

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

## **Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the twenty first meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Meeting held at the Clarence Fire Shed at 4:15pm**

Chair – Ms Sue Graves

### **Attendees**

Kevin McCosker – Dargan Trust – community

David Peters – Dargan Trust - community

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

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

**Apologies** - Lauren Stevens – Lithgow Council, Col Hunter, Councillor Stephen Lesslie – Lithgow Council

### **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**

#### **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 confirmed that we now have a new updated Mine Operations Plan ( MOP) – for the next three years – 2020 – 2023. Will be on the project website soon.
- Ron advised that he recently took samples on the ‘bald hill’ between Newnes Junction Railway Station and the Bells Line of Road and found it has up to 25% kaolin compared to 7% on project site. The bald hill site is within the Newnes Kaolin exploration licence so NK has the option to mine this resource in the future.

- The site monitoring - groundwater, stormwater water, air quality and flora – continues while we search for an investor to take the project forward to the next stage.
  - Tony reported that there is no response yet to our request for an extension to our Secretaries Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the processing site at Glenlee
  - Tony confirmed that we need to prepare the next Annual Environmental Management Report for 2020 due end of March 2021
  - ALS Lithgow have continued with the air quality and groundwater and surface water monitoring.
    - 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. Karen emailed advice to local land owners that the old Boral quarry on the Newnes Plateau might re-start.
- 8) next meeting  
June/July 2021 – TBC

meeting closed at 5pm