

Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	2:07 pm, Monday 27 February 2017
Venue:	Wollar Store	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Blair Jackson (BJ) <i>[Left at 3.21pm]</i> , Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Col Faulkner (CF)		
Invited Guests:	Clark Potter (CP) - Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine Karin Fogarty (KF) – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine		
Observers:	Denise Williams - Resident		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	David Crust (DC), Kim Peach (KP), Cr Des Kennedy (DK) and Lisa Menke (LM)
Absent:	Scott Lillis (SL)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy
 Bruce Hughes – Community Member (Resident)
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member and Lessee of Wollar General Store
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Cr Des Kennedy –Mid-Western Regional Council delegate
 Col Faulkner – Community Member (Resident)
 Scott Lillis – Community Member (Former Resident)
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody Pastoral land and Former Resident)

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 5 DECEMBER 2016

LA advised that the finalised minutes, with agreed amendments, were forwarded to CCC members and Peabody Australia (for uploading to the Wilpinjong Coal website) on 22/12/16.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.
Ongoing – update provided in presentation prepared by IF.

- IF to look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide presentation to CCC.
Complete – information provided in the presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.
Complete – the powerline and road relocation needs to be completed by end of 2018 based on the current mining schedule. Will continue to keep informed of progress.
Action revised to "Provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330KV powerline at Slate Gully."
- KB distribute DBC monitoring results including dates and sites to the CCC the week prior to every meeting.
Ongoing.
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.
Ongoing – see presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to ensure hard copies of the WEP & DP&E independent reviews are available at the Wollar Store for BH.
Complete.
- LA to email a copy of the CCC Guidelines to the committee.
Complete.
- IF to notify the CCC via LA when house demolition works are to commence.
Hold over until next meeting – works yet to commence.
- LA to contact the EPA and enquire whether issues such as erosion and flooding are taken into consideration when deciding the EPL for increased water discharge.
Hold over to next meeting – LA has written to the EPA and awaiting reply.
- IF to print new CCC guidelines and provide to BH, CF and BM.
Complete.
- IF to email copy of newspaper article which refers to the "Wollar Action Group" to BS.
Complete. BS confirmed the reference to "Wollar Action Group" was poor editing by the newspaper.

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 8/12/16 - Email from BS requesting information regarding Mod 7. Email forwarded onto Peabody.
- 14/12/16 – Email from BS requesting the noise monitoring information. Email forwarded onto Peabody for action.
- 19/12/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft minutes from the 5 December 2016 meeting. (There were some emails back and forth with comments.)
- 22/12/16 – Email from Chair to KB asking him to upload the finalised minutes onto the website.
- 31/1/17 – Letter to EPA seeking response to questions posed in relation to the amendment to the EPL. *(Awaiting response.)*
- 3/2/17 – Email from KB to Chair with the "C" weighted noise measurements from December 2016.
- 4/2/17 - Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for the 13/2/17 meeting and including the noise measurement information.
- 4/2/17 – Letters from Chair to CF & BH with the meeting notice for the 13/2/17 meeting.
- 6/2/17 – Email from KP with an apology for the meeting of 13/2/17.
- 6/2/17 – Email from IF advising that he may be an apology for 13/2/17, due to the impending birth of his 3rd child.
- 9/2/17 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the Department of Planning's media release on the proposed Planning Legislation changes.

- 12/2/17 – Email from BS to Chair regarding local bush fire situation.
- 12/2/17 – Email from Chair to KB suggesting possible postponement due to conditions.
- 12/2/17 – Email to all members (followed up by telephone calls) postponing the CCC and rescheduling it to Monday 27 February 2017.
- 17/2/17 – Letters to CF & BH with the meeting notice for this meeting.
- 17/2/17 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the meeting notice for this meeting.
- 25/2/17 – Email from Chair to CCC members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 26/2/17 – Email from DC (NPWS) advising that he would be an apology for this meeting.
- 27/2/17 – Email from Lisa Menke (NPWS) advising that DC has moved to Katoomba as Director of NPWS – Blue Mountains and that she is the Acting Manager NP&WS – Mudgee.

LA moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded by BH.

