

Meeting Minutes
Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 8 February 2018

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Norm Bignell	CCC Member	Cr Karen Hutchinson	MidCoast Council
Philip Greenwood	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member	Gavin May	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Anthony Berecny	CCC Member		

Guests: Nil**1. Site Tour**

No site tour was undertaken at this meeting.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:07am.

Apologies: Richard Clarke; John Cullen (SCPL).

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning & Environment and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. During the discussion on the SEP Ms MacDonald-Hill noted she is the Chair of the AGL Camden CCC.

The declarations of the Stratford CCC members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 were confirmed.

Moved: Philip Greenwood; Seconded: Kevin Lowrey.

A presentation on the commencement of the Stratford Extension Project was provided to the CCC at the start of the meeting. The minutes of this discussion are included in the General Business section.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Deferred Action Item 1:** SCPL to provide a short presentation on interpreting noise graphs. Defer until operations recommence.

The Committee discussed the frequency of future CCC meetings with regard to the pending commencement of the Stratford Extension Project. It was agreed that the CCC meetings would return to being held quarterly.

The Committee requested a presentation of interpreting the noise reports and graphs to be included in the August CCC meeting agenda when the new noise reports have been prepared.

New Action Item 1: SCPL to provide a short presentation on interpreting noise graphs at the August 2018 CCC meeting.

2. **Deferred Action Item 2:** SCPL to include new relevant sections in the CCC presentation when the Environmental Management Plans are updated for the Stratford Extension Project

The Stratford Extension Project is planned to commence in March 2018 and the Environmental Management Plans have been drafted. Mr Plain advised the CCC presentation layout for the May CCC meeting would be updated to include new relevant sections from the management plans. Mr Plain advised this could be provided to the CCC members for comment prior to the next meeting.

Mr Greenwood suggested a biodiversity offset section should be included. Mr Fenning suggested a section on the new environmental monitoring sites should be included.

New Action Item 2: SCPL to include new relevant sections in the CCC presentation for the Stratford Extension Project Environmental Management Plans and provide to the CCC members for comment prior to the May 2018 meeting.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

The Stratford Extension Project Mining Operations Plan was provide to the CCC members prior to this meeting for comment. The committee members comments regarding the MOP were discussed at this meeting and are included in General Business.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: SCPL advised no operations have occurred during the previous six months with the exception of some Codam reclaim work. The CHPP is continuing to receive and process Duralie ROM coal.
2. Environmental & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:
 - a. The committee discussed the Stratford Coal monitoring data.
 - b. Mr Plain advised the Committee of the LLS field day held on 30 January 2018 which included a site visit of the Stratford Coal agricultural rehabilitation areas. Positive feedback had been provided by those in attendance. Mr Plain thanked Mr Bignell and LLS for arranging the field day

8. General Business

1. Stratford Extension Project -

SCPL presented to the CCC a briefing on the proposed commencement of the Stratford Extension Project (SEP). SCPL advised that Yancoal will be commencing the SEP during March 2018. The Development Consent SSD-4966 for the SEP was approved in May 2015, however the project had never commenced. The presentation included information on the current status of the Stratford Mining Complex, the approved SEP developed, the pre-commencement requirements including Environmental Management Plans and the community and stakeholder consultation strategy.

Cr Hutchinson asked what community enhancement contributions were required under the development consent. Mr Plain advised the community enhancement contribution which is made to Council is based on a per person rate for full-time employees and contractors. In addition, contributions are required for the maintenance of the Bucketts Way and Wenham Cox Rd. Cr Hutchinson queried how the value of these contributions had been established. Mr Plain advised the conditions were established and approved by the Planning Assessment Commission in consultation with both Gloucester Council and SCPL. Information is presented in the determination notice for the SEP which is publically available.

Mr Lowrey stated there has been some frustration amongst the local community regarding the previous allocation of Stratford Coal community enhancement funds by the former Gloucester Council. Mr Lowrey stated there had been a lack of transparency and tracking of the funds. Cr Hutchinson responded that the merged MCC was aware of the contributions from both Stratford and Duralie Coal and the future process for allocating community enhancement funds would ensure transparency and benefit to the local community.

Mr May (SCPL) advised the company's immediate focus was to ensure a smooth transition back to the Stratford operations which would secure the jobs for the existing Duralie Coal employees. This would involve a staged commencement with initial day and afternoon works.

Mr Greenwood asked about the status of the Mining Lease applications. Mr Plain advised the Mining Lease over the Avon North area had been granted, whilst the Mining Lease over the Stratford East area had been lodged in December 2017 and was pending approval.

Mr Greenwood asked about the integration of the existing rehabilitation areas and the proposed biodiversity areas. Mr Plain advised the SEP include a biodiversity offset strategy which is described in the draft Biodiversity Management Plan. This plan includes the management of biodiversity offset areas, biodiversity enhancement areas and mine rehabilitation. Mr Plain discussed the timing for implementation.

Mr Lowrey asked if there was any update on the final land use work being undertaken by Yancoal. Mr Plain advised the report on final land use options had established a short list of options and this would be advanced over the coming years. Cr Hutchinson advised LLS in conjunction with DPI were holding a field day on agricultural land use mapping on 12 February 2018.

Mr Berecny asked what coal products were proposed from the Stratford operation. Mr May advised both thermal and coking coal products would be produced similar to the previous coal products from Stratford.

Cr Hutchinson suggested Paul De Szell (MCC) could be invited to the next meeting to present information to the Committee on the allocation of community enhancement contributions from Stratford Coal.

New Action Item 3: *The Chair to invite Paul De Szell to the May 2018 CCC meeting to address the Committee on the allocation of community enhancement contributions from Stratford Coal.*

2. Mr Lowrey advised some erosion of the geotextile fabric on the rail loop cutting batter was exposing the underlying rock and soil. Mr Plain advised an inspection of this had been undertaken and works would be planned over the coming months.

No further business.

The Committee agreed to re-establish quarterly meetings as the Stratford Extension Project is planned to commence in March 2018.

New Action Item 4: *The Committee to discuss and set future meeting dates for the Stratford Coal CCC.*

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Thursday 17th May 2018 at the Stratford Mine Site. The Committee agreed to postpone any inspections until the August meeting.

Meeting closed at 11:00am.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** *SCPL to provide a short presentation on interpreting noise graphs at the August 2018 CCC meeting.*
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** *SCPL to include new relevant sections in the CCC presentation for the Stratford Extension Project Environmental Management Plans and provide to the CCC members for comment prior to the May 2018 meeting.*
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** *The Chair to invite Paul De Szell to the May 2018 CCC meeting to address the Committee on the allocation of community enhancement contributions from Stratford Coal.*
4. ***New Action Item 4:*** *The Committee to discuss and set future meeting dates for the Stratford Coal CCC.*