

Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine

Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the twenty sixth meeting -31th August 2023

Meeting by zoom at 5pm

Chair – Ms Susan Alexander

Attendees

Clr Stephen Lesslie

Lauren Stevens

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

Apologies

Kevin McCusker

Colin Hunter

1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting

The chair opened the meeting and acknowledged apologies from

Colin Hunter & Kevin McCusker

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

- RG advised there is not much happening on site currently. The project has a severe handicap in that the DA consent specifies that there can be no material processing on site – all processing must be done off site.
- We are planning to apply to modify the consent to allow on site processing
- Using the new innovative CDE closed loop on site processing system similar to the new processing plant recently installed at the Walkers quarry on the highway at Wallerawang
- TP outlined in dot points the process
 - CDE process is new and innovative
 - Technology did not exist 20 years ago when project was proposed
 - This process does not require tailings dams
 - 90% water reuse
 - All enclosed in concrete bund
 - Fully closed loop
- LS asked about the life of the project – specified in the DA consent – and about community consultation during the modification process
- SL asked about the rehabilitation of the site
- RG confirmed that we had a detailed rehab plan

Projected timeline.

No time line yet

Operational issues

Tony confirmed that the Met stn is not operational and will need to engage consultants to undertake repairs. Fortunately we have an alternative source of air quality data if required.

The Mine Operations Plan will need to be reviewed in 2023.

- a. Issues from site inspections. Nothing to report
- b. Complaints - No complaints received.

7) General business –

Letter introducing the new chair sent as requested.

8) Next meeting

Dec 7th 2023 – TBC

meeting closed at 5:35pm approx