

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes

Gullen Range Wind Farm

Date:	6 th September 2017
Location:	CWA Rooms Spring Street Crookwell NSW 2583
Time:	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Attendance:	Peter Gordon (Chair) Dimity Taylor (Community Representative) Louise Wakefield (GMC) Councillor Paul Culhane (ULSC) Derek Powell (New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd) (NGRWF) Leo Pearce (NGRWF) Charley Barber (Community Representative) Rosemary Howe (Community Representative)
Apologies:	Isabel Nelson (NGRWF)

Introduction by the Chair

- Leo Pearce introduced as new NGRWF staff person. Previously worked on Crookwell wind farm for ten years.

Declaration of and changes to pecuniary or other interests

- None

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

- Minutes were confirmed. Email tabled by Mr Barber which is discussed below in minutes.

Business arising from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested

- Actions were reviewed
 - Men's shed did not build nest boxes for PVP (Property Vegetation Plan conservation area). This option will be considered in future.
 - Nest boxes publicised on GRWF website, but no news article actioned as yet.
NGRWF will action news article prior to next meeting if possible.
 - NGRWF updated complaints register as requested.
 - NGRWF updated list of suppliers for CLEP (Clean Energy Program) on their website
 - Councillor Culhane said no more information had become available on wind farm contributions to land rates.

Feedback on the Community Information Plan

- Update given to those who were apologies from the last meeting

- NGRWF requested more feedback forms are filled out and returned. **All members to fill out questionnaires and return them to the Chair if they haven't already done so.**
- NGRWF reiterated that all feedback is appreciated – positive or negative.
- **NGRWF to ensure questionnaire is sent out with minutes.**
- **NGRWF will provide next steps for the Community Information Plan at the next meeting**

Correspondence

Derek Powell to brief the meeting on recent developments

- Update on PVP provided by NGRWF. 300 trees recently planted. Results of pest survey obtained. Pest control strategies being discussed with LLS and council prior to implementation. Pigs and deer both evident in survey. Tussock control also underway, prior to when it seeds in November. **NGRWF to provide further information on how pigs are treated once trapped.**
- Presentation on the Clean Energy Program given by NGRWF at the Clean Energy Forum in Sydney. NGRWF aiming to inform other developers of this approach to community benefit.

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

- Mr Barber tabled an email from a Mr Brooks requesting more information on the incident where a blade detached from a wind turbine at Bannister. Noted NGRWF had previously committed to providing an update but had not done so to date. **NGRWF to provide more detail in response to Mr Brooks request in an email form.**
- Ms Howe has noted many thistles where underground electricity cable was installed in Prices Lane. **NGRWF to investigate and feedback at next meeting.**

Company reports and overview of activities:

- No operational issues reported
- NGRWF presented plans for upgrade to the wind farm's substation. Very early stages. Works would require planning consent and application has not yet been drafted. Some community members expressed their concern at the extension. NGRWF commented there would be the opportunity to make submissions if the proposal was submitted for planning.
- No issues from site inspections reported.
- No environmental monitoring reports tabled.
- No complaints recorded since last meeting.
- Ms Taylor noted that Ms Evans is not happy with the noise of the wind farm. She had wanted to attend the meeting but had not been able to make it.
- A previous noise complaint was discussed at length. Agreed it would be good if the Wind Farm Commissioner could be present at the next meeting to discuss noise issues on wind farms. **Chair to arrange.**

General business

- Ms Howe raised whether eagles were observed recently around wind farm. NGRWF will complete eagle nest survey soon. NGRWF commented eagles are more prevalent at certain times of year.
- **Chair to check if land value report was sent out with last minutes.**

Next meeting

13th December 2017