

MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

9:00 am, Tuesday 22nd March 2016 The Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA) Independent Chair Ed Mounsey (EM) CWP Renewables

Neil Eigeland (NE)

Helen Hewens (HH)

Merlene O'Brien (MO)

Chris Voll (CV)

Community Representative

Anthony Alliston (AA) Manager Development Services - Inverell Shire Council

Cr Colin Price (CP) Mayor – Glen Innes Severn Council

Richard Ennis (RE) Community Representative

Keith Appleby (KA) Glen Innes Severn Council (Observer)

Phillipa Duncan (PD) Department of Planning & Environment (Presenter) Elle Donnelly (ED) Department of Planning & Environment (DPE)

Apologies:

Nil

ITEM	ACTIONS
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	
Meeting opened at 9.07am by Lisa Andrews who welcomed all attendees. LA introduced Phillipa Duncan & Elle Donnelly from DPE who were present to inform the CCC of the Modification Planning Process. All members introduced themselves and explained their role on the CCC for the benefit of the planning officers.	
2.0 Apologies	
Nil.	
3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
Email received from NE on 27/12/15 seeking inclusion in the December minutes of the discussion regarding an information session to advise local business of potential opportunities during construction, similar to the one held in Glen Innes recently.	
NE Moved acceptance of minutes with change (unopposed). HH Seconded	
4.0 Declaration of Interests	
LA declared her interest, that she has been engaged by CWPR to chair the CCC.	
5.0 Membership of CCC	
With the resignation of Cheryl Rudd due to the modification, MO	

contacted the chair earlier in the month to advise that she is aware of some members in the community that are interested in joining the committee. LA explained the current draft guidelines nominate 3 – 5 community representatives of which the Sapphire CCC still has 5 and therefore meets the criteria.

LA to speak with interested community members.

6.0 Business Arising

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM	ACTIONED/COMPLETED
1	One page summary of the presentation to the CCC to be prepared for wider distribution to the	EM	Summary sent out with the draft minutes (24/12/15)
	community		
2	Update regarding the SWF to be provided to Inverell Shire Council, for placing on its website.	EM	Information sent to Inverell Council (21/12/15)

All Action Items complete.

7.0 Correspondence tabled

- 21/12/15 Email from Ed Mounsey to Anthony Allison with updated information for placement on the Council website
- 24/12/15 Email to all CCC members with the draft minutes from December, together with the one page summary and copy of the electronic version of the presentation
- 27/12/15 Email from Neil regarding the draft minutes (covered in confirmation of previous minutes).
- 20/1/16 Email to all CCC members postponing the February 9th meeting to March 22nd
- 23/1/16 Letter to Cheryl Rudd from Chair thanking her for her involvement and contribution on the CCC
- 20/2/16 Email from the Chair to the CCC advising that the DPE has
 placed on exhibition the draft "Community Consultative Committee
 Guidelines for State Significant Projects", providing a link and copies of
 the documents and advising that submissions will be received up to
 31/3/16
- 4/3/16 Email from the Chair to the CCC with a copy of a media release from Simon Corbell, Deputy Chief Minister regarding the success of CWP in its second bid to supply renewable energy to the ACT
- 8/3/16 Email from Chair to CCC with the meeting notice and agenda for today's meeting (also enclosing the draft minutes again)
- 13/3/16 Email from Department of Planning & Environment requesting to attend today's meeting to provide an update on the modification planning process.
- 15/3/16 Email from Peter Sniekers from the Department of Industry seeking observer status on the CCC
- 16/3/16 Email from DPE advising of an additional staff member attending this meeting (Elle Donnelly)

LA informed CCC that she has granted observer status to the two NSW government agencies.

• 16/6/16 – Email from Lauren Zell from the Office of Environment and Heritage asking for observer status on the CCC

LA read out emails from Peter Sniekers and Lauren Zell LA Moved acceptance of correspondence Seconded: CP

8.0 Project Update

Ed Mounsey presented a Project Update (see attached copy of electronic presentation) including the Proposed Modification; the ACT Wind Auction and Timing; and the Change to CWP Renewables Shareholdings.

- The three wind farm proponents are getting together with Transgrid in the second week of April 2016 to coordinate activities, engagement with local businesses, time frames, construction, etc.
- White Rock is currently running a shop front and CWP hope to share a shop front with OneWind.
- Proposing to appoint one person to act as the engagement officer for all three projects
- Explained the economic benefits and successful tender for the ACT bid, including growing the business by moving an asset team into the ACT to have a hub there.
- Plan to commence construction of the SWF project in November 2016

Questions were asked and answered during the presentation.

9.0 Presentation by Department of Planning and Environment

PD explained that the SWF modification was currently on public exhibition until 29/3/16. At this stage, only one submission had been received (Inverell Shire Council). Once the exhibition has closed, the submission/s will be sent to CWP to prepare a response. Following final assessment by the planning officer, the modification should be able to be determined under staff delegation. However, if more than 25 submissions are received (unlikely), the application will proceed to the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) for its decision.

LA to send link to Major Projects website (DPE) so that CCC members can check on its progress.

Questions were asked and answered in relation to turbine locations, heights, spans, etc.

5.0 General Business	
LA reminded CCC members that the draft guidelines for Community Consultative Committee for State Significant Development close on 31/3/16 and invited all to make a submission.	
No other general business.	
6.0 Meeting Schedule	
Next CCC Meeting will be set once following advice on when the modification will be proceeding to exhibition. It will be proposed to be held at the RSM Club, Inverell. CCC members will be provided with as much notice as possible.	LA to advise CCC members when next meeting is proposed to be scheduled.
Meeting closed at 9.52 am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance at the meeting.	

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	LA to send a link to CCC members for the Major Projects website	LA
2	LA to confirm observer status for Department of Industry and Office of	LA
	Environment & Heritage	
3	Advise CCC of next meeting	LA