



COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom video-conferencing on Monday 16th August 2021

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate CWP Renewables
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative (<i>via mobile telephone</i>)
Cr John Walker (JW)	Hilltops Council delegate
Michael McNally (MMc)	CWP Renewables (Maintenance Manager)
Jonathan Post	CWP Renewables (Project Manager)

Apologies:

Laurie Hutchison	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Jayne Apps	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Brooke Watson	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate

Absent:

Andrew Winterflood	Community Representative
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Meeting commenced at 11.05am.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee being held via video-conferencing (Zoom) due to COVID restrictions.

Apologies

As listed above.

Declaration of Interest

The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chairperson of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and engaged by CWP Renewables to chair the meeting.

No changes to previous declarations by members.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Minutes of CCC held in Boorowa on 24th May 2021, were finalised and emailed to members on 11th June 2021.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Site map to be provided to CCC and include towers nominated for aviation lighting. Complete – sent with finalised minutes on 11/6/21.	LD
2	Confirm venue for next CCC on 16/08/21 in Boorowa. Complete – sent with finalised minutes on 11/6/21 advising it will be on site at the wind farm.	LA

No other business arising.

Correspondence Report

Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 3rd August 2021

- 2/6/21– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 11/6/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes as well as the site map (Action Item 1 & confirmation of the venue for the next meeting – Action Item 2 (on site).
- 9/7/21 – Email from LD with the latest Community Newsletter.
- 9/7/21 – Email to CCC members with the latest Community Newsletter.
- 3/8/21 – Email to members with meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report for this meeting.
- 3/8/21 – Letter to TS with the same information.
- 13/8/21 – Email to CCC members with the change in meeting to completely online.

Accepted.

Project Update – CWP Renewables

The project is in various stages of commissioning:

14 Towers (Wester Cluster) fully erected with a further 9 units (7 – Western Cluster and 2 Eastern Cluster) installed without blades.

There have been issues with lifting, however, these have been resolved and the crane will be moving to the western cluster over the next month.

40 Tower base sections are installed in preparation of full installation and working well in advance of the main erection activities.

Approximately 98% of all site tracks are complete. Rehabilitation of all areas in progress.

Western Cluster overhead lines and underground cables are now considered in an energised state with WTG units in this Cluster being progressively energised. Currently Units 1 – 12.

JW enquired how the power is commissioned. MM explained the location of the substation and how the power goes into the substation and energised as it goes into the 973 line. JW asked if power was being accepted into the TransGrid infrastructure. MM responded that there is a strict testing regime with TransGrid, who undertake performance and reaction testing. MM advised that CWP hope to have this process finalised over the next few weeks.

Eastern Cluster Cabling continues in the locations of Units 35 – 46 and cable terminations being progressively completed.

All WTG Components have been delivered to site.

The Site Map Progress Update was provided to attendees. (See slide 7 of the presentation for the map.)

Next 3 Months:

- Completion and hand over of remaining hardstands in the Eastern Cluster.
- Rehabilitation and remediation works across all parts of the project.
- Installation of remaining Underground Reticulation in the Eastern Cluster.
- Progressive HV Electrical Cable Terminations.
- Main Lift and WTG Installation (tower sections, nacelles, blades, etc)
- Energisation / Commissioning / Hold Point Testing of WTG Units in the Western Cluster.

Complaints Register (see Slide 9 for full details):

Between January 1st 2020 and July 31st 2021, there have been a total of eleven (11) complaints registered. One (1) received since November 2020.

General Communications Register (see Slide 10 for full details):

Between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021 there have been 156 communications via the 1300 phone number the info@bangowindfarm.com.au and info@cwprenewables.com email addresses. (284 since commencement of project)

Of these contacts:

- 36.5% - potential suppliers ↓1.5%
- 15% - individuals seeking employment on the project ↓11%
- 61% - other reasons ↑ 25%; including:
 - Offers of accommodation
 - Seeking employment
 - Contact numbers for Contractors
 - Site visit request
 - Sponsorship info (and one asking for connection of electricity to his residence – was looking for Origin Energy).

Community Engagement (see Slides 11 & 12)

Community Engagement activities slowed down due to COVID-19 situation. Continuing with:

- involvement with both Yass Valley and Boorowa Business Chambers
- presence in both Yass and Boorowa at least once each week
- planning for end-of-construction community events / activities
- communications with schools and community groups / organisations; and
- New school-based project underway with involvement by primary schools in the BWF catchment Fundraiser for the schools "Tuppence the Orphan Turbine" - an adventure story - not for or against wind farms.

General Business

- TS commented that he has seen the construction of the eastern cluster turbines from his property, which are rather dominant.

- JW commented that the newsletter provided good information and enquired whether it is sent to Hilltops Council. JW will provide LD & LA with the best email address for emails/information to be forwarded through to Council.
- GF confirmed that Yass Council receive the information and it regularly comes up at Council meetings.
- TM commented that the visual impact from the project is noticeable from a great distance.
- TM advised that the landholders meeting had been cancelled that evening due to COVID restrictions.
- JP advised that most staff are working from home where possible, with construction sites remaining open in accordance with current health orders.
- MMc advised that everything is going well on site and that the crane would be moved that day.

Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 15 November 2021 commencing at 11am**; likely to be in Yass – LA to confirm.

LA further advised that given that there are no major issues or complaints being received, that the 2022 schedule of meetings could be moved to bi-annual meetings. This matter to be discussed at the next meeting. LA reminded members that an extra-ordinary meeting may be called at the request of members or the proponent should something come up. No objections raised.

Meeting closed at 11.28am with LA thanking all for their attendance via the Zoom forum, acknowledging that whilst it is not the preferred way of engaging with the CCC, it had been successful.

Action Items

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	JW to provide email address for Hilltops Council. (Complete – provided 16/8/21).	JW/LA
2	Confirm venue for next CCC 15/11/21 in Yass.	LA