



MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9am, Tuesday 16 July 2019
RSM Club, Evans St, Inverell

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
David Williamson (DW)	Sapphire Wind Farm Representative
Anthony Alliston (AA)	Inverell Shire Council
Cr Stewart Berryman (SB)	Inverell Shire Council (alternate)
Annabel Sides (AS)	Community Representative
Peter Sniekers (PS)	Office of Regional Development
Chris Voll (CV)	Church Communities Australia & IBC
Ben Swan (BS)	Community Representative (host land owner)
Neil Eigeland (NE)	Community Representative
Matthew Velcich (MV)	Business in Glen

Apologies:

Cr Carol Sparks - Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council & delegate
Patric Millar – CWP Asset Management
Mike Norton – Community Representative

ITEM		ACTION/COMMENTS															
1.0 Welcome and Introductions CCC meeting opened at 9.00am by LA who welcomed all attendees and re-introduced Matthew Velcich (Business in Glen delegate).																	
2.0 Apologies As listed above.																	
3.0 Finalisation of Previous Minutes In accordance with the guidelines. The minutes from the 30 th April 2019 were finalised and distributed to CCC members.		Emailed 16/5/19.															
4.0 Declaration of Interests LA stated that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with DPI&E and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.		No changes to members' declarations of interests.															
5.0 Business Arising Action Items from previous meeting:		1 Ongoing. 2 Minutes not yet available. However, dot point summary received from NWFC. Moved this item to correspondence. 3 Noise monitoring only just completed. Results to be presented at next CCC. 4 Complete – emailed 2/5/19.															
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6.0 Correspondence as per email 8/1/19:		Accepted.															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22/1/19 – Email from PM with CASA’s response to the BRWF modification application. 																	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/1/19 – Email from AA with a copy of ISC response to DPE on the White Rock project, which was copied through to his counterpart at GISC • 1/5/19 – Email from NE with the Hydrogeneration brochure from NEL. This information was forwarded on to CCC members. • 7/5/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review • 16/5/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes together with the response from the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP. • 3/6/19 – Email to NWFC seeking a copy of the minutes from the stakeholder meeting regarding aviation lighting • 17/6/19 – Email to NWFC following up request. • 17/6/19 – Response email from NWFC advising they are still finalising the minutes and asking for feedback on the reduced candela. Feedback provided to NWFC. • 2/7/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting. • 10/7/19 – Email from Patric Millar with an apology for this meeting and providing an update on the Sapphire Solar Farm and Sundown Solar Farm. (see further below)*. • 15/7/19 - Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. • 15/7/19 – Email to NWRC requesting minutes or briefing sheet from stakeholder meeting. (See next item – Aviation Lighting) • 15/7/19 – Briefing sheet received from NWFC. • 15/7/19 – Email from Mike Norton with an apology for this meeting. 	
<p>7.0 Aviation Lighting</p> <p>LA read out the dot points from the document received from the National Wind Farm Commissioner’s office that provided a summary of the Wind Farm Roundtable discussions from the stakeholder meeting held on 10 April 2019. It was requested by NWFC that this document not be distributed to CCC members, however, a brief precis is provided for the purposes of the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Clean Energy Council (CEC) raised that light pollution from aviation lighting on turbines is a major issue for neighbouring communities. ➤ The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) are responsible for regulations across all of Australia. ➤ There have been differing decisions on aviation lighting for wind farm developments in New South Wales and Victoria. ➤ The time delay between approval of developments vs construction vs requirements. ➤ CASA will consider looking at alternate solutions. <p>Following lengthy discussions, it was agreed that the CCC’s position remains unchanged from that previously minuted, whilst 10% is preferable to 100%, zero lighting is the community’s position. CV proposed the following motion:</p> <p>1 That the chair write to CASA requesting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That the CCC be kept informed of the review and be provided with an opportunity for input during this process. b. That the CCC be advised of the scope of this review. 	

<p>2 That CASA be reminded that the proposed Glen Innes Flight School (a major consideration in recommending the lighting) has not proceeded.</p> <p>3 That the opinion of the CCC remains – no aviation lighting for the Sapphire Wind Farm.</p> <p>4 That a consistent approach be provided by CASA for all wind farm developments within New South Wales.</p>	<p>All in agreement.</p>
<p>8.0 Project Presentation DW advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is fully operational. • There have been some blade change outs due to damage. Maintenance works for the blades will be carried out on the ground. • Noise monitoring was completed last week. The information collected will be collated by the consultant and the results reported to the CCC at the next meeting. It was noted that there do not appear to be any non-compliances. <p>*Solar Projects Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sapphire Solar Farm is currently undergoing a design review, financial modelling and tender preparation process. • Sundown Solar Farm is currently in the environmental assessment phase prior to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. 	<p>Noise monitoring results to be presented at the next CCC.</p>
<p>9.0 Community Enhancement Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The last CEF meeting was held in April 2019, where consideration was given to Round 1 applications. Information on the outcomes is available on the Council website: https://inverell.nsw.gov.au/local-community-projects-to-receive-funding/ ➤ \$180,000 was approved to fund community projects. ➤ Groups that were unsuccessful were provided feedback on their application and invited to re-apply for Round 2. ➤ Advertising for Round 2 will commence in August 2019 for consideration in October. 	
<p>10.0 General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS advised that the funding provided to the Swan Vale community for the upgrading of facilities is still on target. The slab is ready to be poured, however, due to residents being committed to feeding stock, etc there has been a delay. CV offered for Danthonia to provide assistance, when the community at Swan Vale are ready to proceed. • AS further advised that she is involved in a study with Sydney University regarding renewable energy in NSW. The Uni were looking for involvement from groups affected by projects. • AS raised Neighbour Agreements. It was noted that this is a private matter between the individual and the proponent. • PS advised that he attended the Namoi and New England Joint Organisations of Councils presentation by DPIE in Armidale on 26th June 2019 regarding large scale solar farms. A public meeting was held that evening. He offered to send through the "slide package" for distribution to the CCC members. 	<p>PS to send through slide package for distribution to the CCC.</p>

11.0 Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next CCC as scheduled and review the frequency of the meetings on 29/10/19. As the project is operational, LA suggested moving from quarterly to bi-annual meetings for 2020.

- o Tuesday 29th October 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.50am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	Keep members informed of aviation lighting issue	LA
2	When received - distribute minutes from aviation lighting meeting held by NWFC & stakeholders on 10/4/19	LA
3	Provide results of noise monitoring to next CCC	PM
4	Distribute presentation by DPIE of Large Scale Solar Farm	PS