

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

Venue:	Manning Colliery		
Date:	22 / 02 / 17	Time:	12:00 noon
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair John Oakes (JO) – Community Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community Neil Wynn (NW) – Community Bob Brooks (BB) - Community Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal Ben Johnston (BJ) – LakeCoal Craig Shales (CS) – LakeCoal (Chain Valley Colliery)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Dave Walker (DW) – LakeCoal Manning Colliery Ian Carr (IC) – Community Paul Maky (PM) – Community Jenny Mewing (JM) - Central Coast Council Nick Jones (NJ) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p>		

Agenda Items

No	Item
1.	MM declared the meeting open at 12:05pm.
2.	MM declared her interests, no change from previous and advised the committee of the forms now required by DP&E to be signed as part of their role on the committee and distributed copies of the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms. All members present completed the documents.
3.	Minutes confirmed for previous combined CCC meeting (16/11/16) were moved by BB and seconded by JO.

4.	MM summarised correspondence since the last meeting.
5.	<p>MM asked LakeCoal to provide an update on the business arising:</p> <p>WC advised the committee of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPA Update - Central Coast Council had sent an email re: VPA funding explaining that the interest earned by the fund would be managed in accordance with the provision specified in the VPA. WC advised that LakeCoal had approached Council to set a date for the inception meeting for the VPA committee and was awaiting a response from the Council. • WC tabled copies of a cover letter, revised LakeCoal Coal Haulage Traffic Management Plan, Driver Code of Conduct, to the committee. WC asked if the Committee had any comments to provide them by 15 March. • WC gave an update on Dashcam feasibility with the principal contractor ME Transport. WC advised that ME Transport had agreed to a trial of the dash cams in their trucks which would commence shortly. NW asked about subcontractors. WC advised that ME were only trialling the dashcams in their own trucks to start with. BB enquired about the cost of the cameras. WC advised that the costs varied from \$100 to \$800. CS advised that ME were looking at obtaining cameras that were good quality so that details such as licence plates were clearly discernible. • MM provided an overview of the updates and requirements of the CCC guidelines to the members. <p>Action: CCC Members to provide any comments on Road Transport Protocol by 15 March.</p>
6.	<p>WC provided an operational update for both sites.</p> <p>WC advised that the link road project at Mannering was taking longer than expected due to difficult mining conditions.</p> <p>CS explained that there was significant geology in the area which had affected progress. BB asked what it meant. CS advised that they had encountered a fault. BB asked how big it was and what sort of rock it was. CS advised that it was sedimentary and that it was around 14m. WC advised that CVC was currently mining in MW12 and that the next miniwall block was MW5A followed by Chain Valley Bay.</p> <p>WC provided an overview of the investigations being undertaken in the Chain Valley Bay area as required under the consent. WC advised that LakeCoal was required to undertake a multi seam mining investigation.</p> <p>WC provided an update on the MSMFI report being prepared by Steve Ditton and advised that LakeCoal had engaged an independent expert to review the investigation. BB asked about subsidence in Chain Valley Bay.</p> <p>WC advised that the total cumulative subsidence in the bay above the miniwalls was predicted to be around 1400mm due to the multi seam mining interaction. CS advised he was unsure that the total subsidence would be 1400mm however reinforced all subsidence was under the Lake.</p> <p>BB advised that the local community in Chain Valley Bay was concerned about the proposed mining in the bay.</p>

	<p>CS advised that LakeCoal had designed the mine plan to be under the Lake and that the site had barriers in place to minimise the chance of any impacts to the foreshore.</p> <p>CS advised that LakeCoal would not be mining under residential areas in Chain Valley Bay and that all subsidence would be under the Lake.</p> <p>BB thanked CS for confirming the previous discussions as he had conveyed these messages to the community previously and would inform them again at the next meeting.</p> <p>BB advised that he had another Progress Association meeting next week and would be providing an update.</p> <p>BB asked whether LakeCoal would be mining under the Ash Dam at VPPS as he remembered some plans that showed it.</p> <p>CS explained that LakeCoal was not planning on undertaking any mining under the Ash Dam at VPPS.</p> <p>WC advised that the area was within the Mannering Project Approval Area and that there was potential resource in that area that was on previous mine plans. WC confirmed that the area was not within the Chain Valley Development Consent Area.</p>
7.	<p>WC provided an update on the VPA correspondence since the last meeting. JO explained that it had been over 3 years now.</p> <p>WC confirmed that LakeCoal was committed to progressing the VPA and would keep the members informed of progress.</p> <p>BB advised that the new Community division at the Council was planning on holding open community forums.</p> <p>WC advised that he had received a call from Yasmin Catley's office to inform the mine that she had been speaking with Council regarding the VPA.</p> <p>AW advised he had also spoken with the State Member for Swansea's office.</p>
8.	<p>WC detailed CVC haulage activities to date, explaining that majority of coal still being provided to VPPS via internal haul roads. WC distributed updated copies of the LakeCoal Haulage Driver Code of Conduct and Traffic Management Plan to the committee.</p> <p>AW commented that he has counted large numbers of concrete trucks on the roads around the ash dam.</p> <p>CS, AW, WC, BB discussion regarding the future road use with increased truck movements from the ash dam project.</p>
9.	<p>AW enquired as to how many trucks it takes to fill a ship and the process.</p> <p>CS explained that generally speaking Chain Valley Coal wouldn't be directly placed in a ship and that the coal was normally deposited at the port and mixed, separated in piles of certain grades or quality before being loaded into ships.</p>
10.	<p>WC detailed environmental monitoring results for the sites since last meeting.</p>
11.	<p>WC detailed air quality results for both sites and advised that a dust gauge had been stolen at Mannering over the Xmas period and if this occurred again in future, would apply to have the</p>

