

# Minutes of Meeting - 5 May 2016

## White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

<b>Present:</b>	Steve Toms	Chair	ST
	Colin Price	Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council	CP
	Adrian Maddocks	Project Representative, WRWF	AM
	Sandra Royal	Local Representative, WRWF	SR
	David Dettwiler	Site Representative, WRWF	DD
	Robert Dulhunty	Community Rep (host landowner)	RD
	Adam Anderson	Community Rep (host landowner)	AA
	Joanne Wright	Community Rep	JW
	Neil Eigeland	Community Rep (alternate observer)	NE
	Ruth Sim Brummell	Community Rep (alternate observer)	RSM
	Lauren Zell	North East Regional Co-ordinator Regional Clean Energy Program (RCEP) (Observer)	LZ
	Peter Sniekers	Department of Industry (Observer)	PS
	John Lee	Observer	JL
	Robert Taber	Observer	RT
	Sandy Fitzgerald	Observer	SF
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jim Ritchie	Community Rep	JR
	Anthony Alliston	Manager Development Services, Inverell Shire Council	AA
<b>Date:</b>	5 May 2016		
<b>Venue:</b>	Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370		
<b>Purpose:</b>	CCC Meeting No 4		

### Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<b>Chair</b> opened the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting at 1:38 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Goldwind representatives Sandra Royal and David Dettwiler.	
2	<b>Apologies</b>	

	<p>Apologies received as above.</p> <p>Resignation tabled from Grant Ryan, Community Representative</p> <p>Ruth Sim-Brummell welcomed to be observer/alternate member for this meeting</p> <p>Clare Powell, Community Engagement Manager, WRWF is on extended leave and will not be attending the meetings.</p> <p>Moved by <b>AM</b>, seconded by <b>CP</b>, motion carried.</p>	
3	<p><b>Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.</b></p> <p><b>RD and AAn</b> declared their interest as a host landowner.</p>	
4	<p><b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on the 4 February 2016 were accepted.</p> <p>Motion to accept Minutes: Moved by <b>AM</b>, seconded by <b>AAn</b>, motion carried.</p>	
5	<p><b>Business arising from previous minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Action item 1 – AM</b> noted that Clare Powell emailed through to CCC members information on the WRWF Turbine foundation construction.</p> <p><b>Action item 2 – AM</b> advised that the number of neighbours within 3 kms who were not yet party to a neighbour agreement is 4.</p> <p><b>Action item 4 – refer to Item 9 of these minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action item 5 – AM</b> listed the events sponsored and includes: Gather in the Glen (Oct 2015), Glen Innes Show Society Show Jumping (Dec 2015), Glen Innes Show Society Camp draft (Dec 2015), Glen Innes Show (Feb 2016), Australian Celtic Festival (Apr 2016).</p>	
6	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>ST</b> advised that the resignation from Grant Ryan received and that there is now a vacancy for a committee member. <b>ST</b> will recommend to the Department of Planning recommending one of the alternate members. <b>ST</b> asked <b>RSB</b> if she would be the alternate for this meeting. <b>RSB</b> accepted.</p> <p>Moved by <b>AAn</b>, seconded by <b>CP</b>, motion carried.</p>	
7	<p><b>Project update</b></p> <p><b>AM</b> presented the Project Update, including that construction started on 2 May 2016 and anticipate in the next few weeks the movement of heavy machinery through the Gwydir Highway, from the gate to the substation area. Modification 3 has been</p>	

