

## Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes

### Gullen Range Wind Farm

<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>Location:</b>	Crookwell Council Chambers – Council Meeting Room Spring Street Crookwell NSW 2583
<b>Time:</b>	5.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Attendance:</b>	Peter Gordon (Chair) Charley Barber (Community Representative) Rosemary Howe (Community Representative) Dimity Taylor (Community Representative) Scott Martin (Business Manager Building & Environment - Goulburn Council) Leo Pearce (Asset Manager -NGRWF) Diana Forrester (OPF Consulting on behalf of NGRWF) Travers Wilson (Goldwind)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Derek Powell (New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd) (NGRWF) Councillor Paul Culhane (ULSC)

#### **Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)**

- Scott Martin (Business Manager Building & Environment - Goulburn Council) who will be joining the committee was introduced.
- Visiting Goldwind representative – Travers Wilson – was also introduced
- PG highlighted the new CCC requirement to capture ACTION items in the minutes.

#### **Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests**

- None

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved and are on the website

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

- CB asked about the discussion in the previous meeting regarding the market valuations of properties close to the wind farm. DT briefly repeated her comments.

#### **Correspondence**

- No correspondence.

## **Company Reports and Overview of Activities (Leo Pearce)**

- CLEP update: Approx 93 buildings have completed Stage 1 of the Program, with another 2 applications recently received. 39 Stage 2 applications have been approved so far, with 26 installations completed. In Q1 2018, GRWF received a total of 9 Stage 2 applications. A new Independent Member for the Energy Committee, Ian Colley (of Make Stuff Happen Pty Ltd), has now been appointed.
- CB and RH are concerned that the period for approving the CLEP applications takes so long – (3 months). They believe there is ‘not enough transparency’ about the process and a timeline needs to be published. DF explained the independent nature of the various steps involved in the application and approvals process – which is also available on the website. It was agreed GRWF would review public information about the program to ensure the process is clearly explained and a timeline provided where possible.
- The Annual Environmental Management Report submission has been provided to the DPE and is now on the website
- Two more Community Tours have been conducted since the last CCC meeting. These took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> May and were both successful, with very positive feedback from visitors. Next tour is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Road works on Kialla Road should be finished in the next four (4) weeks.
- LP advised there will be maintenance work carried out on the access tracks within the wind farm, this will involve graders and excavators.
- The NSW Legislative Council Select Committee on Electricity Supply, Demand and Prices visited Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm on 30<sup>th</sup> May as part of their ongoing inquiry.
- GRWF Community Fund has received good submissions this year. A workshop was provided to assist community groups with preparing their submissions. Council will announce the funding soon and it will also be put on the GRWF website.
- The Community Information Plan (CIP), approved at the last meeting, has now been added to the website.

### **Operational issues.**

- None reported.

### **Issues arising from site inspections.**

- LP reported there will be some minor road and drain maintenance carried out on the access tracks throughout the site.
- RH asked if it would be possible to plant more trees at the front of the sub-station – on the bank along the western side of the area. She also noted that the trees on the back of Ken Ikin’s property need to be weeded and they are not growing very well. RH asked for them to

have some attention. Leo agreed to have a look at the trees and consider the suggestion regarding more planting at the front of the sub-station.

### **Monitoring and environmental performance**

- BECA was engaged by GRWF to do an independent audit of the performance of the GRWF project against the conditions of approval, environmental protection licence and management plans, in order to provide an Annual Environmental Management Report to the Department of Planning and Environment. The audit confirmed the performance of the project is complying with all aspects of the approvals. The Annual Environmental Management Report is on the website.
- CB asked whether the electricity generated from the site could be reported to the CCC for each quarter. LP agreed to look into what kind of report might be possible.
- An article was released to the media highlighting that the nest boxes are being used by Glider Possums and Ring Tail Possums. No birds were noted to be using the nest boxes yet, however the ecologist noted that it was very dry at the time and that birds were more likely to use the nest boxes when wetter weather arrived.
- Travers Wilson (Goldwind Australia) was invited to talk about the blade detachment incident of March 2017. TW reported the blade detachment was a 'significant incident' and it 'was not considered lightly'. The incident had been reported to Work Safe NSW. They were satisfied with the information provided. Goldwind undertook a full investigation of the incident. He was unable to provide any specific engineering information about it but TW did say "it was not due to any poor or lack of maintenance on our part". TW also reported the matter had been rectified and a retrofit engineering program has now been rolled out.
- CB made it clear that he was not satisfied with the information provided by Goldwind Australia and wants to know what happened in more detail and whether there is any danger of it happening again.
- The Committee has requested more detail and has asked for access to the outcome of the Work Safe Committee report if possible.

### **Community complaints and response to complaints.**

- No complaints have been from the community since November 2017.

### **Information provided to the community and any feedback**

- BJCE is planning to hold a community BBQ in Crookwell) at the IGA to raise funds for the Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre and to provide an opportunity for the community to find out more about BJCE's clean energy program in the district. Proposed date is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)

- Sponsorship – Crookwell Men’s Triple Bowling Classic competition has been successful in their sponsorship application. BJCE is currently improving the application forms to ensure the sponsorship process is easy and transparent.
- 2x classified advertisements promoting the wind farm’s contact details – were run in the Goulburn and Crookwell Gazette during May, which is required every 6 months under the project’s Conditions of Consent (see example attached)



### **General business**

- Scott Martin talked about the truck movements for the Crookwell 2 site – noting the project is in the middle of transporting 9 blades a week from Pt Kembla. The movements will be reported in the press.
- DT reported on a Bannister Hall meeting, saying the community feels it’s important that they’re getting the hall upgraded and are seeking further funding from the wind farm as they feel their community is impacted the most by the wind farm.

### **ACTION items**

1. GRWF management to consider whether it may be possible to plant more trees on the bank along the western side of the substation area. (Leo Pearce)
2. GRWF management to consider the CCC’s dissatisfaction regarding the information provided by Goldwind Australia relating to the blade detachment incident of March 2017 and to provide further information to the committee.
3. GRWF management to investigate the maintenance of the trees on Ken Ikin’s property. (Leo Pearce)
4. LP to investigate whether the electricity generated from the site could be reported to the CCC for each quarter. (Leo Pearce)
5. DT to circulate the CCC Minutes and the GRWF newsletter to her neighbours if they are interested in receiving them. (Dimity Taylor)

### **Next Meeting**

- Confirmed for Wednesday xxxxxxxx 2018 starting at 5.30pm.

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