

Minutes of Meeting

White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Present:	Steve Toms	Chair	ST
	Adrian Maddocks	Project Representative, WRWF	AM
	Sandra Royal	Local Representative, WRWF	SR
	David Dettwiler	Site Representative, WRWF	DD
	Sunny Rutherford	Community Engagement, WRWF	SRu
	Robert Dulhunty	Community Representative (host landowner)	RD
	Adam Anderson	Community Representative (host landowner)	AAAn
	Jim Ritchie	Community Representative	JR
	Anthony Alliston	Manager Development Services, Inverell Shire Council	AA
	Keith Appleby	Director of Infrastructure, Glen Innes Severn Council	KA
	Neil Eigeland	Community Representative	NE
	Li Dan	CECEP Representative, WRWF	LD
	Yang Ying	CECEP Representative, WRWF	YY
Apologies	Colin Price	Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council	CP
	Joanne Wright	Community Representative	JW
	Ruth Sim-Brummell	Community Representative (alternate/observer)	RSB
	Peter Sniekers	Department of Industry (observer)	PS
	Lauren Zell	North East Regional Coordinator, Regional Clean Energy Program (RCEP) (observer)	LZ
Date:	11 August @1pm		
Venue:	Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370		
Purpose:	Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.5		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	Chair opened the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting at 1:17 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including KA, LD, YY and SRu.	
2	Apologies Apologies received as above. Moved by ST , seconded by AAAn , motion carried.	

3	<p>Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.</p> <p>KA declared Council's interest as supplier of aggregate to the Project.</p> <p>ST declared that he receives a sitting fee as independent chair of the committee.</p>	
4	<p>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on the 5 May 2016 were accepted.</p> <p>Motion to accept Minutes: Moved by ST, seconded by AAn, motion carried.</p>	
5	<p>Business arising from previous minutes.</p> <p>Action item 3 - LZ offered to facilitate information sharing with other groups around NSW/Northern Tablelands and will arrange separately from the CCC meeting</p> <p>Action item 6 – AM and ST to discuss community fund options and information and bring update back to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed in General Business <p>Action item 7 – PS to provide framework for funding that encourages economic development to ST.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS has sent the Investment Fund Guidelines to ST to add to the Community Fund discussion <p>Action item 8 – AM to provide an update on Ilparan Road to the August meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update presented as part of Project update <p>Action item 9 – LZ to investigate and report back to the committee about practice on other projects involved in bio-diversity</p>	<p>Action item 3 - Hold over to November 2016 meeting</p> <p>Action item 6 - closed</p> <p>Action item 7 – closed</p> <p>Action item 8 - closed</p> <p>Action item 9 - Hold over to November 2016 meeting</p>
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>ST acknowledged that NE is accepted as a full member in response to the resignation Grant Ryan.</p> <p>ST sent a link out to the committee from LZ Regional Clean Energy Coordinator, OEH about the information sessions being held by Department of Planning and Environment for the Wind Energy Community Information Session in Glen Innes on Monday 5 September 2016 at the Glen Innes Service Club from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.</p> <p>Moved by ST, seconded by AM, motion carried.</p>	
7	<p>Project update</p> <p>AM presented the Project Update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goldwind are looking more actively at Stage 2 - The timeline will be updated to reflect the major work components in the near future 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been approximately 50% reduction in production time due to the wet weather - The satellite compound is nearing completion - There are now fortnightly updates in the Glen Innes Examiner to inform local residents of ongoing construction activity on-site and also any potential implications for traffic on local roads - Construction is up to the substation so that Transgrid can start their work - As identified previously, there will be some gravel brought onsite, however as much material as possible will be recycled - Large loads will be coming through starting October/November 2016 - Update on the Gwydir Highway entrance with continuing discussions with RMS about road widening which should start in the next 2-3 weeks and that electronic signs will be in place shortly to advise drivers of the entrance and truck activity - Ilparran Road update – in the next few weeks it will be stripped of the pavement and laying down of a good gravel base to keep it safe through construction. Temporary repairs are happening now, road condition is being monitored throughout construction; if there are any concerns just contact us or Council; at the end of construction the road will be resurveyed and re-tarmac - Goldwind is talking with the other wind farm developers about shared interest and joint activities - Transgrid is still talking about the Energy Hub - Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) is \$2,500 per turbine – for Stage 1 that is \$175,000 per annum. The CEF is separate to sponsorship - A working group/sub-committee needs to be set up to progress discussion on the CEF (refer to Agenda item 9) - The August WRWF newsletter is now out - Stage 2 is being looked at seriously and how it can factor into the project/capacity limit of the 132kv line and/or the renewable energy hub (REH) if it goes ahead. Also looking at an additional independent line (alternative route if REH does not happen), but would be subject to approval of a project modification - White Rock Solar Farm was consented on 14 June 2016 and is currently waiting on ARENA grant funding – this could be starting as early as next year, but depends on panel prices etc. 	
8	<p>Community feedback</p> <p>Roads: AM updated the committee on Ilparran Road and other road matters in the project update. AAn provided feedback to the council representative regarding the current state of roads in the vicinity of the project and also commented that the roads being built on the project site are fantastic.</p> <p>KA advised an agreement between Glen Innes Severn Council and White Rock Wind Farm went to Council in June 2016. The project approval provides for the Wind Farm to upgrade roads if required for their own needs to the site and provision for rehabilitation of roads that may be affected by the project. Part of the sealed section of Ilparran Road will be upgraded by WRWF. This was supposed to have been completed before Wind Farm usage. Unsealed roads have been or will be graded prior to usage by WRWF then WRWF will maintain</p>	

