

Minutes of Meeting

White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Present:	Steve Toms	Chair	ST
	Clare Powell	Community Engagement Manager, GWA	CPo
	Adrian Maddocks	Project Representative, WRWF	AM
	Colin Price	Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council	CP
	Anthony Alliston	Manager Development Services, Inverell Shire Council	AA
	Adam Anderson	Community Rep (host landowner)	AAn
	Jim Ritchie	Community Rep	JR
	Joanne Wright	Community Rep	JW
	Neil Eigeland (Observer)	Community Rep (Alternate)	NE
	Lauren Zell (Observer)	North East Regional Co-ordinator Regional Clean Energy Program (RCEP)	LZ

Date: 4th February 2016

Venue: Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370

Purpose: CCC Meeting No 3

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	Chair opened the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting at 2.15pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including newly appointed members Jim Ritchie and Joanne Wright.	
2	Apologies Apologies received from Rob Dulhunty, Peter Sniekers, Ruth Sim Brummell, Kim Hastings. Moved by CP , seconded by CPo , motion carried.	
3	Declaration of pecuniary or other interests. AAn declared his interest as a host landowner.	

4	<p>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on the 5th November 2015 were accepted.</p> <p>Motion to accept Minutes: Moved by CP, seconded by AA, motion carried.</p>	
5	<p>Business arising from previous minutes.</p> <p>ST confirmed Karen Weller had emailed her resignation. CPo confirmed she had emailed and sent a card to Karen to thank her for her input into the CCC.</p> <p>LZ provided an update on Biobanking information, the information is still not available from OEH.</p> <p>CPo apologised for not following up with information on size of foundations and concrete quantities. CPo to email information around.</p>	CPo
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>ST tabled letter from Department of Planning and Environment regarding appointment of new CCC members. Moved by CP, seconded by JR, motion carried.</p>	
7	<p>Project update</p> <p>AM presented the Project Update, including the status of the shop front and Local Rep applications (19 in total). Test site drilling at each tower site to commence later in February and construction expected to commence at the end of March 2016.</p> <p>Below is a summary of questions and actions during the discussion.</p> <p>Discussion around transport route through Glen Innes and access points to the wind farm.</p> <p>Queries on status of Modification Application. AM clarified recent press (GI Examiner and Inverell Times) about approval of a modification application were in relation to the approved Glen Innes Wind Farm, not White Rock Wind Farm.</p> <p>LZ queried the number of neighbours within 3km who were not yet party to a neighbour agreement. CPo to provide information.</p> <p>Discussion around status of TransGrid hub. Meeting to be held 15th February seeking community input. No further details of next steps.</p> <p>Comments from committee members that Forum for Local Businesses in December 2015 was positively received by local businesses. JR raised concerns that not all businesses that had registered received an invitation. CPo explained the process was run through the ICN gateway and she had not yet resolved why some people were invited and others weren't.</p>	CPo

	<p>Mentioned the imminent submission for the proposed 20 MW White Rock Solar Farm adjacent to the White Rock Wind Farm, close to the Gwydir Highway. Discussed the design of the project including grid connection, energy generation profiles, ARENA funding process.</p>	
8	<p>Community feedback and community fund</p> <p>CPo confirmed the community fund would be \$2,500 per turbine or \$175,000 per annum for Stage 1 (70 turbines), upon operation of the project and would be index (CPI) linked.</p> <p>Wide ranging discussion on community fund covering potential management structure of the fund, aims, timing of announcement, involvement of councils and involvement with other local wind farms etc. CP stated that as fund was not going to start until operation of the wind farm, there was some time to sort details out.</p> <p>LZ offered to facilitate information sharing with other groups around NSW/Northern Tablelands and will arrange separately from the CCC meeting.</p> <p>CPo offered to put forward a list of questions and suggestions from WRWF with regard to the structure, shape and management of the community fund, to be used as a basis for discussion.</p>	<p>LZ</p> <p>CPo</p>
10	<p>General Business</p> <p>JW commented that not many people in the community were aware of the project and it was hard to find information.</p> <p>General discussion on communication channels and early sponsorship of events. AAn suggested more positive PR in the lead up to construction would be good, possibly with more sponsorship and presence at events. Consider announcing community fund package as construction is underway.</p> <p>General discussion around communication channels, including local radio. JW suggested engaging with local schools.</p> <p>ST and LZ are attending the TransGrid community meeting on Monday 15th February and will report for the next meeting.</p> <p>LZ will be full time within the Glen Innes/Inverell/Guyra area shortly.</p>	
11	<p>Next meeting - 1 pm, 5th May 2016 at Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes.</p> <p>Next meeting may be brought forward to tie in with the start of construction, giving at least two weeks' notice.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 4pm</p>	