
**MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Dan Delahunty, Mike Smith, Todd Hutchings, Keith Latham, Alarna Pain, Keith Latham, Norm Bignell, Phillip Greenwood, Clr Tony Tersteeg, Clr Jim Henderson, Roger Stimson and Glenn Wilcox.

APOLOGIES: Richard Clarke, Bill Williams, William Tomb, John Trotter.

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm, after a guided tour of the mine.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 6th May 2010 were confirmed.
(Latham/Hutchings)

Coarse lime dosing of rejects at CHPP

A presentation on coarse lime dosing at the processing plant was given by Dan Delahunty. Dosing rate was approximately 5.8 kg lime per tonne, which ensures acceptable pH values at the tailings pit. Hydrated and Meadow lime are used in the plant, while the added coarse lime goes through to the pit.

MATTERS ARISING:

Clarification of 'Life of Mine' at Stratford Coal

1. Roseville, Avon North, Stratford North and Stratford South are the 'Life of Mine' areas, with such works proceeding over the next 10 – 15 years, subject to approvals.

Complaints Procedure

2. Staff requested a correction of the previous minutes, in that file notes are only created to address on-going complaints, and not in every instance.

Rainwater testing

3. Council staff presented a quote from MidCoast Water for the testing of rainwater tank samples (see attached). After a brief discussion it was agreed to test for a range of water parameters, as per the provided quote. Samples would be taken from five properties in Stratford Village, five from Barrington Village and five from an isolated rural area (control site). Frequency of rainwater tank cleaning, roof and tank material, pH and turbidity will also be recorded to assist with the analysis of the results. Samples will be taken from the point of domestic supply, being typically the kitchen tap. Testing results will be forwarded to NSW for their comment. It was requested that a formal chain of custody procedure be used for the water samples, which will ensure the accurate handling of each sample and provide further validity to the results.

It was resolved that Council undertake the testing as discussed, at the earliest opportunity. (Latham/Clr Tersteeg)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Recent environmental monitoring data was presented to the meeting and discussed.

Complaints

2. A question was raised that where an entry in the complaints table states that the plant is not operating, does this mean that the dozer could still be working? Concerns were raised that responses never seem to identify the actual source of the noise. Staff were able to clarify that when the train is being loaded, this means the dozer was in operation.

The use of rubber tracks on the loading dozer to lower noise was discussed. Staff were of the opinion that all measures to reduce engine noise and 'track slap' noise have implemented.

It was requested that an explanation of the cause of the noise be given to complainants, rather than a non-specific response.

A question was raised about the complaint from Mr Glew, and how the mine has addressed this. Staff explained that they have offered their Engineer to investigate, however Mr Glew has declined the offer.

Blasting

3. Only two exceedances were reported, however, these are within the allowable limits of the approval.

Wind Diagrams

4. Wind rose diagrams were presented to the members and discussed.

Drilling

5. The meeting was informed that there was a problem whilst drilling at Ellis property, and the drill hole had to be plugged (hole was blowing water and gas). Further risk assessment was conducted to address this and reduce the likelihood of it happening again.

6. Statistics

- Between July and September 86 holes have been drilled and 34 have been cemented. Six drilling rigs were currently operating, and an additional two were scheduled to commence in November.
- The trialling of aboveground sumps was to start shortly.
- Rehabilitation of sites is to commence in mid November.

7. Mining Report

Staff informed the meeting that coal production and man-hours has been very similar to last quarter. The fluctuation of the stockpile size during this period was also discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:40pm.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held on **Thursday 3rd February 2011** at 3:00pm.