	monitoring location moved to a more secure location.
12.	<p>WC advised there had been one community complaint since the last meeting which was related to dust deposition at a property in Kingfisher Shores. WC explained to the committee that the complainant was happy with the mine's response to the complaint and chose not to meet in person. AW mentioned that the stack at VPPS had been blowing large amounts of steam out of stack but could not recall the date.</p>
13.	<p>WC gave an update of planned future approvals.</p> <p>WC detailed potential future export routes via VPPS stockpile to port.</p> <p>NW asked questions regarding specific roads to be used for the export from VPPS.</p> <p>WC explained LakeCoal wanted to utilise internal road where possible and was still working through some aspects of the project with VPPS and gave a summary of potential routes in the future. NW explained that the community had concerns about using the Rutleys Road entrance to the power station as it had historically created issues. WC acknowledged the comment and said that LakeCoal would consult on any changes proposed.</p> <p>AW advised that there is a lot of dirt being trucked onto Rutleys Road from the recycling facility trucks. AW explained that LakeCoal would need to assess this as there was the potential for complaints to be misdirected. CS explained that LakeCoal trucks had signage however he would take AW comments into consideration.</p> <p>AW asked how LakeCoal was going to get CVC coal from the stockpile. WC explained the contract with the power station did not specify that CVC coal was to be made available. It just needed to meet the quality criteria under the contract. WC explained the sampling and quality recording regime that is typically used to try and manage the process.</p> <p>BB raised concerns regarding trucks and dust being caused by road transport.</p> <p>WC advised that the controls currently being implemented would continue and that all roads used internally are sealed.</p>
14.	<p>WC gave an update on potential future plans for a small flaring unit at Newvale. WC advised that LakeCoal was still determining if the project was feasible.</p>
15.	<p>WC gave an update on potential future plans for rail loader project.</p> <p>BB enquired as to life of mine at the moment.</p> <p>WC explained that the sites current consent was till 2027 however the resources available were considerably longer than that.</p> <p>BB commented that he had learned that VPPS life was currently 2022 without upgrade and mentioned the current poor efficiency of the plant. BB explained that the power station was trying to get its life extended to 2028.</p> <p>WC mentioned that the current increase in coal price had made new projects more viable and that he would keep the CCC up to date with future plans on resource recovery as they arose.</p>
16.	<p>WC detailed the reports completed since last meeting including monthly website reports, Annual Review, Benthic assessments, Annual lakebed subsidence surveys and upcoming heritage site monitoring.</p>

	<p>BB enquired as to what benthics were. WC explained that the benthos were lakebed animals such as worms, molluscs, shells which inhabit the lake bed sediments.</p>
17.	<p>WC gave an update of sponsorship programs completed by LakeCoal since last meeting including a donation the Mannering Park public school, and the progress association at Chain Valley.</p> <p>BB said he wished to thank LakeCoal for the donations and working with VPPS towards the building of the children's playground and signage in the Joshua Porter reserve. WC tabled photographs provided by BB of the project.</p>
18.	<p>WC detailed general business. WC advised that the power station had been targeted by an environmental activist group recently who were complaining about dust impacts from the power station and coal trucks. WC expressed concern for the safety of themselves and others – in one case the activists were caught trying to access the PowerStation grounds. BB queried new fencing along construction road. WC advised that the fencing had been installed by VPPS to try and deter illegal dumping.</p> <p>WC advised the committee that CVC was subject to an unannounced compliance inspection by DP&E in February. WC advised that these types of inspections are common place in the mining industry. WC advised that there were no actions or concerns raised by the compliance officer which was pleasing.</p> <p>NW enquired as to whether a compliance inspector could enter the property without permission. WC confirmed that under the legislation they had powers to enter and interview however they preferred to work with companies and generally did not exercise these powers officially unless required to do so.</p>
19.	<p>CS asked the committee who Joshua Porter was.</p> <p>BB gave an overview of the local Chain Valley Bay resident who had given his life serving Australia and had the reserve named after him.</p>
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21.	<p>MM declared the meeting closed at 1:45pm.</p>
22.	<p>Next meeting May 24 2017 at 12nn.</p>