



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	11:10 am, Monday 22 February 2016
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ), Cr John Weatherly (JW)		
Invited Guests:	Clark Potter (CP) - Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine Karin Fogarty (KF) – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine		
Observers:	Susan Schneider (Resident), James Heesterman (Peabody)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Brian McDermott, Scott Lillis, David Crust and Ian Flood
Absent:	Col Bailey

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 – Resident
 Bev Smiles – Resident
 Kim Peach – Lessee of Wollar General Store
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Cr John Weatherly – Councillor Mid-Western Regional Council

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 7 DECEMBER 2015

BS requested the following amendments to the minutes be made:

- At item 10. “Report by Ian Flood” add second bullet point “BS raised a query regarding Ponton’s house burning down and was advised there was no fire, but an accidental fire at Peach’s house”
- At General Business under heading “Article in newspaper – Cattle on Rehabilitation” add new bullet point, “BS queried the cost per hectare of rehabilitation and was advised cost not available”.

BS moved previous minutes with changes, BH seconded.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting. Confirmed inert material has been moved to site but not in pit as yet. Ongoing action.
- KB to provide CCC members with a USB containing all completed management plans. Still waiting to receive approved plans. Ongoing action.
- BS to email IF names and contact details of all community members for the purpose of receiving newsletters. BS confirmed she is having trouble getting a complete list due to people selling their properties. KP advised that the process for the letters from the DP&E was that the department contacted KP and gave her the letters to put in the mailboxes. KP then phones the residents to confirm mail has been received. This will be the process for newsletters also.
- BS to advise LA of the contact for when noise monitoring is to occur. To be advised following the next Wollar Progress Association meeting.
- KB to send link of where EPL reports can be accessed. Email sent 11 December 2015.
- KB sent proposed 2016 *Have a Chat* schedule to BS for tabling at the Wollar Progress Association meeting. Did not send via email, however have posted on the notice board at the store.
- BS to provide feedback regarding 2016 *Have a Chat* schedule. No issues to report.
- IF to look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide information to BM. As IF on leave, hold over to next meeting.
- IF to phone BH and discuss concerns regarding inadequate signage along Mogo Road whilst houses being demolished. As IF on leave, hold over to next meeting.
- LA to write to Mid-Western Regional Council seeking an alternate representative for 2016 and also contact DP&E on replacing a member on the CCC. Complete. Cr John Weatherly attended this meeting.
- IF to provide update regarding relocation of domestic powerline. As IF on leave, hold over to next meeting.
- LA sent out expression of interest regarding start time for meetings next year. Complete. 11:00 am start time confirmed.
- All to complete and send back Declaration of Interests document. All complete except for SL, BH & JW. LA to follow up.

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 11/12/15 – Email from LA to CCC members with the link to the EPL monthly reports for Wilpinjong as provided by KB and requested at the December 2015 CCC meeting.
- 11/12/15 – Letter from LA to Mid-Western Regional Council seeking an alternate representative on this CCC. Acknowledgement letter received from the Council on 15 December 2015 and a further letter on 21 December 2015 advising that the matter would be considered at Council's meeting of 17 February 2015 and the CCC would be advised following that. The website was checked & the report did go to that meeting, however, there have been no minutes posted yet, so LA unable to check the outcome.
- 15/12/15 - Draft minutes of the December 2015 CCC emailed to all members by LA.
- 15/12/15 - Letter sent by LA to BH with the minutes from the December 2015 meeting
- 22/1/16 – Email from IF advising that the WEP EIS will be on public exhibition from 26 January 2016
- 23/1/16 – Email sent to all CCC members by LA advising of the public exhibition dates and locations
- 23/1/16 – Email & letter sent by LA to the Wollar Progress Association advising of this information
- 23/1/16 – Letter to Col Bailey advising of LA's intention to write to the DoPE seeking his position be replaced on the CCC
- 12/2/16 – Email from LA to CCC members with meeting notice and agenda for this meeting
- 13/2/16 – Letter from LA to BH with the meeting notice and agenda for today's meeting
- 13/2/16 – Email from David Crust, NP&WS with an apology for this meeting
- 16/2/16 – Email from KB inviting members for a tour of the mine
- 16/2/16 – Email from LA to CCC members inviting members for a tour of the mine on behalf of KB
- 19/2/16 – Email from Brian McDermott with an apology for this meeting
- 20/2/16 – Email from LA to CCC members, advising that the mine tour will not proceed today
- 20/2/16 – Email from LA to CCC members with the information from the Department of Planning regarding the exhibition of the draft CCC guidelines.
- 20/2/16 – Letter from LA to BH providing information regarding the exhibition of the draft CCC guidelines.
- 22/2/16 – Email from Scott Lillis with an apology for today's meeting.

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

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

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

Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Aerial photograph

- Update aerial photograph in report to include extensions and project approval boundary.

