

MEETING AGENDA

BOCO ROCK WINDFARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

2.00pm, Wednesday 14th August 2013 Nimmitabel Community Centre Minutes taken by: Mark Fleming

Independent Chair: Lisa Andrews (LA)

Attendees:

Councillor Bob Stewart (BS) Mayor Bombala Shire
Howard Charles (HC) Community Representative
Fr. Sergei Shatrov (SS) Community Representative

Fiona Taylor (FT) Observer, Community Representative

Ed Mounsey (EM) Wind Prospect CWP
Alex Hewitt (AW) Wind Prospect CWP
Adrian Oakey (AO) Wind Prospect CWP
Harley Frankfurt (HF) Downer EDI/GE

Niwat Adirek (NA) EGCO Pornsak Pornghanadham (PP) EGCO Saranya Ualanantlanich (SU) EGCO

Mark Fleming (MF) Observer OEH

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome and introductions	Meeting opened at 2.10pm
Fiona Taylor observer	The independent chair welcomed all present
	and each person was asked to introduce
	themselves and state their position. During
	the introduction of Mark Fleming, who was
	taking the minutes of the meeting, the chair
	asked the committee members if any
	objection was raised for MF to continue with
	this role. No objection was raised.
2.0 Apologies	Richard Lawson, Bronnie Taylor and Bill
	Garnock
3.0 Declarations of interest	Lisa Andrews declared that she was an
	Independent Chair engaged by Wind
	Prospect CWP to chair the CCC meeting.
4.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion: that the minutes of the meeting
	held on 15 th February 2013 be accepted.
	Moved: Howard Charles
	Seconded: Fr Sergei Shatrov
	Carried

5.0 Business Arising

Item 6 - HC raised the issue of the status of this CCC in relation to the Councils' Community Fund Committees.

Cr Bob Stewart stated that "his Council is independent of Cooma". Bombala committee formed, but not sure if Cooma Monaro has formed its committee.

EM suggested that there is nothing to stop this committee making recommendations to both Councils.

6.0 BRWF Report and Update

EM provided an update regarding the new parties in the project. Finance is completed, 5 banks and equity partners financed up to \$350 M, WPCWP (the developer) sold their stake to EGCO and EGCO have engaged WPCWP to continue with the project. GE and Downer will build the development and CMZ and NGA Environmental will manage the site issues.

WPWCP will manage after construction, with completion expected in February 2015. December 2014 is the date for staged generation.

The Community website has been updated to include 24/7 contact details.

AH: noted, it was a difficult process to secure finance and legal work but there is now full commitment to the project.

EGCO: Advised that they are a Thai power generation company with Japanese companies supplying technical assistance and EGCO the finance. EGCO has 21 years experience in the industry. Company policies are to move to renewable energy @ 300MW by 2015. Already have 100MW generation capacity. EGCO agree to work closely with communities and meet all commitments. The company is committed to doing business in Australia.

HF: construction has begun with earthworks, prior to that was the relocation of fauna. Concurrent activities are happening in manufacturing equipment and delivery dates being organised. Turbine components and transformers will be coming on trucks through Eden with the intention to limit traffic disruption. Heavier electrical

Action: Bring this item to the meeting of members of construction and investment team. Suggested an update of construction program and milestones.

Noted

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Issue was raised by BS about the loss of parking in Bombala during the transportation of the turbines during construction as well as safety concerns during school hours.

HF: stated that "communication is the key"

components will come through other ports. Temporary site compound has been organised. Access to substation nearby. Progressive rollout.

BS: Council has informed business owners about the loss of some parking spaces through the town, but stated that the business community understand the issue.

Key milestone dates: site compound, batching plant, stripping and clearing of access tracks. Need to cease road construction for environmental sensitivity reasons after November 1st 2013 due to breeding season for striped legless lizards and grassless earless dragons. New access tracks for turbines, transmission lines and sub-station are key deliverables. Secure area for one shipment on port of Eden. Possible first delivery April/May 2014; however this could change. 5 loads per turbine x 67 turbines. Primary traffic will be aggregate and equipment.

Question: HC election issues around Eden, \$10M allocated for the Port but not applicable to this issue, it was for cruise ships. 2/3rd travel time saving by using delivery by sea into Eden instead of road. Snowy River Way has load limit. and undertook to ensure that no truck movements would occur during school zone hours, to alleviate any safety concerns.AO: Assured BS that WP CWP would work with both Councils and publish traffic management information on the website.

HF: Advised that large buildings would be installed on the site compound and these will come in modules.

Action: follow up on parking issues and school bus times. WPWCP need times of School buses to make decisions on transport.

Noted

7.0 General Business

Fr Sergei:

Issue 1: wishes to be sure that information is freely available to community. DG conditions that pre requirements have been met? Concerned about information available on the website. Biodiversity offset and legless lizard issues. Maps of the site and photos of legless lizard & earless dragon should be placed on website.

Issue 2: transport impacts under DG requirements need clear rules and communication of rules around road transport.

Issue 3: MMH sent email to attendees, curious about attachments to the email, which could be perceived to threaten the independence of Chair. Chair needs to act for all parties on committees. SS Agrees with

MF: Possibility of OEH open day at Nimmitabel/Bombala.

Action: WPWCP newsletters to be used again, update web site and radio.

AO: Agreed to update website.

HF: what outcomes have been missed? Possibility of WPWCP providing handbook, FT would like one.

Noted Attachments were supplied by MF to MMH who then forwarded it on to all committee members for their information only.

turbines but does not like RETS subsidy.

Issue 4: Transmission line on Steeple Flat, would like to see maps of line on website. Communication issue very big for the community. Why not have newsletters with information. Can developers redo the effort of the survey? SS would like to see debate with WP and Snowy Hydro and other renewable energy.

WPCWP: public sentiment meetings need follow up with communication.

FT: Need multiple platforms for communications, letters, etc.

HC: Sees roll of committee to share information and this committee needs to deal with information sharing.

FT: Committee needs to optimise the benefits to the community. Broad communication strategy needed.
EM: WPWCP meeting all DG requirements.

Discussions were held about the meeting cycle for CCC meetings with concerns raised that the meetings would only be held six monthly. LA stated that usually meetings are held on a two or three month cycle, with three month being the standard. EM: Advised that the reason for the delay was that there was not any significant milestones to report during this time, however, was happy to move to a three monthly cycle.

SS: Can comparisons be made with Boco Rock predicted generation with wind farm output from web site?

HC: Commented that it was interesting to note that we are meeting next to the very first windmill built in the Monaro district. See cultural heritage report.

FT suggested that there be a newsletter before next meeting.

EM: DG requirements, present info through web site and management plans, biodiversity offset, can be published but not required. Transmission line essential energy process, WPCWP can place maps on web site.

BS: Stated, that the decision has been made and approval granted for the project. This CCC is about getting the best outcome for the community.

HF to SS, help us set up processes to communicate documentation. SS stated he wants to be cooperative and constructive but will ask tough questions.

Action: Minutes to be placed on web site after approval. Agreed that meeting schedule will be based on a three month cycle with some flexibility due to reporting of milestones.

Noted

Agreed

Next meeting	The next meeting to be held last week October being Wednesday 30th at 2.00pm at the Community Centre
	Meeting closed at 3.50pm.