

# **Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project Kaolin mine and sand quarry Community Consultative Committee**

## **Minutes of second meeting – Wednesday 9th March 2011**

Meeting opened at 6:05pm at the Clarence Fire Shed

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves

Attendees: Alanna Howard – Clarence Colliery Environmental Coordinator (CC EO)  
David McConnell – Newnes Junction resident (arrived at 6:20pm)  
Sean Butler – Newnes Junction resident  
Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)  
Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

- 1) Introduction and welcome – chair
- 2) Apologies – Councillor C Hunter of Lithgow City Council
- 3) There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
- 4) Terms of reference and membership
  - a. CC EO requested that the Clarence Colliery Mine manager be able to attend as the CC representative on occasion. Meeting agreed to take this matter off the standing agenda until required.
  - b. NK EM advised meeting that Gary Wallace of Lithgow CC had asked if the meeting time could be reviewed as 6pm was difficult for a Council employee. Meeting agreed that the current meeting time best suited the community representatives who work full-time and are unable to meet during working hours. No change to the meeting was anticipated.
- 5) Company reports and overview of activities:
  - a. Progress at the mine
    - i. Project overview. NK GM advised that the mining lease and sand extraction licence had been issued as well as the Environmental Protection licence. Advised that the preliminary construction works are about to begin.
    - ii. EMS: Sean raised the issue of the integrity of the wildlife corridor between the old Rocla quarry and the proposed mine. NKGGM advised that no work was anticipated within, or even near, that corridor for some years and that the CCC will be kept fully informed of the work as operation progresses. Sean also raised issue of wildlife corridor north of mine. NK GM advised that the project will not impact on this wildlife corridor.
    - iii. Sean raised the issue of the visual/noise barrier which is to be constructed between the mine and the village. NK GM advised that there may be some opportunity to vary/amend the design of

the barrier. A landscaped earth mound may be preferable. Given that mine/quarry operations were not planned to commence till early 2012 the meeting agreed that this matter to be considered at a future time. NK GM agreed that prior to any work commencing on the barrier NK will bring the matter back to the CCC.

- iv. Projected time line & commencement of operations: NK GM advised that the surveyors have marked the extent of the mining lease and the proposed mine/quarry footprint. NK EM advised that the preliminary works will include the following:
  1. Clearing for the stockpile area 80m x 30m
  2. Clearing for mine office area 15m x 15m
  3. Footings for 6m x 3m site office
  4. Access for the preliminary works site and mine office will be by the existing drill hole track off Sandham road.
  5. Meteorological station will be installed on top of hill off Sandham road
  6. NK EM summarised the vegetation clearing protocol which will be followed – as detailed in the EMS
  7. Copies of the EMS on compact disk were provided to members of the CCC
  
- b. Operational issues - Sean raised the issue of using blue flagging tape which could be a potential threat to the Bower birds. NKG M agreed to replace the blue tape with a more appropriate colour. Sean also raised the issue of people dumping rubbish on the site. Sean raised the issue of how trucks will access the site via the gate opposite the rail loop. NK GM advised the gateway will be re-configured to ensure trucks can turn left onto the site.
  
- c. Issues arising from site inspections – there have been no site inspections to date.
  
- d. Monitoring and environmental performance.
 

CC EO suggested that project could include base line air quality data in the next facts sheet to illustrate purpose of the meteorological station. NK GM advised that project has been monitoring the groundwater for some months and that this data may be available as well. To be confirmed.

The chairperson asked how can the CCC monitor the projects environmental performance over and above the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR). The meeting agreed that this subject will be subject to on-going discussion to identify the best process to achieve this outcome.
  
- e. Community complaints and response.

CC EO advised that the Environmental Protection licence requires the project to set up and advertise a telephone complaints line. NK GM advised that this will be implemented as soon as practical.

- f. Information provided to the community  
NK EM advised that the next project facts sheet will be distributed by the end of May 2011 including the telephone complaints.

6) General business.

There being no general business the meeting closed at 7:30pm

- 7) The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 22nd.

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