

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
77th MEETING Thursday 27th February 2025
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL**

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McLnerney	(JM) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Council (SC)
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative
Michael Bartlett	(MBa) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

2. Apologies

Karl Norman (KN) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)

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 31 October 2024, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Debbie Richards **Seconded:** John McLnerney

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

6. Correspondence

- a. 25/11/24 – email PB to CCC spring fauna monitoring
- b. 10/1/25 – email PB to CCC Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue update
- c. 30/1/25 – email PB to CCC Lemington Road Subsidence.
- d. 11/2/25 – email MMH to DPHI Chair's Annual Report.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

7.1 Ashton Operations Update

Refer to presentation.

JM asked about the current expected life of the operation.

MBa explained that the current budget approval has Ashton mining ceasing in 2030.

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.

JM notified that there are large weeds growing near Camberwell that require treatment.

PB provided a plan showing where weed treatment had been undertaken since the last CCC meeting.

7.5 Camberwell Update

Refer to the presentation.

JM asked about the demolition of the dwellings.

PB advised that a funding request will be submitted to demolish the dwellings in 2025.

8. Community Representative questions/comments

JM asked about the controlled burn off and if it was going to happen.

PB advised that the Rural Fire Service (RFS) now has approval to do the Controlled burn off. The RFS representatives were on site last week to inspect and commence slashing firebreaks along fence lines. PB advised that the burn off should be undertaken in March 2025.

JM asked about the slashing of the spare paddock which was a fire hazard near his property in Camberwell. PB will contact the property owner regarding slashing the paddock.

JM asked about spraying the weeds along Glennies Creek on the northern edge of Camberwell village. JM identified the areas on a plan.

PB advised that the weed spraying will be undertaken commencing next week in this area.

9. General Business

nil

10. Next meeting

Next CCC meeting: 1:00 pm, 24 July 2025.

MEETING CLOSED at 1:30 pm