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically.

Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Attending noise monitoring

- BS queried how the locations of attended noise monitoring were determined. KB confirmed that it is based on location of residents, complaints and any recommendation by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Real time noise monitoring

- New monitor installed at Mogo Road.
- BH queried whether cement was used in the installation due to cement bags being left on the side of the road. KB confirmed cement bags were used to mark where to turn off the road. Action raised for KB to follow up removal of bags. BH offered to pick up bags on trip home.

High volume air sampler locations

- BS queried why the noise monitor was moved from Araluen Road, but the dust sampler remained and whether the property was Peabody owned? KB confirmed the noise monitor had not been relocated, and that both the noise monitor and dust sampler remained at that location. The Mogo Road noise monitor is new to the network. Araluen Lane dust monitoring equipment has not been relocated as a mains power source is required to power these items.

Rehabilitation

- BH queried the possibility of using site water as irrigation rather than discharging into the river. KF confirmed there are obligations around discharging into the river that must be met, irrigation is expensive but it has been considered.

Have a chat

- BS queried why the meetings were no longer held in Gulgong or Mudgee and now back in Wollar on a monthly basis. KB confirmed that there was minimal interest from the Gulgong and Mudgee communities based on previous attendance.

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS ON BEHALF OF IAN FLOOD

An update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) and property matters was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically.

Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Property management – property demolition

- BH advised that he had found an asbestos report in the grass outside the gate, and there were still some pages in the grass. He handed it back to KB and queried whether the report was confidential. KB confirmed the report was written for the mine and that he would follow up with the people involved with the demolition regarding leaving paperwork behind, and collect any paperwork still there. Action raised for KB to follow up with demolition workers regarding paperwork, and to check all pages have been collected.

Kains Flat bushfire

- BH asked BJ why the Wollar fire shed CAT 7 fire truck was taken to the mine site prior to the Kains Flat fire event, and whether it was intended to be used for the mine or at local properties. BJ confirmed the Cooks Gap Fire Brigade Captain Greg Dunncliff had approved for the fire truck to be located at the mine site due to the unfavourable weather conditions and the availability of RFS members employed by Wilpinjong who were licenced to drive the truck. The intent was for those members to respond to local fires as required, and they had all been asked to bring their firefighting uniforms with them to work.
- BS advised that there were previously 40 RFS members from Wollar Village and its surrounds, as well as an active CWA branch that prepared food on a roster basis and provided support at Wollar Hall. BS stated that it was a recommendation of the Planning Assessment Commission that Peabody Energy was to actively encourage the workforce to join the RFS, and that she was not satisfied with the contribution Peabody Energy made in assisting with the fire event. BJ reiterated the information provided in the presentation with the site's "Community Services Leave" policy being amended to allow for over 34 RFS trained workers to be released from their employment obligations to provide volunteer assistance for the fire event, partners of employees assisting with food and meal preparation, and Peabody Energy providing meat, bread, food, drinks, heavy equipment and fuel for a number of days.
- BS suggested that it become a condition of leasing a Peabody property in Wollar for the residents to join the RFS. BJ advised he disagreed with that as joining the RFS is voluntary. BM agreed the RFS is a voluntary organisation and people cannot be forced to join.
- BS raised concerns that during the fire event people were doing long rosters, trained RFS volunteers were assisting Peabody trained RFS volunteers to protect Peabody owned houses, and the lack of organised catering. BJ advised those concerns are to be raised with the RFS. Feedback to be provided from RFS discussions on these matters.
- BS noted that Peabody were trying to acquire other remaining private properties in the village with active local RFS members, thus further depleting the number of local volunteers.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Response to the independent noise assessment

BS requested that the response to the independent noise assessment lodged by the Wollar Progress Association, as recommended by the Planning Assessment Commission, be provided to the community via the CCC. Action raised for IF to provide information.

New CCC Guidelines

- LA discussed the new guidelines for CCC meetings, as recommended by the Department of Planning and Environment, and sought agreement on the following points:

Minutes of meeting - process

- the draft minutes are to be distributed to all committee members for feedback within one week of the meeting;
- committee members have one week to provide their feedback on the meeting minutes to the independent chairperson; and
- within two weeks of receiving the feedback, the independent chairperson must finalise the minutes and ensure the proponent publishes them on its website in a web accessible format.