	<p>approved and documents are on the website. Geotech is progressing through the site, and the Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held in the next 10 days or so, possibly on Saturday 14 May 2016.</p> <p><b>PS</b> asked re the split of turbine numbers between the Inverell Shire Council and Glen Innes Severn Council areas. <b>AM</b> advised that of the 70 turbines in Stage 1, approximately 1/3 of the turbines are within the Inverell area and 2/3 are in the Glen Innes Severn area. If/when all 119 turbines are completed, the Glen Innes area number will increase.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the opportunity and need for the CCCs of the three wind farm projects to have some collaboration given the closeness of each project and the difficulty of the community to be able to distinguish between each project. <b>ST</b> said he would talk to the chairs of the other two CCCs.</p> <p><b>ST</b> noted that the proposed solar farm is still in planning.</p>	
8	<p><b>Community feedback - quarries</b></p> <p><b>ST</b> asked if there will be any off site quarries used during construction. <b>AM</b> noted that there will be a need to bring material (eg: road gravel) to the site. Cut and fill technique will be used in road construction as far as possible for road formation. <b>ST</b> asked where concrete will be coming from during construction. <b>AM</b> advised that there will be batch sites onsite.</p>	
9	<p><b>Community fund</b></p> <p><b>AM</b> provided an update on the Community fund. <b>ST</b> noted that Clare Powell had forwarded ideas and that <b>ST</b> and <b>AM</b> will discuss and put forward information to the committee.</p> <p><b>AM</b> noted that due to conversations with other wind farms, there has been some other information come through, and that he will circulate the information from Sapphire. Discussions are continuing about the logistics across the group of three developers and around whether keeping the community funds pooled or separate – this is all in discussion.</p> <p><b>AAn</b> asked when payments for the community fund starts. <b>AM</b> said the community fund commences when operation of the wind farm starts.</p> <p><b>CP</b> noted that WRWF have been generous already with sponsorship. <b>PS</b> said that there needs to be a terms of reference for the community fund. <b>LZ</b> identified that it is important that the community fund is not too prescriptive on the use of the funds. With assistance of <b>LZ</b> the committee will investigate information about practice on other projects and possibly arrange a presentation on the topic.</p> <p><b>PS</b> said that it would be good to use some of the funds to encourage economic development and will forward a framework to <b>ST</b>.</p>	<p><u>Action item 6 -</u> <b>AM</b> and <b>ST</b> to discuss community fund options and information and bring update back to the committee</p> <p><u>Action item 7 -</u> <b>PS</b> to provide framework for funding that encourages economic development to <b>ST</b></p>

10	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>TRANSPORT and ROADS</b></p> <p><b>AAn</b> asked which way the wind turbines come from when being transported to site.</p> <p><b>AM</b> advised that the wind turbines are expected to come through the Port of Newcastle, through the Hunter region, Tamworth, around Glen Innes – not straight through and then out via the Gwydir Highway to site. Some turbine sections will be delivered along Maybole Road. <b>AM</b> also identified that it is our obligation to not disrupt school bus routes.</p> <p><b>AAn</b> asked about what was happening with Ilparran Road. <b>AM</b> said that he would get back to the committee at the next meeting with an update</p> <p><b>BIO-DIVERSITY</b></p> <p><b>LZ</b> mentioned that biobanking proposals are on public exhibition and can be found at the website also has a great deal of information on other topics as well (eg: save our species).</p> <p><b>RENEWABLE HUB</b></p> <p><b>AAn</b> asked about how the renewable hub is going. <b>AM</b> said that there is discussion with Transgrid who would be responsible to build the hub. The hub will be in the Sapphire Wind Farm site. There is discussion around the cost of the substation being shared with developers who use the substation.</p> <p><b>LZ</b> also mentioned that the report is being reviewed and should come out in the next couple of months. <b>ST</b> said that on the 15 February 2016 <b>LZ</b>, <b>CP</b> and <b>ST</b> met with Transgrid as part of a community forum relating to the renewable energy hub and that a report is to be tabled. <b>LZ</b> said that there were 2 reports – a technical feasibility and a future model (how this could be used in the future). <b>ST</b> said that the different wind farm companies are talking together to resolve the possible shared use of the 330KV connector.</p> <p><b>AAn</b> asked what the benefits for the developers would be and what is Transgrid's role. <b>AM</b> said that Transgrid's role is to facilitate the connection to the grid (sub-station). <b>LZ</b> explained that 'pioneering' means that developers may share the cost when a hub is developed.</p> <p><b>ST</b> asked whether the hub is likely to change the requirements for the White Rock sub-station and transmission line. <b>AM</b> said that it does not change the existing plans at WRWF and it is very likely that the hub will happen but will not delay the project. He also identified that Sapphire is looking at starting construction at the end of 2016.</p> <p><b>OTHER</b></p> <p><b>ST</b> asked that if there were any issues then to circulate them within the group.</p> <p><b>ST</b> said that the Department of Planning has put out draft guidelines for Community Consultative Committees – the idea is to have one set of guidelines. <b>ST</b> prepared a</p>	<p><u>Action item 8</u> - <b>AM</b> to provide an update on Ilparran Road to the August meeting</p> <p><u>Action item 9</u> - <b>LZ</b> to send through information on bio-diversity/Bio-banking to the committee.</p>
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	draft response on the guidelines which was circulated to the committee and comments noted prior to being sent.	
11	<b>Next meeting –</b> 1 pm, Thursday 11 August 2016 at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes. Meeting closed at 14:44 pm	