

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2004
1.00PM - ASHTON COAL PROJECT SITE OFFICE**

ATTENDEES:

Cr Fred Harvison	Singleton Council (Chairman)
Fiona Scanes	Singleton Council
Deidre Oloffson	Community Representative
John McInerney	Community Representative
Philip Holz	Community Representative
Monique MacDonald	Department of Mineral Resources
Ian Callow	Company Representative (Project Manager)
Colin Davies	Company Representative (Environmental Officer)
John Janetzki	HWE (part time)
Garrett Dixon	HWE (part time)
Sherry Russell	Minute Taker

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 1.10pm.

2. APOLOGIES

Thelma DeJong
Brian Thomas

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

No pecuniary interests were declared.

3A MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record after the amendments noted below were acknowledged.

Moved: *Deidre Olofsson* **Seconded:** *John McInerney*

JM raised issue of re-alignment of Glennies Creek Road and would like to see this issue progressed with regard to safety. Point 3.2 from the previous minutes should read north-east instead of north-west.

Location of monitors (Richards' property) – with respect to the EPA guidelines DO stated monitors should be located on non-mined owned properties. If monitor is to be relocated - ACOL need to apply to EPA to change monitor location.

3B BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Signage: ACOL will liaise with RTA with regard to obtaining approval for signage within the Village. ACOL undertake to talk with Singleton Council regarding the maintenance of edges of roadways, etc in village.

Dust Monitor: Location of dust monitor (old Brodie property) – ACOL to discuss with EPA.

Vacancies: ACOL to write to DIPNR to advise approval of the appointment of Phil Holz and Tracey Clarke to the Committee.

Website: DO to get back to ACOL to advise training requirements. DO noted web address advertised in Singleton Argus.

Toll-free No: ACOL advised should be in place before next CCC Meeting. PH provided information on toll free number installation.

Enviro Bund: Irrigation and topsoiling of bund – work progressing. ACOL advised materials will be delivered to site on 1 September 2004. Depending on weather conditions – topsoiling and tank works will be completed in the coming weeks. Planting should be undertaken within next 2 weeks.

Rain

Diverter: To date ten (10) have been installed. ACOL have ordered a further ten diverters and will install progressively.

Structural

Reports: DO advised Sandra and Neville Smiles have received their structure survey reports.

Road Safety: IC advised he will arrange a meeting with Steve McGrath from Council to raise the issue of speed limits along Glennies Creek Road. JM – raised issue regarding visibility along sections of Glennies Creek Road. HWE will raise road safety issue in toolbox meetings.

4. REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**4.1 From Project Management**

IC provided the meeting with an overview of operations of the CHPP. IC advised cladding works will be undertaken at the completion of commissioning – late 2004. 400 tonne per hour currently operating at. Mining operations progressing – May 2005 finish mining of box cut and eastern emplacement completed. Rehabilitation works will continue on overburden emplacement.

4.2 From Environmental Officer

CD spoke about the quarterly air quality dust report. Report provides results from air quality monitors on site. CD took the committee members through the report – explaining the data. The CCC members requested a map showing dust monitor locations.

4.3 SECTION 94 – LIST OF PRIORITISED WORKS

DO advised the meeting that no community meeting has been organised. Committee agreed to raise the issue at the Community Meeting scheduled on 8 September 2004.

4.4 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Items were discussed and the outstanding issue of road safety along Glennies Creek Road was added to the action items from this meeting.

5. MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

IC advised he had done door knocking around the Village with regard to the variation to the development consent to raise the height of the emplacement. IC advised a Community Meeting will be held on 8 September 2004 at the Camberwell Community Hall.

Peter Barton (ACOL's Technical Manager) addressed the meeting on the variation to the Development Consent. JM raised the question of savings to ACOL ie. no construction of dams, no hauling costs, etc. JM also raised the possibility of the western emplacement sterilising open cut reserves.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

DO raised the issue of noise coming from the Mine. JM raised issue of hearing noise from washery. JJ will look into beepers on HWE plant. DO raised issue of nitrous oxide from blast on Saturday 28.08.04 – JJ said no harmful impact on community.

DO raised issue of blast observation sheet. CD said a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the results. MM suggested the more people in the village to fill in the blast observation sheets the better to get a better result. DO said blasting earlier in the day is providing a better result than blasting later in the day.

Rain diverters – inline filters system – will ACOL issue replacement cartridges? ACOL advised they will not be installing inline filters – only rain diverters will be supplied except in circumstances where they are not compatible with existing plumbing.

CCC agreed to keep meeting day on a Tuesday. IC advised ACOL will re-imburse residents on phone calls made to the Environmental Hotline number.

7. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 November 2004 at 1.00pm

8. SITE INSPECTION OF THE OPERATIONS

Fred Harvison, Fiona Scanes and Monique McDonald were unable to attend the site inspection. CD provided an inspection and CHPP operations for DO, PH and JM.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.20PM

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
Toll free number -	ACOL
ACOL to provide CCC members with map of dust monitoring locations.	ACOL
Meeting to be arranged to discuss blast observation sheets.	ACOL
Progression of safety issues with respect to Glennies Creek Road with Singleton Council.	ACOL
Approval of new CCC members to DIPNR.	ACOL