



Minutes

Lithgow Mining Taskforce
Thursday 6 August 2015
4.00pm

Council Chambers Committee
Room, Mort St, Lithgow

Name of Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes – 16 June 2015
3	Progress of the Centennial Coal Application for the Springvale Mine Extension Project
4	Progress of the Centennial Coal application for the Airly Mine Extension
5	Economic Benefit changes to assessment of Developments
6	General Business
7	Next meeting



ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Thompson (Chair), Katie Brassil, Clr McAndrew, Graeme Osbourne.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Statham, Steve Galilee.

OFFICERS: General Manager.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Graeme Osbourne

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of the minutes of the 16 June 2015 meeting.

The minutes were presented to Council on 29 June 2015.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Graeme Osbourne

ITEM 3: PROGRESS OF THE CENTENNIAL COAL APPLICATION FOR SPRINGVALE MINE EXTENSION PROJECT

SUMMARY

Ms Katie Brassil from Centennial Coal provided an update on the progress of the application for extension, discussing the need for State and federal approval by mid August. It is evident that this will not occur. The majority of the workforce will be stood down effective from 21 August 2015. Centennial Coal has met with the Department of Planning regarding a second PAC public meeting (clause 12A (a)) and draft conditions. Centennial Coal do not want a second public meeting. Public rally is being organized for Sunday 22 August 2015.

Taskforce is concerned about the critical coal supply for Mt Piper. State consent for Springvale runs out on 30 September 2015. While Federal consent runs out at the development of this long wall (i.e mid August)

ACTION

As a matter of great urgency the Mining Taskforce seek a meeting with the Premier in relation to the Springvale Mine Extension Project application, Airly Mine application plus other mining related interests in Lithgow.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Graeme Osbourne

ACTION

THAT the Mining Taskforce seek a meeting with Federal Minister Hunt in relation to the Springvale Mine Extension.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Graeme Osbourne

ITEM 4: PROGRESS OF THE CENTENNIAL COAL APPLICATION FOR THE AIRLY MINE EXTENSION

SUMMARY

Ms Katie Brassil from Centennial Coal provided an update on the progress with other mining applications by Centennial Coal. The Taskforce is very concerned about the critical timeline for the Airly Mine.

ACTION

THAT the taskforce note the progress with the Airly Mine application

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Katie Brassil

ITEM 5: ECONOMIC BENEFIT CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS

ACTION

THAT the taskforce note the change to the Mining SEPP removing economic impact.

MOVED: Graeme Osborne

SECONDED: Katie Brassil

ITEM6: GENERAL BUSINESS

Clr McAndrew reported on his meeting with Minister Roberts on behalf of the CFMEU where the following was discussed:

- Coal supply to Mt Piper
- Baal Bone licence

- Gardens of Stone
- Maldon – Dombarton Rail Link
- Airly Mine consent.

ACTION

THAT the Taskforce note this report on the meeting with Minister Roberts

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Graeme Osborne

ITEM 7: Next meeting

Next Meeting: To be fixed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.28pm