

MINUTES OF BOCO ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

9.00am, Tuesday 5th May 2015 Nimmitabel Community Centre

Attendees

Howard Charles (HC)

Richard Lawson (RL)

Bill Garnock (BG)

Landholder (host)

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Mark Wiggins (MW)

Siobhan Isherwood (SI)

Mark Fleming (MF)

Operations Manager, Boco Rock Wind Farm

Communications Manager CWP Renewables

Office of Environment & Heritage (Observer)

Lisa Andrews (LA)

Absent

Independent Chair

Mayor Dean Lynch

Deputy Brad Yelds

John Harrington Fr Sergei Shatrov

Apologies Brett Jones, CWP Renewables

Fiona Taylor, Community Member

Item	Action	
1.0 Welcome and Introductions		
Meeting opened at 9:13am.		
Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and asked	the attendees and asked	
that those present complete the Attendance		
Sheet.		
2.0 Apologies	Brett Jones, Fiona Taylor.	
	Bill Garnock (belated apology for the	
	previous meeting)	
3.0 Declarations of Interest	LA declared that she was an independent chair	
	engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.	
4.0 Confirmation of previous minutes	Motion: That the draft minutes be confirmed.	
	Moved Richard Lawson	
	Seconded Howard Charles	
	Accepted	
	riccepted	

5.0 Business arising

Action items from previous minutes.

Item	Issue
1	Howard Charles to add Mark Wiggins to the Nimmitabel RFS email list.
2	Ed Mounsey to provide links to reports and articles regarding health discussed in the meeting
3	Siobhan Isherwood to seek feedback from Bombala Council regarding the blade display

Item 1: This is yet to be undertaken. MW has been invited to attend the Nimmitabel RFS AGM on 28th May.

Item 2: Links provided (see correspondence).

Item 3: Response sought and provided to the CCC (see correspondence).

6.0 Correspondence

28/2/15: Email to CCC members with information from SI obtained from Bombala Council regarding the Blade Display.

1/3/15: Email from Fr Shatrov with a comment about email from SI where he stated that it was a shame that CWP's email hadn't included the submissions Council received that "weren't in support" of the blade display.

12/3/15: Email to CCC members with the draft minutes from the February 2015 meeting.
19/4/15: Email to CCC members with the internet links as marked for action at the February 20015 meeting.

20/4/15: Email to CCC members with Meeting Notice and Agenda for the May 2015 meeting.

20/4/15: Email from Fiona Taylor advising of her apology for the May 2015 meeting.

21/4/15: Email from Brett Jones with an apology for the May 2015 meeting.

Moved Lisa Andrews
Seconded Bill Garnock
Accepted

7.0 Boco Rock Project Update

- Noise study is underway, and testing on-site is now complete. When the study is accepted by the Department of Planning and Environment, it will be made public and a link provided to the CCC.
- A visual mitigation verification assessment is being undertaken at certain residences around the site in accordance with conditions of approval.
- The first round of maintenance is now being

Action: SI to provide a link to the study once it is available, which will be placed on the project website.

undertaken. This typically means two machines are out of operation each day for maintenance. GE representatives are on-site and undertaking those works. This week the end of season weed spraying will be completed, including works along the transmission line. No further weed spraying will be undertaken during winter. MW will review the Spring weed spraying program in consultation with relevant landowners. Rehabilitation has been progressing well, despite some difficulties resulting from stocking. The final cranes have now been moved off site, so no more large truck movements are expected. The construction compound has now been demobilised and the site rehabilitated. There are a final set of tests expected this month before sign off is received from the regulator. 8.0 Community Update Community Fund Grant applications have been received by both Councils. An overwhelming number of applications were received, and each committee has reviewed the applications against a set criteria. An important note was made that Cooma Monaro Shire Council has only one round of applications each year, while Bombala has two. The outcomes of each of the committees' decisions are now awaiting Council approval. No complaints in the last period, calls received were queries about the wind farm and requests for site visits. A site visit has been requested by the Australian Wind Alliance & Snowy River Council MF advised that there is a new Minister for

9.0 Community Concerns

Nothing raised.

the Environment, Rob Stokes and it would be worthwhile making contact with his office

10.0 General Business	
 Bobundara Rd quality is concerning. Thoughts are that the recent wet weather has impacted on its condition. RL tabled a letter and petition from the Nimmitabel Advancement Group to Cooma Monaro Shire Council regarding the Boco Rock spare blade, noting over 100 signatures on the petition. SI clarified that the blade has not been offered to Nimmitabel or CMSC since the previous offer was withdrawn. A query was raised regarding the resolution of payments to the Hewatt's contractors now that construction is complete. HC was interviewed by the ABC regarding his experience to date with hosting turbines on his property. 	Action: Enquire with Hewatt's on final settlement package. Action: Link to interview to be emailed to CCC members. LA reiterated to CCC members that comments and interviews by individuals are personal opinions only and no comment should be made on behalf of the CCC except through the Chair.
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting of the CCC will be held in the Nimmitabel Community Hall on Tuesday 17 th

Meeting closed 10.18am

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	SI to provide a link to the study once it is available, which will be placed on the	SI
	project website.	
2	Enquire with Hewatt's on final settlement package for contractors.	SI
3	Link to interview BY HC to be emailed to CCC members.	SI/LA

November 2015, commencing at 9am. LA asked the members to consider when they would like to

next visit the Wind Farm.