



Minutes

Lithgow Mining Taskforce
 Wednesday 20 April 2016
 5.00pm

Council Chambers Committee
 Room, Mort St, Lithgow

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Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/apologies
2	Confirmation of Minutes – 6 August 2015
3	Legal challenge to the Springvale approval – Centennial to provide advice
4	Joint water project with Energy Australia – Centennial to provide advice
5	Angus Place capital works – Centennial to provide advice
6	Airley Mine application process – Centennial to provide advice
7	Invincible Mine (Castlereagh Coal)
8	Coal Industry Update
9	Next Meeting

ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Mayor Maree Statham, Clr Ray Thompson, Clr Wayne McAndrew, Andy Honeysett and Katie Brassil

GUEST: David Moulton, CEO and Managing Director Centennial Coal

APOLOGIES: Graeme Osborne and Stephen Galilee

OFFICERS: Roger Bailey

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: NIL

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the 6 August 2015 meeting.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 6 August 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Clr Thompson

SECONDED: Clr McAndrew

ITEM3: LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE SPRINGVALE APPROVAL

SUMMARY

David Moulton advised that 9 and 10 May 2016 were the hearing dates for the action being taken by 4Nature Inc, represented by the NSW Environmental Defenders Office (EDO), against the Springvale Mine approval. The grounds for the action are about whether the Planning Assessment Commission complied with clause 10(1) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011*, which required it to be satisfied that the proposed development would have a neutral or beneficial effect on Sydney's water quality. A judgement is anticipated three months after hearing.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the hearing dates for the legal challenge to the Springvale mine approval.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Andy Honeysett

ITEM 4: WATER TREATMENT PROJECT WITH ENERGY AUSTRALIA (EA)

SUMMARY

The Committee was informed by David Moulton about the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Project with Energy Australia. The project, consisting of a pipeline and water treatment plant, will use the water currently discharged from Springvale Mine and redirect this water to a water treatment facility located at EA's Mount Piper Power Station where it will be utilised for power station cooling. Approval and construction of this project is a condition of Springvale's consent and is required to be finalised by 30 June 2017.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report on the Springvale Water Treatment Project

MOVED: Clr Thompson

SECONDED: Clr McAndrew

ITEM 5: ANGUS PLACE CAPITAL WORKS

SUMMARY

David Moulton advised of the capital works at the Angus Place Colliery and that approx. 90 metres of the damaged inner lining of the new ventilation shaft (located on the Newnes Plateau) is to be replaced.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report on the Angus Place capital works.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Andy Honeysett

ITEM 6: AIRLEY MINE APPLICATION PROCESS

SUMMARY

Katie Brassil advised that a further six months extension has been secured extending Airly's existing consent until October 2016. There are approximately 80 employees at the mine. Centennial Coal is continuing to work toward securing a new consent for Airly.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted the update on Airley Mine

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Clr Thompson

ITEM 7: INVINCIBLE MINE (CASTLEREAGH COAL)

SUMMARY

A Newsletter was provided from Castlereagh Coal. A presentation is to be made by Castlereagh Coal in relation to the Invincible Mine Application at the next Council Information Session on 9 May 2016.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note that Castlereagh Coal will presenting at the next Councillor Information Session on 9 May 2016.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Clr Thompson

ITEM 8: COAL INDUSTRY UPDATE

SUMMARY

David Moulton provided an overview of the current global coal market and reported on how Centennial has responded and continues to respond to the ongoing market conditions.

The Committee was also informed of a Modification that would be sought for Springvale's consent.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the Coal Industry update discussion.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Clr Thompson

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: To be advised

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.14pm