

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes

Gullen Range Wind Farm

Date:	7 th March 2018
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) Isabel Nelson (NGRWF) Leo Pearce (NGRWF) Diana Forrester (OPF Consulting on behalf of NGRWF)
Apologies:	Rosemary Howe (Community Representative) Charley Barber (Community Representative) Derek Powell (New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd) (NGRWF) Councillor Paul Culhane (ULSC)

Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)

- Leo Pearce was introduced as the Asset Manager for Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm. He had previously worked on Crookwell and Blayney Wind Farms for 10 years.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes from 13th December 2017 were confirmed by the Committee members.

Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests

- None

Correspondence

- No correspondence.

Business arising from the Previous Minutes— response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested

- Actions were reviewed:
 - Goldwind Australia were unable to send a representative to the meeting to comment on the blade detachment incident due to an industry conference in Melbourne on the meeting date. However, Goldwind has committed to a representative attending the next CCC meeting. **Action: Goldwind representative to attend the next CCC meeting to comment on the incident.**
 - NGRWF contacted the council about the presence of thistles along Prices Lane and Bannister Lane. The Council advised that they had treated some of the thistles and requested that NGRWF leave the removal of the remaining thistles to the Council.
 - NGRWF provided Mr Barber with the Clean Energy Program (CLEP) Supplier List and CLEP information to assist with his Stage 2 application.
 - A draft Community Information Plan (CIP) prepared by Diana Forrester of OPF Consulting on behalf of NGRWF was discussed. The CCC Members noted the plan and appreciated that they have had the opportunity to contribute to it. The CCC was encouraged to continue to provide suggestions for potential improvements to the plan. **Action: Dimity Taylor to provide NGRWF with stakeholder contact details. Action: NGRWF will move to finalise the plan and post it on the website. The performance of the plan will be evaluated in 12 months, as specified in the plan.**

Issues Identified by the Local Community or the Local Government Representatives

- The impact of the wind farm on nearby land values was discussed.
- The meeting with NSW government ministers, to which both Dimity Taylor and Rosemary Howe were invited, was mentioned.
- A NGRWF public display in Crookwell, potentially showing real-time wind farm information, was discussed. What form the display would take is yet to be decided.
- A discussion took place on ways in which wind farms could work together in the community/on community initiatives.

Company Reports and Overview of Activities (Leo Pearce and Isabel Nelson)

- An update was given on progress in the Compensatory Habitat Package (CHP) area required under condition 2.35 of the Project Approval. The Annual CHP report was completed and provided to Local Land Services (LLS), Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in February. The report is also available on the GRWF website.
- The Wedge-Tailed Eagle breeding survey was completed in November last year and the report was discussed. Three Wedged-Tailed Eagle chicks were recorded during the survey. The report is available on the GRWF website.
- The annual nest-box survey was completed in February 2018 and the report is posted on the website. To date, sugar gliders and ring-tailed possums have been recorded using the nest boxes.

- Final landscape screening inspections have been undertaken for most properties with Individual Landscape Plans (ILP). NGRWF has now completed maintenance obligations for two thirds of these properties.
- Eighty-eight applicants have completed Stage 1 of the CLEP and thirty Stage 2 applications have been approved to date. NGRWF is in the process of appointing a new Independent Member to the CLEP Energy Committee.
- Applications for the 2018/2019 Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Funding Round are now open. With the support of council, GRWF has organised for a consultant to run a workshop on 20th March to assist the public with filling out their grant application forms. Cr Louise Wakefield suggested the community group, Community Plus in Goulburn, may be able to assist with the workshop.
- The second wind and solar farm tour took place in January. To date, the tours have been nearly full. The next tour is fully booked.
- NGRWF sponsored a face-painting and information stall at the Annual Crookwell Show. Funds raised from gold coin donations for the face-painting were given to Grabben Gullen Community Hall and the Grabben Gullen Community Progress Association.
- The Gullen Solar Launch event took place on 1st February, with more than 80 people attending.
- The NSW Energy and Utilities Minister, the Hon Don Harwin visited the wind and solar farm on 28th February.
- Nineteen members of the Goulburn Argyle Rotary Club visited the wind and solar farm on 7th March.
- NGRWF has agreed to sponsor the Wollondilly Soldiers Football Club in Goulburn by donating jerseys to the team.
- No issues arising from site inspections.
- No operational issues.
- No complaints have been received since the last meeting.

General business

- No general business.

Next Meeting

- Confirmed for Wednesday 13th June 2018 starting at 5.30pm.