

Newnes Kaolin sand mine and quarry Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of inaugural meeting – Wednesday 1st December 2010

Clarence Fire Shed

Chairperson: Sue Graves

Attendees: **Sue Graves** – (independent chairperson)
Alanna Howard – Clarence Colliery environmental coordinator
(representative from local community and independent member)
David McConnell – Newnes Junction resident (representative from
local community independent member)
Sean Butler – Newnes Junction resident (arrived at 6:30pm)
(representative from local community independent member)
Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (representative of
Newnes Kaolin)
Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager
(representative of Newnes Kaolin)

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:05pm.
- 2) Introduction and welcome – Sue Graves
- 3) Apologies – Councillor N Castle of Lithgow City Council
- 4) There were no declarations of pecuniary interest of independent members

General Business

- 5) The draft terms of reference were tabled.
 - a. The composition of the CCC was discussed and unanimously agreed.
 - b. Committee agreed to co-opt new members as required particularly any new resident of Newnes Junction.
- 6) Project overview - Ron Goldbery
 - a. the initial investigation field work was undertaken in accordance with the exploration licence.
 - b. Newnes Kaolin initially undertook a trial in the old Rocla quarry using a 'surface miner' to prove the proposed mining process.
 - c. Development Consent for the quarry was granted for the current project by the Minister for Planning in March 2006.
 - d. Newnes Kaolin has prepared a draft Environmental Management Strategy which has been circulated with the stakeholders.
 - e. The EMS will be amended in response to the stakeholders comments and will be submitted to the Dept of Planning by 24th December 2010 and will be tabled at the next meeting.

- f. Mining lease is being finalised.
 - g. Projected commencement date for the project is the first week of March 2011.
 - h. Plans of the various stages of the proposed mine were tabled as follows:
 - i. site preparation;
 - ii. stages 1 to 4; and
 - iii. final rehabilitation.
- 7) Issue of the visual noise barrier was raised. Ron Goldbery advised that the barrier will be constructed prior to the commencement of mining works.
- 8) Issue of community information and feed back was raised and discussed.
- a. Ron Goldbery advised that the project has a website : www.sydneyconstructionmaterials.com.
 - b. CCC agreed that a Facts Sheet would be prepared by the end of January 2011, placed on the website and distributed to the local community via the community representatives on the CCC and at the Clarence and Bell Fire Sheds.
 - c. CCC agreed that in accordance with the Department of Planning guidelines for CCCs the minutes of the meeting will be placed on the website within 2 weeks.
- 9) Tony Proust outlined the 4 Green offsets that NK have agreed to under the consent:
- a. Utilising the services of the Lithgow Community Nursery;
 - b. Rehabilitation of Dargans Creek Reserve;
 - c. Rehabilitation of nearby area of Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamp; and
 - d. Purchase of 25ha offset area yet to be identified.
- 10) Issue of the life of the project was raised. Ron Goldbery advised that the mining lease can only be granted for a maximum of 21 years with possibility of extension as required.
- 11) Next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 at 6pm.
- 12) Meeting closed at 7:05pm