	<p>the road during construction. Kelly's Road is partly in GISC and Inverell LGAs.</p> <p>KA said GISC would prefer other approved quarries to supply to WRWF as Council is at its limits with quarry extraction approval with existing demand.</p> <p>Jobs: AA asked whether there are many jobs for locals. AM advised that both WRWF and Fulton Hogan are doing the best to employ locals at every opportunity, and that there is work available. SR advised that details for recruitment company used by the main contractor (Fulton Hogan) are supplied to all interested parties.</p> <p>Other: AAn and JR commented that that they haven't heard much negativity towards the wind farm.</p>	
9	<p>Community fund</p> <p>ST identified that the committee needs to work on a process to set up the structure and policy to drive the community enhancement fund.</p> <p>ST proposed that a sub-committee be established to review what other similar funds have been doing and to come up with some recommendations.</p> <p>ST asked for expressions of interest in the sub-committee.</p> <p>Nominations were taken from the floor for the following participants in the sub-committee: AA, RD, AAn, NE, ST, JR, CP, JW, AM, SR and SRu.</p> <p>AM advised that GWA would take the lead in administering the sub-committee.</p> <p>The first meeting of the sub-committee will be held on Thursday 1 September 2016 at 1:30pm at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes and will be open only to nominated members.</p>	<p>Action item 10: SR to circulate research material prior to the sub-committee's first meeting</p>
10	<p>General Business</p> <p>AAn asked about when the turbines would be traveling to site.</p> <p>AM advised that it is expected the first loads will be coming through in October/November 2016 and that there will be 10 loads per turbine. WRWF are hoping to have a 'blade event' in Glen Innes and also have information available to track the turbines online (eg: same technology as used for parcel delivery). However, the timetable for deliveries has not yet been set, so no dates or events can be advised at this time.</p>	
11	<p>Next meeting –</p> <p>1.30 pm, Thursday 3 November 2016 at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes</p> <p>After the scheduled meeting, a <u>committee members only</u> WRWF visitor induction session will commence after which committee members will be taken by bus to visit the construction site and then returning to the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre.</p>	<p>Note: all committee members attending the WRWF visit will be required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)</p>

	Meeting closed at 2:45 pm	including long trousers, long sleeve shirt, closed in leather ankle boots (ideally steel-capped). Hard hats and hi-vis vest will be provided by WRWF after the visitor induction.
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