

Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine

Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting - 11th May 2017

Meeting held at the Clarence Fire Shed at 6pm

Chair – Ms Sue Graves

Attendees

Karen McLaughlin - community

Col Hunter – community

Lauren Stevens – Lithgow CC

Councillor Stephen Lesslie – Lithgow CC

Kevin McCusker – community

Jane Atkin – guest ecologist

David Peters - community

Ron Goldbery – Newnes kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes kaolin – Environmental Manager

1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting

Welcome to Jane Atkin who undertakes the flora and fauna monitoring for the AEMR

2) Apologies - David McConnell

3) Declaration of pecuniary interests

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

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

6) Business arising from previous minutes

Action items

a) Glenlee update – details later in meeting

b) Second AEMR – need to send copy to Lithgow Council

Consultants for AEMR – Jane Atkin – Flora & fauna

Steve Pells – groundwater

ALS gathers g/water and air quality data

AEMR submitted to Dept of Planning in Wollongong in early April

c) Bushfire Management Plan - evacuation routes to be included in PIRMP – ongoing need to identify 2 escape routes including to Bell, Clarence and back to Fire Control in Lithgow

Bushfire Management Plan required before any new work on site including evacuation routes – fire capability on site – no of people on site – suggest that the BMP be lodged with local fire control

d) Ron G advised need to mark edge of wetlands prior to commencement - on-going

7) Company reports and overview of activities

- ALS Lithgow have continued with the air quality and groundwater monitoring.
 - a. Jane Atkin will continue to do the flora and fauna monitoring
Jane gave a brief overview of the flora monitoring on site especially the 10 sites close to and within the National Park. The first report was in early 2016 which was 3 years after the 2013 bushfire. 2nd monitoring period was in early 2017. Of the 10 sites, three were not significantly impacted by the fire while the other 7 were significantly impacted. Janes Report is the second baseline review which showed a significant improvement in ground cover, leaf litter etc
Each monitoring site is a 20m x 20m square
NK needs to re-mark the 10 sites with large stakes.
Sue G asked how the monitoring will work with the seed collection for future rehabilitation. Suggest NK put Jane in touch with the Lithgow Nursery
 - b. AEMR 2018 – due March 2018 – to be confirmed
 - c. Projected timeline.
Everything depends on progress at Glenlee site.
 - d. Operational issues
Nothing to report
 - e. Glenlee
Ron G described the site and proposed operations at Glenlee. Trains of 36 half sized container wagons will travel from Newnes Junction to Glenlee each day. NK intends to have a stockpile of 3 weeks sand on site to allow for delays in product from the mine site.
Tony explained that the site owner of Glenlee, SADA, have applied to expand the size of the development from 12,000m² to 90,000m² and are at the same time finalising the rezoning of the site from special uses (coal preparation) to industrial
 - f. Issues from site inspections. - Dust monitoring site vandalised. NK needs to build security fence around the Met Stn
 - g. Complaints - No complaints received.

8) General business – no general business

9) next meeting

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Action items

- **Need to re-mark the 10 flora monitoring site - ongoing**
- **First AEMR – will be on project website in due course**
- **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**

- **Tony P to write to Minister and advise changes to makeup of the CCC – Col Hunter and Clr Lesslie – on going**
- **NK to secure meteorological station from vandalism- ongoing**

meeting closed at 6:55pm