

Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine

Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the twentieth meeting - 11th August 2020

Meeting held at the Clarence Fire Shed at 4pm

We attempted to hold a zoom virtual meeting two weeks before but not enough attendees could attend

Chair – Ms Sue Graves

Attendees

Kevin McCosker – Dargan Trust - community

Col Hunter - community

Lauren Stevens – Lithgow Council

Councillor Stephen Lesslie – Lithgow Council

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting

Apologies - Robert Setter, Clarence colliery , David Peters and Karen McLaughlin

2) Declaration of pecuniary interests

3) term of reference & membership – note above and action item below

4) Minutes of previous meeting - Meeting accepted the minutes as a true record

5) Business arising from previous minutes

Action items

- **Need to re-mark the 10 flora monitoring site - ongoing**
- **Latest AEMR & monitoring results – will be on project website in due course.**
- **Site monitoring continues in accord with DA consent - ongoing**
- **David Peters will consult with Jane to identify 8 species locations in regard to future bushfire - ongoing**
- **Evacuation routes to be included in PIRMP - ongoing**
- **Ron G advised need to mark edge of wetlands prior to commencement - on-going**
- **NK to secure meteorological station from vandalism- ongoing**

6) Progress at the mine - Company reports and overview of activities

- Tony confirmed that some maintenance clearing work on site in October 2019
 - Site burnt out in bushfire in December 2019. Project owned house lost.
 - EPA licence renewed, AEMR lodged March 2020, Met stn battery replaced, Mine Operations plan updated in March 2020.
 - Tony reported that the Glenlee rezoning finally approved in June 2020. NK will now seek an extension to the SEARs so work on EIS may begin.
 - Ron advised that there is no progress to date on the sale of the mine. NK propose to continue to self fund the development.
 - Ron talked about the opportunity to sell raw sand overseas. There is a world shortage of glass sand – see article in Fin Review dated 10th August. NK sand is white and perfect for making glass.
 - Hopefully the SEARs will have been renewed by next meeting. NKs biggest challenge is to de-risk the project so we can attract investors. This is essential to getting the project up and running.
 - ALS Lithgow have continued with the air quality and groundwater and surface water monitoring.
 - a. Nil to report
 - b. Projected timeline.
 - Everything depends on progress of EIS at Glenlee site.
 - c. Operational issues
 - Tony confirmed that the Met stn has been repaired and operating on site.
 - d. Glenlee – see above
 - e. Issues from site inspections. Nothing to report
 - f. Complaints - No complaints received.
- 7) General business –
- a. Sue G indicated it is time for another letter to the Minister to keep him informed of progress.
- 8) next meeting
December 2020 – TBC

meeting closed at 4:35pm