

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #71
Thursday, 13th July 2023**

ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McInerney	(JM) Community Representative
Michael Bestic	(MBe) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)
Elizabeth Wyatt	(EW) Archaeologist (Stratum Archaeology)

Apologies

Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager) – A/L
Michael Bartlett	(MBa) Company Rep (Acting Operations Manager)
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:05 pm. PB introduced EW (Stratum Archaeology) to the Ashton CCC members. MMH also extended a welcome to EW.

2. Apologies

PB passed on apologies from MBa and GA.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Community Representatives

No change to Committee Members' pecuniary interests previously declared.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting held 23rd February 2023, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: John McInerney **Seconded:** Michael Bestic

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a. *Invite Liz Wyatt to next CCC meeting. EW invited and in attendance.*

6. Correspondence

- a. *24/2/23 – email PB to CCC on Lemington Road intersection works*
- b. *28/2/23 – email MMH to DPE – Chair's Annual Report on CCC*
- c. *26/4/23 – email PB to CCC regarding Ashton's 1080 Baiting Notice*
- d. *23/6/23 – email MMH to CCC regarding revised CCC guidelines*
- e. *3/7/23 – email MMH to CCC regarding proposed 'Terms of Reference' for CCC for discussion at next meeting*

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

7.1 Ashton Operations Update

Refer to presentation

- PB provided update on Ashton operations in 2023.*
- PB outlined future impacts forecast around Lemington Road subsidence from LW207B & LW208 . Brief discussion impacts of subsidence on Lemington Road and other non-Ashton road closure/impacts.*
- MBe asked about width/length of the LW panels, PB outlined approximately 200m wide, >1km long but varies.*
- JM asked about the realignment of the New England Highway proposed by Bloomfield (Rix's Creek). Brief general discussion around future impacts, noted updates available from Rix's Creek newsletter.*
- PB advised the members to contact Rix's Creek Environment Manager Mr Chris Knight for more information.*

7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance

Refer to environmental monitoring handout.

7.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints

Refer to presentation.

7.4 Environmental Activities Update

Refer to presentation.

- PB provided outcomes of Ashton’s Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) completed since last meeting, including review of audit findings. General discussion about audit outcomes.

7.5 Camberwell Update

Refer to the presentation.

- JM asked about progress to properties identified for demolition. PB noted these were being managed by corporate, but had been delayed. JM asked that the priority be raised with corporate – PB agreed.
- MBe asked about what happened to the Wonnarua Nursery. PB noted while the property is still owned/rented, the nursery relocated due to water access issues.

8. Presentation by Liz Wyatt, Archaeologist (Stratum Archaeology)

Refer to the presentation.

- EW presented on the archaeological works undertaken by Ashton Coal. Committee members noted the presentation was informative and interesting and provided a good explanation and understanding of the management of cultural heritage and archaeology at Ashton Coal.

9. General Business

CCC Guideline Update

MMH provided update on CCC guidelines and tabled ‘Terms of Reference’ (TOR) draft document for the committee members to review for the next CCC meeting.

10. Actions

- PB to follow up with Corporate on demolition timetable.
- All CCC members to review TOR for finalisation at October meeting.

11. Proposed remainder 2023 Meeting Schedule

Next CCC meeting: 26 October 2023 commencing at 1:00pm.

MEETING CLOSED at 2.45 pm