

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #39
3rd September, 2018
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building
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1. OPENING & WELCOME

Chairperson, Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared the meeting open at 4:00 pm.

2. PRESENT

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Brad Ure, Tony Sutherland (acting Operations Manager), Mr James Benson (Abel Mine Environment & Community Coordinator) and Mr Phillip Brown (Abel Mine Environment & Community Relations Superintendent) (minutes).

2.1 APOLOGIES

Mr Greg Lamb (Bloomfield Colliery).

Mr P Brown advised that there was no communication from Cessnock Council re attendance at the meetings.

Ms MacDonald-Hill will follow the matter up with Cessnock Council.

3. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chair noted no changes to her previous declarations or that of CCC members.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous Minutes 26th February 2018 confirmed by Mr A Jennings and seconded by Mr A Brown.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Black Hill Road repairs and speed limit

Mr P Brown advised that Subsidence Advisory NSW (Matthew Montgomery) confirmed that the consulting Engineer is carrying out geotechnical investigations. Once this is done, repair designs will be finalised. He anticipates this will be completed in the next two weeks.

5.2 Controlled RFS burn

Controlled burn off deferred by RFS due to hot dry weather. Will reassess and undertake in last part of 2018.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

as per Agenda

7. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

7.1 Abel Mine Update

Mr T Sutherland advised that Abel is still under Care and Maintenance and there is no current plan to change this at this stage.

Mr A Brown asked if there was any plan to come off care & maintenance?

Mr Sutherland advised that current studies show mining as being financially unviable.

7.2 Environmental Update

As per the presentation.

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr Jennings spoke about the resident in Black Hill that had their claim regarding damage to buildings rejected by SA NSW recently. They were still discussing repairing the access road to his property.

Ms MacDonald-Hill offered to follow up with the Subsidence Advisory NSW.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

4th March 2019 at 3:00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 4:35 pm by the Chair.

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