

Minutes of Meeting

White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Present:	Jane Newsome	Chair	JN
	Adrian Maddocks	Development Manager, Goldwind	AM
	Carol Sparks	Glen Innes Severn Council Representative	ST
	Anthony Alliston	Inverell Shire Council Representative	AA
	Neil Eigeland (on phone)	Community Representative	NE
	Jim Ritchie	Community Representative	JR

Apologies: None

Observers:	Tina Willis	Landowner
	Andrew Willis	Landowner

Date: 20 February 2020 at 1:00pm

Venue: Boardroom, Glen Innes & District Services Club, 120 Grey Street, Glen Innes 2370

Purpose: Community Consultative Committee Meeting No. 14

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Chair opened the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting at 1:30pm and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>No Apologies were received.</p>	
3	<p>Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.</p> <p>JN has declared her interest as Partner in Roberts and Morrow.</p> <p>Motion to accept Declarations: moved by AM seconded by JR. Motion carried.</p>	
4	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on the 22 November 2018 were accepted.</p>	

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
	Motion to accept and adopt Minutes: moved by JR seconded AM . Motion carried.	
5	<p>Business arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Action item 29 – No action regarding the media promotion of local full-time workers on the windfarm. Currently about 12 full times living in Inverell and Glen Innes. There are also Chinese technicians flying in and out periodically.</p>	Action item 29 – open
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Chair noted that there was correspondence since the previous meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Project update</p> <p>AM presented the WRWF and WRWF S2 project update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 Project overview • Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stage 1 was operational as of March 2018. ○ Rehabilitation has been delayed due to the drought. Weed control is now the key priority ○ Substation has had harmonic filters installed to help power flow • Community Engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No significant issues here ○ Limiting wind farm visits to one day month • Community Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For 2019 – 19 projects confirmed ○ Next round starts in March 2020 with \$183,859 to allocate • Stage 2 project overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modifications approved on 13 December 2019 ○ 48 wind towers, 200 m tip height, 4.5 megawatt ○ Construction proposed for early 2021 ○ EPBC Referral still outstanding, were asked to report on the impact of bushfire on ecology in the local area ○ Currently investigating the logistics of the route for blade transportation blades could be potentially 11m longer. ○ AA asked who they were dealing with on Council given changes in planning representatives? AM to confirm. ○ JR interested that it would take 2 years to build. ○ CS asked whether a deal had been done to supply electricity to Sydney. CS keen for Glen Innes to be 100% renewable energy. AM said no agreement had been made with Sydney, electricity was being sold on the open market. ○ AM confirmed they are also looking at Hydro in this area as well ○ AM not sure whether they would have a full-time shopfront. May go with a shared arrangement. Although they will have a presence of some sort given the success of Stage 1 • WRSF update: 	

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction completed and fully operational as of March 2019. 	
9	<p>Community feedback</p> <p>No feedback received</p> <p>NE queried what if any feedback from landholders regarding the drought and the benefit of having the fixed off farm income. AM responded that he had not had any specific feedback but assumed having a guaranteed fixed income was beneficial.</p>	
10	<p>General Business</p> <p>CCC membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to send out an email to all existing committee members to confirm they want to remain as a member of the group • AM to speak to landowners at their next meeting seeking representation on the CCC. Potential Ben Lomond representative, or Maybole or Kelly's Road. <p>NE asked whether AM could attach his slides to the minutes when they are sent around.</p> <p>AA recommended updating the council websites so they linked directly to the White Rock website. An easy way of keep the public informed without reinventing the wheel.</p>	
11	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in 6 months' time at 1.00 pm, Thursday 20 August 2020 at [venue to be advised].</p> <p>Either WRWF or the CCC members can request an earlier meeting with reasonable notice, if required.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2:18pm.</p>	