

MEETING AGENDA

BOCO ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

11:00 am, Friday 15th February 2013 Nimmitabel Community Centre Minutes taken by: Margaret Macdonald-Hill

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill Independent Chair

Ed Mounsey
Howard Charles
Richard Lawson
John Harrington
Bill Garnock
Andrew Milne
Fr. Sergei Shatrov

Wind Prospect CWP (WPCWP)
Community Representative
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Dean Lynch Mayor, Cooma Monaro Shire Council Brad Yelds Deputy Mayor, Bombala Council

Mark Fleming Observer, Office of Environment and Heritage

Apologies: NONE

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	
Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed the attendees and each person gave a brief statement and introduction.	
2.0 Apologies	Nil
Andrew Milne arrived 11.30am	
3.0 Declaration of Interest	Noted
Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CCC, engaged by the company. She advised she is also a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Ministers' Arbitration Panel.	
Howard Charles and Bill Garnock declared that they are Wind Farm Hosts.	
4.0 Role of the Committee	ACTION Mayor Dean Lynch to encourage Bronnie Taylor to

MMH and EM outlined the role of the committee. It was highlighted that until the NSW Government finalises the draft CCC guidelines the committee is operating as an advisory group at the instigation of the company and all members will need to be approved by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure when the NSW Government finalise the arrangements for CCCs.

contact MMH, in writing, in order to declare her interest to become a community member of the Boco Rock CCC. All in favour of Ms Taylor participating in CCC meetings.

DL raised his concerns that Bronnie Taylor was not on the committee. The committee felt that it is desirable for her to be present at future meetings. DL will suggest that Bronnie Taylor write to MMH to declare her interest in being a community member of the Boco Rock CCC.

EM suggested that the committee should play an important role in the integration and operation of the wind farm into the community.

Nil

5.0 Overview of the project

EM gave an overview of the history of the projects, financial position and his desire to begin construction in June 2013. DL asked how many residents are within 2km of the turbines. EM declared that there are no non associated dwellings within 2km of the entire project (122 wind turbine locations) and no non associated dwellings within 3km of stage one.

EM was asked about the number of submissions received during the exhibition period and he replied that there were 16 submissions in total, 9 from the public with approximately 5 from 1 family.

BY asked EM about the impact on traffic and roads in the region during construction. EM and DL spoke about the arrangements to keep the roads in their present condition and that there has been auditing of the condition of the roads prior to construction.

6.0 General Business

HC and JH questioned the dispersal of funds to community organisations through the CCC. Because the Wind Farm is constructed on 2 LGAs, both Councils have Committees of Council that may take advice from the CCC regarding future community projects. EM pointed out the funds are dependent on the operation of the Wind Farm and therefore will be allocated after the commissioning of the facility.

Fr Sergei asked about the possibility of redrafting the Terms of Reference for the CCC, MMH advised that these were set by the NSW Government.

Complaints Handling: EM advised that there is a complaints handling process involving an 1800 hot line and web based

ACTION DL and BY: Cooma Monaro and Bombala Shire Councils to clarify the structure of the Committees of Council regarding the Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Funds.

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interface. HC raised the issue of weed control during construction and that there needs to be consideration for coastal weeds, such as Fireweed, due to materials coming in through the Port of Eden. The issue of communication within the committee was discussed. BY suggested that the full contact details of the CCC members be circulated and that committee members could delete contact details that they did not wish to be circulated.	ACTION Consideration within Weed Management Plan, which will be made publicly available prior to construction. ACTION EM to circulate contact list for editing and place the final list on the company's web site.
The finalised contact list to be placed on the Wind Prospect web site.	
BY raised the issue of the guidelines for the operation of the CCC.	ACTION The committee as a whole accepts the Draft
Motion: that the committee accept the <i>Draft Guidelines for</i> Wind Farm CCCs December 2011.	Guidelines for the operation of the CCC in the interim.
Moved Brad Yelds	the dod in the interim
Seconded Howard Charles	
Declared	
7.0 Meeting Schedule	ACTION MMH to circulate date of
Next meeting to be before the construction phase of the	the next meeting in negotiation with EM
development begins.	
8.0 General Discussion	ACTION EM to facilitate the
EM circulated a jobs sheet of required skills for the construction of the Wind Farm.	attendance of the Construction Manager at the next meeting

Meeting Closed 12.15pm