

**Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Gullen Range Wind Farm**

Date:	Wednesday, 8 December 2021
Location:	Bannister Hall
Time:	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Attendance:	Peter Gordon (PG) Chair Dimity Taylor (DT) Community Representative Councillor Paul Culhane (PC) Upper Lachlan Shire Council Scott Martin (SM) Goulburn Mulwaree Council – via Teams Leo Pearce (LP) GRWF representative Ian Lawrence (IL) GRWF representative
Apologies:	Charley Barber - Community Representative

**Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)**

**Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests**

- None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted out of session and are available on the project website

**ACTION items from Previous Minutes**

- The updated Community Information Plan has been uploaded to the project website as well as the previous year's review

**Items raised by community representatives**

- None

**Correspondence**

- No correspondence.

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

- Clean Energy Program (CLEP) update:
  - 79 installations completed to date for Stage 2 of the program, with a further 5 applications to be processed. The next Funding Round (Q4 2021) closes on 22

December.

- Community Fund:
  - The Community Fund committee met since the last CCC meeting and recommended three applications for support from the Fund. These were:
  - Crookwell Lions Club - \$9,100 for a shipping container to consolidate storage of club materials
  - Crookwell Rugby Club - \$9,000 for repairs to the dilapidated commentary box at the oval used by several sporting clubs
  - Bannister Hall - \$18,070.80 towards the next stage of the hall renovation project
  - In total \$36,170.18 was allocated in this round of funding. The balance of the \$73,753.80 available in this round will be rolled over to the following year.
  
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance:
  - Annual monitoring surveys in the Compensatory Habitat Package - Offset Area have been recently carried out for pest animals, weeds and vegetation condition. The Compensatory Habitat Package Annual Report with the information from the surveys will be submitted to DPIE by 23 February 2022.
  - GRWF circulated graphs showing generation data from both wind and solar projects
  - GRWF reported that two wind turbines were shut down for a period due to a need for replacement parts. These wind turbines are back in operation.
  - GRWF reported that maintenance would be carried out at the wind farm from mid-January and would require a crane and trucks coming onto site. Maintenance is forecast to take around two months.
  
- Community Complaints and Response to Complaints:
  - GRWF received three noise complaints and one complaint relating to eligibility for the CLEP since the last CCC meeting. All complaints were investigated and responded to and have now been closed.

### **General business**

- **Co-operation with other wind farm CCCs in Upper Lachlan Shire**
  - The chair reported on discussions held with the Crookwell 2 and Crookwell 3 CCCs also in operation in the Upper Lachlan Shire regarding opportunities for closer collaboration, particularly around exploring opportunities for closer integration of the respective Community Funds, which could potentially enable more strategic projects with a wider benefit to the area to be supported.
  - Discussion followed regarding how this may work in practice. With no objections from any representative, it was resolved that part of the next meeting would be held jointly with the Crookwell 2 and 3 committees for initial discussion.

**Next Meeting**

- The proposed date for the next meeting is **Wednesday, 30 March 2021 at 5pm.**