

## MINUTES OF BOCO ROCK WINDFARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

2.00pm, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Nimmitabel Community Centre

Minutes taken by: Mark Fleming

## **Attendees**

Lisa Andrews **Independent Chair** Wind Prospect CWP **Ed Mounsey Howard Charles** Landholder (host) Richard Lawson **Community Member** Bill Garnock Landholder (host) Community Member (neighbour) Fr Sergei Shatrov Community Member/Landholder Fiona Taylor Leanne Jardine Wind Prospect CWP Adrian Oakey Wind Prospect CWP Marc Papke Downer GE Wind Prospect CWP Peter Veljkovic Mark Fleming Observer, Office of Environment and Heritage

Item	Action
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	
Meeting opened at 2 .03pm.	
Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and each	
person gave a brief introduction.	
2.0 Apologies	Cr Dean Lynch & Cr Brad Yelds
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	<b>Motion:</b> That the draft minutes be confirmed as
	an accurate record of the previous meeting held
	on 14 August 2013
	Moved Howard Charles
	Seconded Fiona Taylor
	Accepted
5.0 Business arising	<b>Noted.</b> The Newsletter as well as the "Boco Rock
The Boco Rock Wind Farm newsletter (October	Information Pack" was also distributed to all
2013) has been distributed.	committee members present.

## **6.0 Correspondence**

Out:

- Minutes of previous CCC (#2) meeting via email
- Invitation from Wind Prospect to the official ceremony to mark the commencement of construction, via email.

In:

- Email from Bronnie Taylor stepping down from the CCC and nominating Fiona Taylor as her replacement.
- Email from Fiona Taylor confirming her interest in joining the committee

**Motion:** that Mrs Fiona Taylor replace Ms Bronnie Taylor as a community member of the Boco Rock CCC.

Moved Richard Lawson Seconded Howard Charles. Unanimous

## 7.0 Boco Rock Reports

Adrian Oakey updated the committee on progress to date.

Howard Charles and Bill Garnock commented on the high quality of the roads. Hewitts are the contractor for this work.

Fiona Taylor asked about weed control around soil sites.

Fiona Taylor raised issues of speeding drivers on local roads.

Bill Garnock commented on road use by heavy vehicles.

Information pack prepared on the project including product information and maps. Works have begun with the site compound completed. Over the last 3 months road network in turbine clusters has been undertaken. From the 1st November no more clearing will be done due to the breeding season for the Legless Lizard. Contractor will continue on existing cleared roads. Rest of the work is desk based in design reviews and organisational matters. Culverts and drainage happening and in December turbine sites cleared and six wind monitoring masts will be installed, 2 permanent masts and 4 temporary masts for checking wind statistics. January will include ongoing road work and cabling installation.

Concrete batching plant to go in and commissioned by late November.

Adrian Oakey informed the committee that Downer GE has two environmental officers on site monitoring weeds and other issues.

Marc Papke commented that Council is upgrading local roads near the site. Road dilapidation plans submitted. Brechnoch Road and Avon Lake Road part of those discussions. Leanne Jardine informed the committee that all contractors have been educated about road safety/safe driving issues as part of their induction. They have been informed to drive to the road conditions.

Marc Papke indicated he has had meetings with Council re upgrading and maintenance of roads for truck traffic.

Motion: that this Committee write to Cooma Howard Charles suggested that Springfield Road needs sealing. Can we convince the Council to Monaro Council strongly suggesting that they move ahead and seal the road? consider sealing Springfield Road and alert the Council to the speeding issue and suggest sign posting. **Howard Charles** Moved Seconded Bill Garnock Accepted Father Shatrovi looked for the Power Purchase Adrian Oakey advised the committee that this Agreement on the Boco Rock web site. information in "commercial in confidence" and will not appear on the web site. Energy Australia is the energy off-take partner. Fr Sergei inquired if the new Federal government Wind Prospect CWP will make a submission to review of the RET will impact on this project. the review. Ed Mounsey informed the committee that there will be no impact on this project as all arrangements have been locked in. Where to from here for the committee? Discussion followed regarding the future actions and role for this committee. It was suggested the WPCWP consider inviting relevant consultants/staff to the CCC to present on important issues relating to the company's environmental monitoring programs and how they meet the requirements of the conditions of approval for the project. Will WPCWP do the rural shows in region? WPCWP considering this action Fiona Taylor noted that there were no phone Adrian apologised, stating that there must have contact details on the newsletter. been a formatting error with the document. This will be amended to include the phone number. 8.0 General Business Howard Charles raised the issue of poor Ed Mounsey stated that this has been undertaken telecommunications in the area and if this could in Europe, however, this would be a matter for be improved by placing transmitters on wind the telecommunications company to approach turbine towers? the owner of the project. A lot of research would be needed to clarify the specifications required to cater for additional equipment. No action at this stage but may be reviewed at future date. Fiona Taylor asked if communication around the There is no information available to suggest that project uses up band width. the project has any impact on band width (reception). Seems to depend on the service provider and the type of mobile device. 9.0 Next Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 2.00pm

Meeting closed 2.48pm