

# **Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine**

## **Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the twenty third meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Meeting at Clarence fire shed at 3:30pm – under carport next to shed**

Chair – Ms Sue Graves

### **Attendees**

Lauren Stevens – Lithgow CC

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

### **1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting**

**Apologies** - Col Hunter, David Peters, Kevin McClusker

Noted that Stephen Leslie was not returned at the recent local govt elections so unsure if he will continue on the committee.

### **2) Declaration of pecuniary interests**

### **3) term of reference & membership – note above and action item below**

### **4) Minutes of previous meeting - Meeting accepted the minutes as a true record**

### **5) Business arising from previous minutes**

#### **Standing Action items**

- Tony P to email draft Bushfire MP to Kevin Mc and David P for comments
- Need to re-mark the 10 flora monitoring site - ongoing
- Latest AEMR & monitoring results – will be on project website in due course.
- Site monitoring continues in accord with DA consent - ongoing
- 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
- NK to secure meteorological station from vandalism- ongoing

### **6) Progress at the mine - Company reports and overview of activities**

- Tony Proust to contact Isobel Standfast - (now Robert Setter) - the new Environmental Manager at Clarence Colliery
- Tony advised that he and Ron have met with ALS Lithgow to discuss the data required for the next AEMR due at the end of March 2022
- ALS advised that one of the glass monitoring jars & funnel was smashed and has been replaced

- Tony advised that the Project signs on site - which are required by the EPA - need replacement due to bushfire damage.
  - Ron will arrange for his contractor Scottie to remove some fallen trees to improve access to the site.
  - TP advised that the on site detention pond is working well. No maintenance required.
  - RG talked about the future of the project. In particular he discussed the possibility of using metakaolin as a substitute for cement. In the future metakaolin will be used as a substitute for Portland cement which is carbon intensive. Metakaolin has a significantly lower carbon footprint so reducing carbon emissions in the production of cement. So metakaolin is more sustainable in the longer term.
  - NK is still seeking an investor to advance the project.
  - Meanwhile our SEARs for the processing plant at Glenlee will expire at the end of December 2021 and we will need to reapply.
  - The site at Glenlee has changed hands and NK will request a meeting with the new owners in early 2022
    - a. Nil to report
    - b. Projected timeline.  
Everything depends on progress of EIS at Glenlee site.
    - c. Operational issues  
Tony confirmed that the Met stn has been repaired and operating on site.
    - d. Glenlee – see above
    - e. Issues from site inspections. Nothing to report
    - f. Complaints - No complaints received.
- 7) General business –
- a. TP asked Kevin and David Peters for additional comments /suggestions for the Bushfire MP in due course.
  - b. Kevin referred to the proposal to fill the old Rocla quarry with waste. The DA was refused and an appeal is underway.
- 8) next meeting  
June 2022 – TBC
- meeting closed at 4pm approx