LA moved that this process be followed. All were in favour.

Minutes of meeting – note taking

- the independent chairperson may employ an independent note taker to assist with the preparation of minutes of meeting.

LA moved that KS continue in this role. All were in favour.

Declaration of Interests and Code of Conduct

- LA discussed the requirement for all members to review and sign the declaration of interests and code of conduct forms. Everyone to send back to LA for filing as soon as possible.

BH leave of absence for next three meetings

- BH requested a leave of absence from CCC meetings for the remainder of 2017 (3 meetings). LA granted the leave; however noted another community member may need to be recruited. LA stated that in order to ensure there is a quorum; that all community representatives attend where possible.

James Heesterman – Wilpinjong Coal Mine Environmental Vacation Student

- James completed his placement with the mine.

Modification 7

- BS requested the purpose for the modification 7, which expired at the end of 2016. Action raised for IF to provide a response.

Signage regarding Wilpinjong workers along road

- BS queried the purpose of the signs that were posted along the road side recently. KB explained that the Enterprise Agreement was currently being negotiated and it was a result of those negotiations.

Discussion regarding low frequency noise reporting

- BS commented that the 3 months low frequency noise monitoring data provided to the CCC after the December 2016 meeting was useless because it included all noise sources, not mine noise sources. Discussions have since been held between Wilpinjong staff and the EPA about improvements in reporting.
- BS requested paper copies of the monthly noise compliance reports (3 months' worth) be supplied at the next CCC meeting. KB to arrange for the reports to be available.

Air quality report from Wollar Air Quality Monitor

- CF requested the report from the air quality monitor located in the Wollar Village for the blast on 16 October 2016 be provided. CP to arrange for the report to be available.

Next meeting

- It was agreed the next meeting will consist of a site visit, followed by the quarter 2 meeting on 15 May 2017. The site visit will commence at 1:00 pm and the meeting will commence at 2:30 pm. Everyone was asked to arrive at 12:55 pm to allow time for the induction and dressing into PPE. Metatarsal boots will be provided for the visit, however a list of sizes are required to be provided in advance so boots can be made available. Action raised for LA to seek boot sizes and any particular locations of interest for inclusion in the tour.

Meeting Closed:	4:00 pm
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, 15 May 2017 – Wilpinjong Coal Mine site visit (arrive 12:55 pm for 1:00 pm start, meeting to commence on site at 2:30 pm)• Monday, 14 August 2017 (Wollar – 2pm)• Monday, 4 December 2017 (Mudgee / Christmas dinner – 3pm)

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.	IF	Ongoing
3.	DBC Monitoring results including dates and sites to be distributed to the CCC the week prior to every meeting	KB	Ongoing
4.	Project modifications to be communicated to the CCC	IF	Ongoing
5.	Provide notification to the CCC via LA when house demolition works commence.	IF	ASAP
6.	Provide response of the EPA regarding enquiry whether issues such as erosion and flooding are taken into consideration when deciding the EPL for increased water discharge.	LA	When received
7.	Follow up the removal of the concrete bags on the side of Mogo Road.	KB	ASAP
8.	Check all asbestos paperwork from the house demolition program has been collected from outside the front gate, and follow up with the workers regarding losing the paperwork.	KB	ASAP
9.	Provide feedback to regarding discussions with RFS around issues raised resulting from Kains Flat Bushfire.	BS	Next meeting
10.	Provide the response to the independent noise assessment as recommended by the PAC to the CCC.	IF	Next meeting
11.	Provide a response regarding the purpose of the Modification 7 that expired at the completion of 2016.	IF	Next meeting
12.	Provide paper copies of the past 3 months' worth of low frequency noise reports.	KB	Next meeting
13.	Provide CF with the report from the air quality monitor for the blast on 16 October 2016.	CP	Next meeting
14.	Complete and return the declaration of interest and code of conduct forms to LA.	ALL	ASAP
15.	Seek boot sizes and particular locations of interest for the mine site visit and provide to KB.	LA	ASAP