

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #73rd
Thursday 26th October 2023
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.**

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McInerney	(JM) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Cate Sims	<i>Manager - Stakeholder Engagement and Communications (UHMD)</i>

Apologies

Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)
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1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:03 pm.

The Chairperson then suspended business to allow Ms Cate Sims, Manager - Stakeholder Engagement and Communications (UHMD), to address the meeting on the work of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue.

PB to provide the Committee with a copy of the presentation and Ms Sims contact details.

Ms Sims concluded her presentation and left the meeting at 1:55pm.

2. Apologies

Cameron Eckersley

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 13th July 2023, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a. *Camberwell Demolition timetable*

Refer to presentation

PB advised that the demolition had been planned for the second half of 2024. PB will provide an update on demolition progress at the next ACCC meeting.

b. *Finalisation of Terms of Reference – after discussion, it was moved that the TOR for ACCC, as circulated, be adopted.*

6. Correspondence

a. *13/7/232 – email PB to CCC link to Rixs Creek community newsletter*

b. *1/10/22 – email PB to CCC on Spring Dog Baiting program*

c. *18/10/23 – email MMH to CCC DPE documents*

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

7.1 Ashton Operations Update

Refer to presentation

AM provided an update noting that the delay in longwall mining was due to water ingress on 29/30 June 2023. Looking at recommencing of longwall mining mid December 2023.

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 Update

Refer to presentation

7.5 Camberwell Update

Refer to the presentation.

8. Community Representative questions/comments

JM expressed his and his wife's thanks to Ashton for providing funding for the "quick response fire unit".

JM also expressed thanks on behalf of the Camberwell Residents for the slashing/mowing that has been undertaken around the Camberwell Village and surrounds recently.

MB asked if Ashton would be undertaking any slow burns. PB advised that the RFS would not allow the burns currently with the fire restrictions. PB advised that Ashton was undertaking slashing of areas around the surface as fire breaks.

MB asked what had happened to the nursery buildings in Camberwell. PB advised that they had been relocated to another property which had access to a water supply.

9. General Business

AM advised the Committee that he has accepted a new position with Yancoal as General Manager Health & Safety and will be moving to the Newcastle Office. The Chairperson extended the Committee's thanks to Aaron for his support of the Committee during his time at Ashton.

10. Proposed remainder 2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 meeting dates proposed by the Chair as follows were accepted.

- *29 February 2024*
- *25 July 2024*
- *31 October 2024*

In closing the meeting, the Chairperson wished all a healthy and happy Christmas.

MEETING CLOSED at 2:30 pm