

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #26

Monday 30 June 2014 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

1. OPENING & WELCOME

Chairman, Mr Milton Morris.

2. PRESENT

Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr David Gibson, Mr Tony Sutherland and Mr Phillip Brown (mins).

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Brad Ure, Mr Andrew Pace, Mr Adam Heeney and Mr Greg Lamb.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Previous Minutes 16th September 2013

Mr A Brown asked about the red font color on the minutes. Mr P Brown advised that they indicate the changes to the draft minutes.

4.2 Previous Minutes 17th March 2014

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Business Arising.

5.1.1 Report on Blackhill School Trust – B Ure
Deferred until Mr Ure is in attendance.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from the Chairman

The Committee thanked the Chairman for his correspondence to the Minister

6.2 Letter from Minister

The letter from the Minister regarding the Mine Subsidence Zone was tabled.

7. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

7.1 **Abel Mine Update**

Mr David Gibson provided the Abel Mine Update. Refer enclosed presentation.

Mr Gibson advised that extraction would commence in Panel 27 at the end of September 2014.

Mr A Brown asked how many employees were onsite. Mr Gibson advised 370 permanent and 19 contractors.

Mr Gibson advised that a number of Austar employees were also at Abel. They gave Austar people a choice where to go. About 87% got their first choice.

Mr Terry Lewin asked if the fault was known in advance. Mr Gibson added that it was. They had experienced it in other panels.

Mr A Jennings asked if it was a major fault. Mr Gibson said no.

7.2 **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on monitoring and environmental performance. Refer enclosed presentation.

7.3 **Community Complaints and Response to Complaints**

No complaints.

7.4 **Website Information**

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	P Brown	11 September 2014	P Brown
		Approved Minutes		15 September 2015	M Morris

No comments.

7.5 Information provided to the Community and any Feedback

No comments.

7.6 Donaldson Coal Community Support Program Update

Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Donaldson Coal Community Support Program.

7.7 SMP Update

Mr Tony Sutherland provided the SMP update. Refer enclosed presentation.

7.8 Black Hill Road Undermining Update

Mr Tony Sutherland provided an update on the undermining of Black Hill Road. Refer enclosed presentation.

7.9 SMP / Extraction Plan Area 4 Update

Mr Tony Sutherland provided an update on EP/SMP Area 4.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

The Chairman advised the Committee that he has spoken with representatives of the Department of Planning regarding the position of Chairman and commented that he may "call it a day" at the next meeting.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Mr A Brown tabled a document "AB COMMENTS TABLED AT CCC MEETING #25 – 30 JUNE 2014".

- 1. **Attendance at Meetings.** Following discussion, it was resolved to write to Bloomfield Colliery, Maitland Council and Cessnock Council seeking representation at the Abel CCC meetings.*
- 2. **Chairman's Report.** Mr Morris advised that the report has been submitted to the Department but there has been no reply. A request was made of the Chairman for a copy of the report submitted.*
- 3. **Pecuniary Interest.** Note also the email tabled by Terry Lewin recommending to include the item as an Agenda Item for future meetings. After discussion it was resolved to have Pecuniary Interest as a yearly Agenda Item with the first being the meeting in September, 2014.*
- 4. **Yanzhou withdrawal.** The question was asked if there has been any impact on the operations due to Yanzhou's privatisation bid not going ahead. Mr Gibson advised that there has not been any impact.*
- 5. **Questions/Comments on EA/SMP4 Document.** A response will be provided to these questions.*

Mr Terry Lewin advised that the main concern with the community is with respect to the Subsidence control zone that protects the Principal Residences.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday the 15th September 2014 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:20 pm by the Chairman.