

*CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY*

<b>Venue:</b>	Chain Valley Colliery		
<b>Date:</b>	15 / 08 / 18	Time: 2PM	
<b>Participants:</b>	<p><b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair</b>  <b>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</b>  <b>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</b>  <b>John Oakes (JO) – Community</b>  <b>Paul Maky (PM) – Community</b>  <b>Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal</b>  <b>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</b>  <b>Chris Armit (CA) – Minutes</b>  <b>Norman Ling (NL) - LakeCoal</b></p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b>  <b>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</b>  <b>Dave McLean (DM) – LakeCoal</b>  <b>Cr John Gilbert (JG) – LMCC Councillor</b>  <b>Julie Vaughan (JV) – Central Coast Council</b>  <b>Glenn Cannard (GC) - Central Coast Council</b></p>		
WELCOME	<p>MM declared the meeting open at 2:01pm.</p> <p>MM noted the apologies received.</p>		
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>MM declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.</p> <p>No change in previously declared interests from members present.</p>		
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	<p>The minutes of the May meeting were confirmed without amendment. The minutes were moved by PM and seconded by JO.</p>		

BUSINESS ARISING	<p>WC provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="499 226 1423 622"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="499 226 1035 264">Action</th> <th data-bbox="1035 226 1423 264">Update</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 264 1035 353">WC to arrange additional noise monitoring in the village.</td> <td data-bbox="1035 264 1423 353">Noise logger project completed in consultation with VPPS. Awaiting draft report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 353 1035 450">WC to follow up with Central Coast Council regarding the notification process, plaques and advise the Committee by the next meeting.</td> <td data-bbox="1035 353 1423 450">In Progress. Awaiting feedback from Council on acknowledgement required for projects.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 450 1035 546">WC to provide small article for the village newsletter once life of mine planning is completed.</td> <td data-bbox="1035 450 1423 546">Life of Mine planning nearing completion. WC to draft and provide prior to next meeting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="499 546 1035 622">JG to send through final draft of motion.</td> <td data-bbox="1035 546 1423 622">Complete.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>WC provided update on the Noise logger project with VPPS.</p> <p>NW asked why the increase in noise is an issue. WC explained that the Winter weather conditions were a main contributing factor and gave production details and history. WC explained the noise monitoring limits have not been exceeded. NW explained that he was informed about a flyer that had been circulated at Kingfisher Shores. WC advised that both LakeCoal and VPPS were aware of the flyer. WC advised that the flyer had been designed to look like it was from the EPA. WC advised that EPA confirmed they had not sent anything out.</p> <p>WC mentioned that he had spoken with GC regarding the plaques and notification process for VPA projects. BB raised it as an important issue for LakeCoal to also receive recognition.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> – WC to provide newsletter article to BB on operational update.</p>	Action	Update	WC to arrange additional noise monitoring in the village.	Noise logger project completed in consultation with VPPS. Awaiting draft report.	WC to follow up with Central Coast Council regarding the notification process, plaques and advise the Committee by the next meeting.	In Progress. Awaiting feedback from Council on acknowledgement required for projects.	WC to provide small article for the village newsletter once life of mine planning is completed.	Life of Mine planning nearing completion. WC to draft and provide prior to next meeting.	JG to send through final draft of motion.	Complete.
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CORRESPONDENCE	MM provided an overview of the correspondence noted since the last meeting.										
LAKECOAL VPA AGREEMENT	WC presented the CCC with update as per the presentation slide. WC announced that media information will be released in the next coming weeks regarding the 2018 grants program. BB noted that it was important to see what the colliery was contributing other than employment and announced that on the 1st October 2018 there would be a celebration at Joshua Porter Reserve to celebrate improvements made. Discussion held on the interaction of CCC members with new and old councils and success/failure with different projects and concerns. BB noted the professional project management services of Central Coast Council to other community members to assist in getting funding and action on community projects.										
LAKECOAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	WC provided an operational update as outlined in the presentation handout. The mine was experiencing some production delays since recent re-commencement of Miniwall production in S1. Development driveage through the fault was continuing with some shortening of Miniwall N1 gate roads and start-up position due to geological conditions.										

