

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #18

Monday 28th May, 2012 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

MINUTES

1. **OPENING & WELCOME:** Chairman, The Hon. Milton Morris AO

PRESENT: Mr Milton Morris (Chairman), Mr Brad Ure, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Charlie Spence, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr A Brown, Miss Tara Markham (mins) and Mr Phillip Brown.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Adam Heeney, Mr Greg Lamb, Mr A Pace

3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3.1 *Previous Minutes 27th February 2012 were confirmed by those members present.*

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

4.1 Business Arising.

Mr A Brown raised the ongoing issue with accuracy and availability of meeting minutes. Publication date on the website is showing as the same date as the meeting which is incorrect. Previous format, sign off decided on but not being followed.

After email listing concerns from Mr A Brown, agreement has been made these minutes will be published, emailed out and available by the Friday 1 June, 2012.

Concern regarding issues raised at Community meeting not being documented and therefore promises not being kept due to lack of documentation and previous members of Donaldson coal and the committee moving on.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

5.1 Dealt with under Business Arising

6. **COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**

6.1 Development update

6.1.1 Abel Program 2012 – C Spence

Refer to presentation enclosed.

Mr. Charlie Spence spoke to the presentation showing five current areas being worked etc. Panels 20, 21 & 22 being partially extracted explained, subsidence will be reduced etc. Some panels will not be mined due to the deadline under the Development Consent.

FY Stats – Currently behind budget due to three miners budgeted but running with only two reason.

“Being Abel Project” is being implemented and the pilot program is working well, expect to see increased productivity due to it over the next few years.

6.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance – P Brown

Refer to presentation enclosed.

No incidents or complaints received since last meeting.

Quarterly Noise monitoring undertaken during March 2012 with no issues raised. Copy provided to members. Main noise noticed during survey was from traffic using the freeway and the roundabout.

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	P Brown	1 June 2012	
		Approved Minutes		27 August 2012	M Morris

Donaldson Coal Community Support Programs. Applications in March and October of each year. March 2012 applications have now been closed. Committee created and advertisements in the local papers.

Pambalong wetlands
Refer to Presentation.

Copy of the Report to be provided to the Tom Farrell Insitute.

6.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints – P Brown

No environmental incidents since last meeting and no Complaints received.

6.4 Website Information – P Brown

Gloucester Coal Website will be updated with the correct Minutes. This Action has not happened and is a protracted issue that needs to be resolved immediately.

6.5 Information provided to the community and any feedback

Community Session Notes handed out. Mr A Brown questioned the comment in last meeting's Minutes about the number in favour of the community information sessions. Mr P Brown and Mr T Sutherland explained that the comments were obtained from the Community Feedback forms.

6.6 Subsidence Management Plan Update

6.6.1 Subsidence management status– T Sutherland

Refer to presentation

Pre and post mining surveys are carried out to be organised as per the Statement of Commitments made by Donaldson.

6.6.2 Ventilation Shaft Update – T Sutherland

• **Refer to presentation enclosed.**

6.7 Abel 75 W update.

• **Refer to presentation enclosed**

Lodgement will be in September 2012 not August, 2012 as previously suggested.

6.8 Gloucester Coal / Yancoal update.

Yancoal merge spoken about. Information is available on Gloucester and ASX websites.

The Merger will be finalised Tuesday 3rd July 2012.

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Dr Terry Lewin raise the community concerns regarding the perception of the business going with the long wall instead of pillar extraction to get more coal/money. Phillip Brown explained that the mining plan includes both longwall and pillar extraction which will be used in the future.

9. NEXT MEETING

- 9.1** The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 27th August 2012 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.03 pm by the Chairman.