

**Minutes of meeting held
on Monday 24th May 2021
Club House Hotel, Yass****Attendees:**

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate CWP Renewables
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative (<i>arrived at 11.07am</i>)
Brooke Watson (BW)	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate

Apologies:

Laurie Hutchison	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Jonathan Post	CWP Renewables (Project Manager)
Jayne Apps	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Michael McNally	CWP Renewables (Maintenance Manager)
Cr John Walker	Hilltops Council delegate

Absent:

Andrew Winterflood	Community Representative
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Meeting commenced at 11.02am.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee.

Apologies

As listed above.

Declaration of Interest

The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chairperson of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and engaged by CWP Renewables to chair the meeting.

No changes to previous declarations by members.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Minutes of CCC held in Boorowa on 15th February 2021, were finalised and emailed to members on 1st March 2021.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Confirm where the next round of advertising for jobs will be. MM advised that GE will be on site in June carrying out maintenance and should be advertising for positions. Likely to be via SEEK. LA asked MM to keep CCC informed.	MM
2	Copy of letter sent to neighbours to be provided to CCC members (Complete – sent to members with draft minutes 19/2/21).	LD

Out of Hours Work

LA enquired whether there had been any response/concerns raised from neighbours that had received correspondence within the 4km radius of the site regarding the proposed amendment to the project's "Out of Hours" (OOHW) application with DPIE.

MM advised that the application to amend the condition was approved by DPIE, but was due to expire at the end of this month. Unfortunately, the OOHW has not commenced due to some on site issues, accordingly, CWP will seek an extension of time with DPIE.

TM commented that he had noticed an area lit up at night. MM confirmed that this was a blade being erected.

No other business arising.

Correspondence

Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 22nd May 2021

- 19/2/21– Email to members with the draft minutes for review, with presentation, copy of letter sent to residents (Action item 2).
- 1/3/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 1/3/21 – Letter to TS with finalised minutes.
- 22/3/21 – Email from LD with the latest Community Newsletter.
- 29/3/21 – Email to CCC members with the latest Community Newsletter.
- 22/4/21 – Email to DPIE with chair's annual report on the operations of the CCC from 2020-2021.
- 11/5/21 – Email to members with meeting notice and agenda.
- 11/5/21 – Letter to TS with the same information.
- 22/5/21 – Email to members with a reminder for this CCC & the correspondence report.

Accepted.

Project Update – CWP Renewables

MM presented the project update and construction status; *questions were asked and answered throughout*. A copy of the document forms as an addendum to these minutes.

MM advised that 12 towers are fully erected. The original crane contractor went into administration and Boom Cranes have taken over the work. GF enquired whether there were any delays encountered as a result of the changeover. MM advised that it was 8-12 weeks interruption.

- A further 23 with tower base sections installed in preparation of full installation (11 still to move on).

- The crane required to start the assembly will arrive this week and will get a roll on in the eastern cluster.
- Tracks on the site are 90% complete. Tracks to turbine sites 40-46 are in the final stages of construction.
- Western Section Feeder 2A – (WTG 01 – 10) turbines were energised April 28th 2021 and will progressively start to energise the erected towers (1 & 2 have been energised and turning). Initial tests undertaken. First main testing for first two towers will be conducted with the Energy Authority. Eastern Section Cabling continues.
- WTG Component Deliveries 33 Complete sets of towers delivered to site.
- Handover of the hard stand areas over the next 6-8 weeks.

Next 3 months

- Completion and hand over of remaining hardstands in the Eastern Cluster. General rehabilitation and remediation works across all parts of the project.
- Progressive Electrical Cable Terminations.
- Installation of Underground Reticulation in the Eastern Cluster.
- Energisation of Western Feeder 2B (WTG 11 – 21).
- Continued delivery of Wind Turbine Components.
- Main Lift and WTG Installation (tower sections, nacelles, blades, etc)
- Energisation / Commissioning / Hold Point Testing of WTG Units in the Western Cluster.

GF commented that a lot of people are looking at CWP to see what they are doing (leading the way in terms of new wind farm developments progressing in the future).