	<p>WC expanded on the extraction plan for S2/S3 and subsidence monitoring plan. Navigational markers, seagrass and benthic management plans updated as part of the extraction plan. WC appreciated input from CCC for their input/feedback on the navigational marker near Frying Pan Bay.</p> <p>WC thanked the CCC for input/feedback on approaching landholders for proposed Foreshore Monitoring Program in Summerland Point area. LakeCoal conducted face to face meetings with 95% of landholders with 5% unable to be contacted, possibly due to dwellings being used as holiday accommodation. Explained that the majority of landowners were quite amenable to access and survey markers on their property.</p>
<p>PROPOSED MINING METHOD AND CVC MINE DESIGN CONCEPT</p>	<p>WC gave an overview of potential changes to the mine plan going forward which included proposed new mining method. Bord and Pillar - First workings techniques similar to Myuna Colliery to the north. WC tabled the CVC Mine design concept plan which showed planned workings within the current development consent boundary. WC described the new mining method and differences to current mining method. WC explained that LakeCoal had consulted with the relevant regulators regarding the recent decision. NW enquired about what happens to Miniwall equipment as the new method doesn't need the Miniwall. WC responded that this decision was yet to be made. AW enquired if it was first workings only and WC confirmed and commented on the methods, strength of minimal subsidence and environmental impacts.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE</p>	<p>WC provided an overview of the environmental performance of both Mannering Colliery and Chain Valley Colliery since the last meeting.</p> <p>Monitoring data included in presentation included water, noise, foreshore subsidence and air quality.</p> <p>WC explained that there was one externally reportable incident since the last meeting – involving an air quality exceedance. WC advised that it was not related to mining or stockpiling operations as personnel from CVC and Mannering were mostly offsite due to a site wide safety day. DoPE agreed it was not a non-compliance under the consent as the dust conditions were Hunter and Central Coast wide. WC is proposing to move an air quality gauge that is being impacted by landowner activities (DDG005).</p>

	<p>WC advised that LakeCoal had received five noise complaints since the last meeting. MM asked if they were complaints from 4 separate parties and WC confirmed that they were. BB noted that the Kingfisher Shores/Macquarie Shores area was known for industrial use e.g. mining and power station so anticipation of some noise from operations is expected. BB explained that most residents are aware that both operations were operating 24 hours per day. Norman Ling (NL) was welcomed and introduced as LakeCoal's Acoustics Engineer to LakeCoal with identifying noise sources and investigating potential solutions.</p>
APPROVALS/PROJECT UPDATE	<p>WC provided an update on the short /medium and long term approval projects such as gas flare, rail loop and Great Northern Seam are on hold due to planning personnel focusing on mining method change. WC presented a plan showing LakeCoal's mining tenement holdings and historical workings.</p>
AUDITS AND REPORTING	<p>WC discussed that there was 1 DoPE(Resources) regulator inspection since the last meeting which identified no issues and verbal commendation of improved housekeeping was noted.</p> <p>Monthly website reports submitted.</p> <p>PFAS sampling and report required for Mannering Colliery by EPA. Report submitted and no further action asked for by EPA. WC explained the results from the sampling report to the members. WC explained that the EPA website has a considerable amount of good information around the PFAS projects/sampling requirements and the state wide strategy they are adopting in NSW.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> – <i>WC to provide internet hyperlink/Fact sheet to CCC members on EPA PFAS information</i></p>
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS	<p>WC provided an update on the Noise Mitigation projects at Mannering Colliery. WC explained that NL had been engaged to assist LakeCoal with reviewing the effectiveness of the mitigation measures implemented so far and also assist with identifying any further works that could be completed. WC discussed the previous works to mitigate noise at Mannering including decommissioning the reject bin which achieved a noticeable sound level reduction. WC discussed the real time noise monitoring placement and BB and JO suggested possible places to position monitor in the village.</p> <p>WC raised the dust suppressant trial as being planned to occur in September/October at Chain Valley with potential savings in potable water and reduction in dust from unsealed roads.</p> <p>WC advised the LakeCoal was discussing the locations of real-time subsidence monitoring tilt meters in Chain Valley Bay now with Central Coast Council as the land is Crown Land. Following the process whereby the access licence is required to be publically exhibited.</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>WC provided a brief update on the CHB Jetty, WC explained that LakeCoal was obliged to remove all unnecessary structures at the completion of mining under its mining lease obligations. WC explained that LakeCoal was open to discussions with any parties/agencies that were willing to take on the ownership and ongoing maintenance of the jetty.</p> <p>NW asked WC of the condition of the Jetty. WC said that no significant maintenance had been conducted since the early 2000s. WC explained that the condition of the Jetty platforms was generally pretty good however the beach zone area had significant corrosion.</p> <p>WC continued discussion on CHB jetty and explained that any future demolition or dismantling activities would be subject to approvals and an assessment of impacts however at the end of the day the regulator will have the final decision once all matters have been considered. WC explained that LMCC had recently supported a motion by Councillors to have a 12 month interim heritage order placed on the Jetty.</p> <p>NW asked about the Colliery Cottages and status. WC gave an update on the building inspections that were recently completed. WC advised that LakeCoal was planning on installing a security gate on the cottage access road and potentially have a caretaker in the cottages for a short period of time until it is worked out what is happening. BB enquired about whether a wall or tree screen would provide noise mitigation to NL. NL explained that tree screens are usually very ineffective as they let 90% of the noise through. BB raised the fact that a mine subsidence road sign posts had been present around area for long period and was partially knocked over and wondered if it could be removed.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> –<i>Follow-up with JV / GC re: Mine Subsidence sign requirements on Pacific Highway. MM advised she would follow up with Subsidence Advisory Office.</i></p> <p>MM thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4:13pm.</p>
NEXT MEETING	November 14 2018 at 2pm.