

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #40
4th March, 2019
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building
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1. OPENING & WELCOME

Chairperson, Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared the meeting open at 3:02 pm.

2. PRESENT

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

2.1 APOLOGIES

Clr Melanie Dagg (Cessnock Council), Mr Greg Lamb (Bloomfield Group) and Mr William Farnworth (Donaldson Operations).

3. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

One change to previously noted declarations with Mrs MacDonald-Hill advising that the Board of the Mine Subsidence Board was dissolved December 31 2018 Subsidence Advisory NSW continues to manage mine subsidence.

4. SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS

Committee members paid tribute to Mr Milton Morris AO who passed away last Tuesday. Mr Morris was a long-term Chair of the Donaldson Operations CCC's and had a positive influence in the local community and NSW as a Member of Parliament.

The Committee viewed a number of historical photos of Mr M Morris's life in review.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Black Hill Road repairs and speed limit

Mr P Brown followed up on the Subsidence Advisory NSW regarding proposed works to Blackhill Road. They are yet to respond.

Mrs M MacDonald-Hill advised that she followed up with Subsidence Advisory NSW to contact a resident regarding subsidence issues.

Mr A Jennings had spoken to the resident who is not happy with the process for managing mine subsidence and noted that his Property Subsidence Management Plan was not consistent with current infrastructure.

Mr A Jennings also noted that the Black Hill School basketball court had some form of subsidence even though Abel had not impacted this area.

6.2 Controlled RFS burn

Controlled burn off deferred due to early onset of hot dry weather in Spring 2018. Will reassess in winter of 2019 with the RFS.

6.3 Follow up with Cessnock Council re attendance at meetings

Mrs M MacDonald-Hill advised Councillor Melanie Dagg would be the Council representative.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

as per Agenda

8. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

8.1 Abel Mine Update

Refer to presentation

8.2 Environmental Update

Refer to presentation.

Mr A Brown asked if residents who provided access for Dams could receive a copy of the Abel Dams Monitoring Report.

Mr P Brown said residents would be provided these reports on request.

Mr A Brown highlighted that there is a large variation between the rainfall results at Abel and those recorded at his property and asked the method of recording rainfall at Abel.

Mr P Brown advised that the weather station complied with Australia Standards which included a tipping bucket rain gauge.

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9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr T Lewin spoke about a current Development Application with respect to the Catholic Land which was on public exhibition and enquired if Abel were aware of the development. The two key reports highlighted were the Traffic Management Plan and the Mine Subsidence Report for the development.

Mr P Brown advised that Yancoal was aware of the Development Application.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr T Lewin spoke of the closure of the Donaldson Conservation Trust and asked if a summary of the program (including funds allocated) could be tabled for the Abel CCC. Mr Lewin advised that the remaining funds were allocated to a project within the National Parks and Wildlife above the Abel mining area.

ACTION: Mr P Brown to provide a summary of the Donaldson Conservation Trust at the next CCC.

11. NEXT MEETING

9th September 2019 at 3:00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 4:47 pm by the Chair.