GF asked how many hardstands are still to go? MM advised that there are 7.

GF asked if contractors are energising and how long before power is put into the grid. MM advised that they are commissioning at the moment. Stating that they are unable to exceed two turbines under the current approved Hold Point Testing with energy authority. Once Hold Point Tests report gets completed and issued to AEMO and when they are comfortable with test results and information provided, AEMO will grant approval to allow the next stage of testing.

GF stated that Coppabella is building a new line to put its energy into the grid, at a cost of \$20M, asking MM if CWP had the same issues and/or capacity to input. MM responding that more equipment was required, such as harmonic filters in the substation to assist. Further that there has been lots of backwards and forwards between Transgrid to expedite.

GF asked if there would be another committee for the Community Enhancement Fund (CEF). LD advised that she has been in contact with Yass Valley Council's General Manager and with Hilltops Council. Councils are to establish S-355 committees for governance. The committee will create a charter in line with the conditions of consent approval, Council and Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs).

It is proposed that the CEF Committee will comprise of:

- The Mayor (or elected member)

- General Manager or delegate
- 2 x non-affiliated community members; and
- 1 representative from CWP.

Both S-355 Committees are to be established early in 2022. Starting too early will set up expectations in the community, so will take things slowly and not rush in.

Key areas of focus will be health and wellbeing, education, community development and environment; with priority to be given to projects within 20kms of BWF.

The Sapphire Wind Farm in the northern tablelands has two rounds of grant applications per year. Each CEF Committee for State Significant Developments does things differently, however, all are based on the project's consent conditions.

TM enquired if there is an estimated date of when construction will be complete. MM – practically completed – 2nd week.

GF asked how long the CCC will go for. LA advised that it will operate for the life of the wind farm and throughout rehabilitation of the site.

MM advised that there are currently 200 workers on site, including management and blue collar workers.

Civil works account for around 40-50 of the 200 personnel. Eventually it will come down to a small team for rehabilitation, etc.

TM asked whether the previous crane staff transferred over to the new company. MM responded that he believed they did. So, generally the same group of people.

BW asked LD about her presentation to the Yass Connect - Regional Development Australia, Southern Inland Group and whether there was any feedback. LD advised that the evening was mostly successful and she received positive feedback.

LD advised that she would be attending the Boorowa Business Chamber meeting that evening.

Community Complaints Register

Complaints Register between January 1st 2020 and April 31st 2021, there have been a total of nine (9)

No changes from previous period. Complaints registered (see Slide 9 of presentation), mainly relating to:

- Visual impact
- Traffic issues
- Noise

All complaints were investigated and no non-compliances were found.

General Communications Register

Between 1st January 2020 and 31st January 2021 there were 181 communications via the 1300 phone number and the info@bangowindfarm.com.au email address 2020 January:

10 enquiries in past 3 months on the 1300 telephone number, generally people looking for directions to the site for deliveries and seeking details on hours of operation.

- 38% - potential suppliers
- 26% - individuals seeking employment on the project
- 36% - other reasons – mostly seeking physical location of wind farm for delivery of items etc; and offers of accommodation. (includes one asking for clarification of pronunciation – BanJo or BanGo) Of these contact

General Business

- TM asked about the red light on Tower 1. MM advised that there will be 26 towers with red lights installed on them, which is an aviation requirement imposed by CASA. **Action.** LD to include these nominated towers on the site location map.
- GF commented that the span of the blades is similar to the size of the SCG.
- TS commented that you can see the light flashing when driving.
- GF advised that he would not be standing for re-election at the upcoming September 2021 local government elections. Advising that Council will go into caretaker mode in August, however, he would still attend the next CCC. LA thanked him for his attendance and representation on the CCC and asked whether he would consider staying on as a community representative given his knowledge and history of the project.

Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 August 2021 commencing at 11am;** likely to be on site – LA to confirm.

The final CCC for the year will be: Monday - 15 November 2021 in Yass

Meeting closed at 11.33am with LA thanking all for their attendance.

Action Items

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Site map to be provided to CCC and include towers nominated for aviation lighting.	LD
2	Confirm venue for next CCC on 16/08/21 in Boorowa.	LA