

MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

9:00 am, Wednesday 31st August 2016 The Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club

Attendees:

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

Neil Eigeland (NE) Community Representative (arrived at 9.10am)

Helen Hewens (HH) Community Representative

Merlene O'Brien (MO)

Anthony Alliston (AA)

Country Women's Association (arrived at 10.25am)

Manager Development Services - Inverell Shire Council

Tim Moses (TM) Community Representative (Host Landowner)
Ben Swan (BS) Community Representative (Host Landowner)
Lauren Zell (LZ) Office of Environment & Heritage (Observer)

Apologies:

Cr Colin Price Mayor – Glen Innes Severn Council
Chris Voll Church Communities Australia

ITEM	ACTIONS
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	
Meeting opened at 9.05am by Lisa Andrews who welcomed all attendees.	
LA introduced Lauren Zell from the Office of Environment & Heritage & asked LZ to explain her role. LZ advised that she is an Energy CoOrdinator for OEH, which is one of 5 positions within the state. Her position works closely with industry, local government and other stakeholders to ensure the community received the necessary information and resources to understand social, economic and environmental issues associated with the development of the wind farm.	
LA also introduced Tim Moses & Ben Swan to their first meeting and explained to those present, that following the advertising for Expressions of Interest; both gentlemen applied to become community representatives on the CCC. LA advised that she would discuss this matter further in "Correspondence".	
LA also asked those present to introduce themselves and sign the attendance sheet.	
2.0 Apologies	
Colin Price (GISC)	
3.0 Declaration of Interests LA declared her interest, that she has been engaged by CWPR to chair the CCC.	

4.0	Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
	HH Moved acceptance of minutes AA Seconded	
	5.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes	
	1 LA to send a link to CCC members for the Major Projects	
	website (actioned via email on 2/4/16) 2 LA to confirm observer status for Department of Industry and	All Action Items
	2 LA to confirm observer status for Department of Industry and Office of Environment & Heritage (actioned via email	complete.
	25/3/16)	
	Advise CCC of next meeting (actioned via email 28/7/16)	
6.0	Correspondence tabled	
_	25/2/16 Empile to Dotor Spielore (Dont of Industry) and Lauren 7-11	
•	25/3/16 – Emails to Peter Sniekers (Dept of Industry) and Lauren Zell (Office of Environment and Heritage) advising that they will be invited to	
	the CCC meetings	
•	2/4/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with a copy of the electronic	
	presentation from March's meeting and also attaching a link to the Major	
	Projects website in order for members to track the modified application of	
	the project	
•	2/4/16 – Email from Richard Ennis resigning from the committee (Note: I	
	had a couple of conversations with Richard and tried to talk him into	
	staying, however, he had made up his mind.	
•	4/4/16 – Email to Colleen Hollingworth, Ben Swan and Tim Moses about	
	their possible interest in joining the CCC and advising that EOI were being called.	
•	12/4/16 – Email from Timothy Moses with his application nominating for	
	membership	
•	28/4/16 – Email from Ben Swan with his application nominating for membership	
•	2/5/16 – Email from Chair to Ben acknowledging his application	
	(I will move both these applications to the end of correspondence for	
	confirmation of membership)	
•	18/5/16 – Email from Neil Eigeland regarding the establishment of a Data	
	Centre in Armidale 27/5/16 – Email from Neil Eigeland regarding the Inverell Airport	
•	4/7/16 – Email from Chair to all CCC members advising that approval of	
•	the modification to the project had been granted by the NSW Department	
	of Planning and Environment and the Commonwealth Department for the	
	Environment.	
•	4/7/16 – Email from Neil about whether CWP are able to install electric	
	charge posts in the Inverell CBD as part of the project? Secondly, advice	
	about a draft prospectus for members of the local community to invest in	
	a turbine. Neil, if it's OK with you, I'll move this item to General Business?	
•	27/7/16 – Email from Chair to all CCC members with the referred layout	
	and selection of wind turbine generators (WTGs) for construction. 28/7/16 – Email from Chair to all CCC members with the map of the layout	

- 3/8/16 Email from Chair to all CCC members with the
 Department's new wind energy planning framework, which is currently on
 exhibition. I also attached the 6 documents to assist. Closing date for
 submissions is Friday 16th September 2016.
- 27/8/16 Email from Chair to all CCC members with a reminder about the public consultation for the Department's wind energy framework

EOI – As mentioned previously, following advertising for Expressions of Interest in joining the CCC; two submissions were received. Both applicants met the criteria and the Chair accepted their nominations. Tim Moses and Ben Swan were formally welcomed onto the Sapphire Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee.

LA Moved acceptance of correspondence Seconded: NE

8.0 Project Update

Ed Mounsey presented a Project Update (see attached copy of electronic presentation)

Questions were asked and answered during the presentation:

- The capacity of the solar has not yet been finalised. Separate lines needed and separate entity than wind farm.
- The construction methods for the towers (section, foundations, bolting, grouting, etc)
- Negotiations on hold with Glen Innes Wind Farm and White Rock.
- Discussions on transport routes, upgrading of causeways, etc to allow for truck movements.
- Capacity for more power depending on economics, space, yield per MW installed, general market, etc.
- LZ informed the CCC of a Masterclass event on renewable energy at Coffs Harbour that will be web streamed.

Action: LZ to email link of Masterclass for distribution to CCC members

9.0 General Business

Discussions on possibility for members of the community to buy shares to invest in the project, thereby benefits coming back into the area. Whether there is enough interested and return. Embark Pty Ltd have developed a model for community renewable energy projects in the past so perhaps their skills could be called upon to develop a framework for a prospectus.

LZ informed the CCC of a successful community investment model with shareholders around the solar project in Lismore (Lismore Community Solar) through a partnership with Lismore City Council, who are committed to making its electricity supply 100% renewable.

NE informed the CCC of an opportunity for establishing a Data Centre in the region, possibly close to the University of New England at Armidale and providing a renewable energy power source.

NE raised the issue of providing a dedicated charge post for electric cars in the area, powered by the wind farm. Discussions were held on current

Action:

LZ to email link of Lismore Community Solar project to Chair for distribution to CCC members.

Action: LZ to provide NE with contact details for Chloe Hick from the Department of Industry who may be able to assist.

Action:
AA to discuss with
the Manager of the
Inverell Tourist
Information Centre

vehicles available, hire cars, demand for such a service, possible tourist interest.	whether there is an interest and/or need for electric car charge posts.
5.0 Meeting Schedule	
No scheduled date nominated. Chair will liaise with CWPR when the next meeting is to be held and will provide as much notice as possible.	Action: LA to advise CCC members when next meeting is proposed to be
Meeting closed at 10.23 am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance.	scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	LZ to email link of Masterclass for distribution to CCC members	LZ
2	LZ to email link of project to Chair for distribution to CCC members	LZ
3	LZ to provide NE with contact details for Chloe Hick from Department of	LZ
	Industry who may be able to assist.	
4	AA to discuss with the Manager of the Inverell Tourist Information Centre if	AA
	there is an interest for electric car charge posts	
5	Advise CCC of next meeting	LA