

MT ARTHUR MINE COMPLEX

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday 5th December 2012

Time		Agenda item	Responsibility
4:00	1	Housekeeping and safety	MAC
	2	Declaration of pecuniary interest	Chairperson
	3	Confirmation of previous meeting minutes	Chairperson
4:10	4	Action points since last meeting	MAC
4:20	5	Overview of operations	MAC
4:25	6	Blasting Presentation by Alan Richards (Action Item 1)	MAC
5:10	8	Overview of Environment & Community	MAC
5:20	9	Environmental monitoring data	MAC
5:30	10	Community complaints summary	MAC
5:40	11	Overview of community support	MAC
5:45	12	General business	Chairperson
6:00	13	Next meeting date	Chairperson
6:00		Meeting close	Chairperson

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Minutes of Meeting (29)

- Location:** Mt Arthur Coal Boardroom
- Date:** Wednesday 5 December 2012
- Present:** Ray Webb (RW) Resident, Bruce Macpherson (BM) Resident, Craig Flemming (CF) Muswellbrook Shire Council, Kate-Lee Taggart (KT) Mt Arthur Coal, Rob Hayes (RH) Mt Arthur Coal, Christine Phelps (CP) Chairperson, John Bancroft (JB) Resident, Alan Richards (AH), guest speaker, Joanne Wilson (JW) Mt Arthur Coal, Sarah Parton (SP) Mt Arthur Coal.
- Apologies:** Martin Rush (MR) Deputy Chairperson
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Meeting Commenced: 4:05pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

RH welcomed everyone to the Mt Arthur Coal Community Consultative Committee (CCC) 5 December 2012 meeting and apologies were received.

2. HOUSEKEEPING AND SAFETY

RH provided information on general housekeeping and safety at Mt Arthur Coal, this included:

- Entry/Exit
- Emergency Procedure
- Muster Area
- Amenities
- Tea/Coffee
- Staff update

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interests were declared

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

October minutes moved by BM seconded by JB

5. ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – MT ARTHUR COAL OCTOBER MEETING

Action Item 1: Refer to Agenda Item 7

Action Item 2: Finalise date for Edinglassie and the Cut-Off Trench

- CCC meeting agreed to the date of 6 February 2013 at 2pm (all CCC members to leave from MAC).
- Heritage advisor from Muswellbrook Shire Council to be given an invitation to attend this trip.
- Will be visiting Edinglassie and Cut Off Trench, also Rous Lench if time permits with Edderton for another time.
- CCC decided to leave Edderton for another time due to time restraints on the day.

Action Item 3: Present to the CCC on FY11 spend against the \$4 million figure advertised. Also it is to include a presentation on pipeline of community projects for the current 2012 period.

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- RH shows an extract from the 2011 AEMR which shows how much was spent for the year. He agrees that whilst a target figure of \$4 million had been made public, the actual reported figure was \$2.6 million.
- CF explains that he was told if the money does not get spent it will be taken out of Mt Arthur's budgets for future years. This is why within the community spend they include items such as roads and salaries to increase the overall figure so that on average the figure will be consistent moving forward. Budgeting is done on averaging out what you have spent in previous years and applying it to a current budget year.
- BM explains that this is the first time he has heard this information. BM does not agree that \$1.5M of allocated community money should be spent on roads. Comments he is not happy with that set up.
- CF confirms that at no stage was a deal done between Muswellbrook Shire Council and Mt Arthur Coal in relation to extra funding. It is a consent requirement that Muswellbrook Shire Council receive funds via the VPA.
- BM expressed that CCC members are being sidelined.
- JB notes that in previous meetings Mayor Martin Rush has asked these questions but has received no answer, especially if these funds are to be rolled over.
- RH shows next slide which shows the projected spend for FY13 (asks this information be kept within the room due to commercial confidence).
- BM questions if it is ok for the community fund to put \$1.5 million into Thomas Mitchell Drive, why can't it provide the funding required to fix Denman Road? Wants the Denman and Edderton Road intersection to be fixed.
- CP notes that Denman Road is owned 100% by RMS (RTA) and they have control of that road and what funding is allocated.
- BM wants to get an answer from Mt Arthur Coal and Muswellbrook Shire Council to get it on the project pipeline list.
- RH explained that projects are ranked in relation to the recent community perceptions survey. An example of this was traffic in relation to the Muswellbrook By-pass which was of the most concern to community members who participated in the survey. RH expressed he took on board concerns but money will not be allocated for works.
- BM feels that it is not the responsibility of Mt Arthur Coal to pay for a Muswellbrook by-pass.
- RH reiterates that Mt Arthur Coal is working towards spending this budget and with community cooperation and capacity it should be spent by 30 June 2013.
- BM wishes to point out that this funding for roads has come out of the community component.
- RH goes back to the community spend slide to discuss figures and allocation of community verses consent spending.
- JB voices that some of this information is the first time explained in this manner and format. He then debates the figures within the table in relation to the \$4 million spend.
- CP agrees that \$1.493M was spent directly in the community and the rest could be viewed as contentious.
- CF illustrates to the CCC that the VPA should be included as while it has not been spent it is sitting in an account at Muswellbrook Shire Council waiting for community projects. It will be to the benefit of the community as a whole.
- RH notes again that the VPA is a consent condition.

