

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

**Held Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 4.06 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
	Morgan GLEESON (MG)	Centennial Coal
	Robyn CHARLTON (RC)	Blackalls Park Resident
	John YOUNG (JY)	Fassifern Resident
	Jason PAULING (JP)	Cr Lake Macquarie City Council
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Dave SNEDDON (DS)	Awaba Resident
	Paul WILLIAMS (PW)	Centennial Coal
<b>WELCOME</b>	Meeting commenced with a welcome by Chair. <b>Chair's Declaration of Interest</b> 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.	
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Minutes of 1 December 2016 were adopted.	<b>Moved by: Robyn Charlton Seconded by: Grant Watson</b>

BUSINESS ARISING	Item	Action
	01.12.16 – CCC Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMH made the committee aware that the new CCC Guidelines have been introduced effective from 15 November 2016.</li> <li>• Code of Conduct Agreement forms were distributed to members present for signing and return to the Chair.</li> <li>• There are some changes in the Guidelines, including the requirement for draft minutes to be distributed to committee members within one week for review and feedback.</li> </ul>
	01.12.16 – Illegal dumping at Hawkmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW advised Centennial was investigating whether tip fees could be reduced for this project.</li> <li>• JP advised he would look into the process for Clean up Australia Day.</li> <li>• RC requested Centennial to make a statement of commitment for the contribution of \$10,000 towards the clean up.</li> <li>• GW responded the request would be discussed within Centennial. The contribution has been stated in the presentation and is publicly available.</li> </ul>
	01.12.16 - LT Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JY raised a concern that the LT Floodplain Risk Management Study is not going to lead to action, that LMCC is not any closer to dredging LT creek.</li> <li>• JP acknowledged that the dredging of LT Creek was not the focus of the study.</li> <li>• JP advised he would request an update from LMCC on the progress of the LT Floodplain Risk Management Study and forward to MMH.</li> <li>• RC advised that approximately a dozen people attended the community information session on 30 November at Charlton Christian College, Fassifern.</li> </ul>

CORRESPONDENCE	Comment
email 6/2/17	email advising of change in Environmental & Community Coordinator for Newstan

<b>CENTENNIAL COAL AWABA UPDATE</b>	<b>Presentation for the reporting period 30 June – 1 December 2016</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	<b>Morgan Gleeson presented -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Awaba Update</li> <li>○ Awaba Community complaints and enquiries</li> <li>○ Awaba Environmental Monitoring</li> <li>○ Awaba Environmental Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No complaints for Awaba Colliery during the reporting period.</li> <li>● There were no exceedances during the reporting period.</li> <li>● Much of the material illegally dumped appears to have been there a considerable amount of time. Hazardous waste such as asbestos is in the mix of materials.</li> <li>● Quotes were obtained to remove rubbish. Large variations due to the extent of hazardous waste being unknown.</li> <li>● Newstan / Awaba will allocate \$10,000 towards the clean up. This will not address all sites. Priority to be on hazardous waste.</li> <li>● Newstan / Awaba investigating reduced tip fees.</li> <li>● The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at Awaba were less than 4.0 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month during the reporting period</li> <li>● Quarterly Noise monitoring is no longer a requirement of EPL443.</li> <li>● Dewatering of the underground workings occurred during the period and all water quality results were within licence criteria.</li> <li>● Rehabilitation works were completed on a sinkhole in November in accordance with the Sinkhole Rehabilitation Plan approved by Department of Resources &amp; Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring will be conducted for erosion, integrity of diversion drains, revegetation success and weeds.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NEWSTAN OPERATIONS UPDATE</b>	<b>Morgan Gleeson presented -</b> <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>● Preliminary work continues to progress the Newstan Extension Project. The Newstan Extension Project EIS has not progressed since last reported.</li> <li>● Newstan surface operations (Northern Coal Services) continue to operate. This includes, but is not limited to:</li> </ul>

		<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>
<b>NEWSTAN ENVIRONMENT &amp; COMMUNITY UPDATE</b>	<p><b>Morgan Gleeson presented -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newstan General</li> <li>● Newstan complaints and enquiries</li> <li>● Newstan Environmental Monitoring</li> <li>● Newstan Environmental Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joint Agency Compliance Audit on Dams undertaken at Newstan on 14 September 2016 – EPA, DP&amp;E, Resources Regulator.</li> <li>● The final Audit report will be made publicly available by the EPA on the POEO public register.</li> <li>● The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at Newstan were less than 4.0 g/m2/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 was carried out in February 2017 and results were within Development Consent criteria.</li> <li>● There were no complaints received by Centennial Newstan during the report period.</li> <li>● There were no exceedances of Environmental limit criteria during the report period.</li> </ul>

<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
Lake Macquarie Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JY presented a sample of black dust on a serviette collected from inside his residence. JY asked where is the dust coming from, and why is it black and not brown dust as observed in other areas, e.g, Sydney.</li> <li>● JP discussed the air quality of Lake Macquarie and advised he would email the information source he was referring through to the Chair.</li> <li>● GW Newstan Colliery would analyse the material on the serviette to determine the composition of the dust.</li> </ul>
LT Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JY advised LT Creek was a reddy brown colour after recent rainfall. The north arm of LT Creek appeared to be darker.</li> <li>● MG advised there had been no discharges from any of the site dams apart from the Clean Water Plant which is continually monitored. There had not been any noticeable change in the Bywash dam.</li> </ul>
Federal Senate Inquiry on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Robyn discussed the invitation she received to provide a submission for the Senate Inquiry on Closure of Coal</li> </ul>

<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
Closure of Coal Fired Power Stations	Fired Power Stations and will distribute a copy of the submission made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robyn will be attending the Mines Rehabilitation Conference in Singleton.</li><li>• Robyn is proposing that mines should be repurposed for solar farms rather than rehabilitated.</li></ul>
2017 Meeting Schedule	Proposed CCC meeting dates for 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 27 July 2017</li><li>• 30 November 2017</li></ul>

<b>MEETING CLOSED:</b>	5.05 pm
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	27 July 2017, 4pm