Attended noise monitoring

- Populate the January 2016 machinery numbers in the attended noise monitoring information and send to CCC.

Blast/vibration monitoring

- BS queried the statistics for the blast on 15 February as people from the shop at Bylong have been talking about it, as well as people over near Mudgee.
- BS advised that there was a noticeable spontaneous combustion smell on the morning of 18/2/16 at the village.
- KB reminded BS that there is a complaints line and it is best for community members to make a complaint than to wait until the CCC to raise the issue.
- KB/CP to follow up the compliance, including weather information and send to LA for distribution.

RO discharge

- BS queried what triggers the water to discharge. KB confirmed a variety of factors including maintenance and management of the machine.

TEOM location

- KB to update the map to show newly acquired PEA land.

Mining of Keylah

- BS & BH raised various queries regarding the mining of Keylah. BJ and KB confirmed will continue to be mined in compliance with the approved management plan.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mine tour

- BS queried whether a bus could be arranged to allow community members to travel on tour together to hear same answers to questions. BJ confirmed ok provided only local residents. BS to provide names and contact details with preferred time to LA for passing onto BJ.

Closing of Wollar Store end of 2016

- BH queried the rumour of the store closing at the end of 2016 and requested PEA make arrangements for the postage to be managed.
- BJ advised the store is in the same position as last year and has a current lease until the end of December. The concerns of the residents are noted, however, the management of the mail remains with the responsible agency (Australia Post).

Wilpinjong Voluntary Planning Agreement ("VPA")

- JW confirmed that the Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC) passed a motion that the Wollar Progress Association receive \$15,000.00 of the VPA provided by Wilpinjong for maintenance and up keep of the village.
- JW confirmed negotiations will commence between the General Manager of MWRC and the General Manager of Wilpinjong in due course.

Hiring Wollar Sports Ground

- BJ queried BS regarding the issues of Wilpinjong being able to hire the Wollar Sports Ground.
- BS confirmed the issue was there was no formal trust in place and it had to be amended. The matter is currently before Crown Lands for approval.

Wollar Progress Association membership

- BJ queried how local residents that work at Wilpinjong can join the Association. He confirmed people have expressed an interest in joining and queried how meetings are notified, and if a charter was available.
- BS confirmed that regular meetings will resume in March. Any resident with a genuine interest in joining is welcome and to contact BH via phone as he is the President.
- BS confirmed that anyone interested in taking up a position with the Association is welcome.
- BS to provide Charter and BHs phone number.

Resignation of Native Title Liaison Officer

- KF advised that Tanietta de Launey had resigned.

Maintenance and mowing of grass within Village

- KP queried who is responsible for maintaining the grass in the Village as it is getting really long and a fire hazard.
- KP suggested a roster or timetable be created to share the responsibility.
- BJ confirmed he knows someone who is interested in doing it through the Wollar Progress Association and queried if the tractor is available for use.
- BS believed the tractor was right to use, but will follow up with Col Faulkner and advise.

Mine workers leasing PEA owned property

- BS queried whether the mine workers and outside lessees who lease PEA owned property are required to sign agreements that include a clause that they will not complain about the mine's activities.
- BJ advised that he did not have the documents before him and could therefore not confirm.

Draft Guidelines from DP&E

- LA reminded that the draft Guidelines for CCC meetings are on display and open to submissions. All members were encouraged to view.

EIS on USB

- KB reminded all that electronic versions of the EIS were available to take away on USB.

Meeting Closed: 12.50 pm

Next Meetings: • Monday, 16 May 2016 – Wollar Store, commencing at 11am

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
2.	Provide CCC members with a USB containing all completed management plans.	KB	Ongoing
3.	Look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide information to BM.	IF	ASAP
4.	Phone BH and discuss concerns regarding inadequate signage along Mogo Road whilst houses being demolished.	IF	ASAP
5.	Provide names, contact details and preferred time and date of mine tour to LA for consideration by BJ.	BS	Next meeting
6.	Provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.	IF	Next meeting
7.	Update aerial photograph in report to include extensions and project approval boundary.	KB	Next meeting
8.	Populate the January 2016 machinery numbers in the attended noise monitoring information and send to CCC.	KB	ASAP
9.	Follow up the compliance, including weather information regarding the blast on 15 February 2016 and send to LA for distribution.	KB and CP	ASAP
10.	Update the TEOM location map to show the newly acquired PEA land.	KB	Next meeting
11.	Provide Charter of Wollar Progress Association and BH's phone number to BJ to pass onto residents of PEA owned property interested in joining.	BS	ASAP
12.	Follow up with Col Faulkner regarding the condition of the Wollar Progress Association tractor and advise.	BS	ASAP
13.	Recruit a new community representative for the committee.	LA	Next meeting
14.	Provide a response to the question on lease arrangements of Peabody properties in relation to complaints about the mine's activities.	BJ	Next meeting