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- BM asked RW (CCC member) if he remembers the meeting when Julie and Shelley explained the \$4M community spend and if the VPA was explained to them.
- CF expresses as chair it needs to be noted that the CCC has a real problem with community money and consent money being pooled together for reporting purposes to the CCC.

Action – For all CCC meetings moving forward, community money and consent money (for example VPA) will be separated when presenting community spend to the CCC members. This will allow for greater transparency and understanding moving forward. **(ACTION 3)**

- RH explains that for FY13 there is a budget of approximately \$4M +/- but the FY14 budget is yet to be confirmed. Currently Mt Arthur Coal is completing budget submissions.
- CP notes that as a community committee we all need to be aware that the mining industry is going through a downturn and that we will all see a real reality check in relation to budget allocations for community investment as there will not be the money around we as a mining community are used to seeing. This will affect all areas of industry as the economic conditions get tight.
- RH requests that if the CCC has any projects they would like to discuss the best point of contact is Shelley Masterson, Superintendent Community Relations.
- BM wants to know if the donation process will change to make it easier for organisations to apply. Community perception that Mt Arthur Coal Community Development Fund is too tedious (time) for the amounts on offer for donations.
- RH understands and states that donations will become less of a focus and the community development projects will be an important component of community investment for Mt Arthur Coal. Community Development projects are usually larger and more expensive but inject funding into capacity building the community which creates sustainability long term.

Action Item 4: Give information on details of a joint committee between Mt Arthur Coal and the Council, set up to spend \$500,000 within the community

VPA Investment Committee slide presented to the CCC with following information:

Investment Committee Members

- MAC Head of HSEC : Tony Howard
- MAC Superintendent Community Relations : Shelley Masterson
- Community Representative: Tim Troon
- MSC Mayor: Martin Rush
- MSC General Manager: Steve McDonald

Structure

- The Chair will be one of the Council representatives and is voted by committee.
- It is their purpose to provide guidance/advice into how VPA Community fund is spent, but not to make decisions.

Frequency of meetings

- Minimum 2 times a year.

Payment

- Community fund annual total of \$500K + CPI + GST.
- The Environmental component within the VPA has an annual total of \$20K +CPI + GST.
- For FY13: this is \$42,3536.61 + GST per month for the Community Component, and \$20,329.73 + GST once only for the environmental component (CPI already factored in).

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- YTD as at November paid: \$232,097.78 + GST in total (we are up to date with payments).

Action Item 5: On behalf of the CCC write a letter to the RTA regarding the intersection of Denman and Edderton Road.

CP expressed this had been raised although no letter had been written.

6. OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Due to time restraints within the meeting, RH referred to the section within the agenda document about the overview of operations.

7. BLASTING PRESENTATION BY ALAN RICHARDS (ACTION ITEM 1)

Review request to investigate relationship between blast vibration results and distance at monitors in a direct line from blasts (e.g. data from BP06 & BP04 when blasting on Denman Rd). (Rolled over from October meeting)

Alan Richards presents a PowerPoint presentation to the CCC which outlines the terminology, definitions and theories behind current blasting techniques. Questions were received from the CCC members throughout the presentation and related to the following topics:

- Consent limits
- Drilling techniques
- Recent blast readings
- Predicting outcomes with simulation or computer programs
- Modern blast techniques
- Meteorology affects in blasting
- Released energy levels

CF requests those results from BP04 and BP06 when blasting in the northern end of the pit is monitored and the CCC shown results. **(ACTION 1)**

CP requests that the CCC view a blast. **(ACTION 2)**

8. OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

Due to time restraints within the meeting, RH referred to the section within the agenda document about the overview of environment and community.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING DATA

Due to time restraints within the meeting, RH referred to the section within the agenda document about the recorded environmental monitoring data.

10. COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

Due to time restraints within the meeting, RH referred to the section within the agenda document about the community complaints summary.

11. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Due to time restraints within the meeting, RH referred to the section within the agenda document about the overview of community support.

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12. GENERAL BUSINESS

JB wishes to confirm if all the questions from the Complaints and Grievance Procedure Review were the same for each CCC member. There was a written request and a verbal interview and certain questions were asked that he was not happy with. This question related to the Chairperson of the CCC.

Action - JW to contact Coakes Consulting to obtain copy of paper questionnaire and an outline of questions for the face to face interview **(ACTION 4)**

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Mt Arthur Coal Community Consultative Committee meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 6th February 2013 at 4 pm in the Mt Arthur Coal boardroom. The meeting will be preceded by a visit to Edinglassie, Levee Bank (and Rous Lench if time permits) commencing at 2pm.

Meeting Closed: 6: 50pm

ACTION ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	CF requests those results from BP04 and BP06 when blasting in the northern end of the pit is monitored and the CCC shown results as it is close to the Muswellbrook township.	RH
2	CP requests that the CCC view a blast.	RH
3	For all CCC meetings moving forward, community money and consent money (for example VPA) will be separated when presenting community spend to the CCC members. This will allow for greater transparency and understanding moving forward.	RH
4	JW to contact Coakes Consulting to obtain copy of paper questionnaire and an outline of questions for the face to face interview	JW