

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Duralie Mine Site
Thursday 5th May 2022

Attendees:

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Cr Katheryn Smith	MidCoast Council	Brian Eastoe	CCC Member
Mike Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	Noel Smith	CCC Member
Thomas Kirkwood	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	Rod Williams	CCC Member

Guests:

Nil

1. Site Tour

A reduced site tour was undertaken with Mr Williams and Mr Smith following the meeting.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:34pm.

The Chair introduced Cr Katheryn Smith, the new MidCoast Council representative for the Duralie Coal CCC. Cr Katheryn Smith is now the primary representative for the MidCoast Council.

Apologies: Cr Claire Pontin, Mr John Cullen, Ms Lyndie Hepple.

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, Industry & Environment.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 were confirmed.

Moved: Noel Smith; Seconded: Ryan Fenning.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- 1. Ongoing Action Item: DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the reports to the CCC.***

Refer to details included in the CCC presentation.

2. **Ongoing Action Item:** *The CCC's print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.*

Mr Williams requested that the Duralie Coal print media be drafted to inform the community of the progress of DCPL rehabilitation and progress of the planning of the closure of the site. Mr Williams added that a print media article of this nature would inform the community of the progress and process of mine closure at the Duralie coal mine. DCPL agreed that an article of this nature would be beneficial.

3. **Annual Action Item:** *MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.*

Due November 2022 meeting. Mr Plain advised the invoicing for the 2021 Project Approval contributions to MidCoast Council (MCC) had not yet been received. The Chair has sent a reminder to MCC.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence was listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

The Chair advised a request had been received from the Wards River Progress Association for the appointment of a member to the Duralie Coal CCC. Mr Mike Spark was nominated by the WRPA. Mr Williams moved that Mr Mike Spark be appointed as a member of the Duralie CCC. Mr Eastoe Seconded the motion. The Committee agreed and the Chair will seek Departmental approval for Mr Spark's appointment as a stakeholder group representative.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: Mr Kirkwood advised mining operations ceased at Duralie in the Weismantel pit on 21st December 2022.
2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: *(refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)*. Items discussed by exception.

Mr Kirkwood advised the planned tubestock planting program in April 2022 has been postponed due to wet weather and will be rescheduled in spring.

The Duralie mine closure planning progress was presented and discussed by the committee. This included a schedule and timing for closure activities.

Mr Williams suggested that DCPL prepare a 3D rendered simulation of the final landform for the Duralie mine site providing information on the life cycle of closure to allow the community to visualise the final landform. The Committee discussed the benefits of providing this form of media to the community. Mr Plain advised this style of information has been discussed for the closure project and would consider a suitable time for this to be included in community consultation.

8. General Business

1. Mr Eastoe requested that DCPL organise workshops with the Duralie CCC for final landform planning and schedule additional meetings outside of the scheduled CCC meetings. The Chair informed the committee that there is a process for the CCC to comment as part of the Rehabilitation Management Plan. The Chair advised that the CCC guidelines outline formal mechanisms for facilitating extraordinary CCC meetings and would organise these meetings if required.
2. In light of the review of the CCC guidelines, the renewed interest by stakeholder groups and the transition to closure at the Duralie mine, the Chair raised the option to re-advertise for CCC members for the next phase of the site. This was discussed and support by the Committee. The Chair will coordinate this process.

Next Meeting date: Proposed 12:30pm on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

Meeting closed at 2:03pm.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. **Ongoing Action Item:** DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the reports to the CCC.
2. **Ongoing Action Item:** The CCC's print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.
3. **Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.
4. **New Action Item:** DCPL and the Chair to coordinate call for nominations to the CCC.