	Centennial to investigate legacy responsibilities	GW NM	Prior to next meeting	24/06/16	
30.06.16	Independent Audit	Follow up with DPE if an approval will be received for the Newstan IEA	NM	Prior to next meeting		

<b>MEETING CLOSED:</b>	5:10 pm
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016, 4pm