



9am, Tuesday 10 March 2020
RSM Club, Evans St, Inverell

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Patric Millar (PM)	CWP Asset Management
David Williamson (DW)	Sapphire Wind Farm Representative
Anthony Alliston (AA)	Inverell Shire Council
Cr Carol Sparks (CS)	Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council & delegate
Annabel Sides (AS)	Community Representative

Apologies:

Mike Norton – Community Representative
 Cr Stewart Berryman – Inverell Shire Council
 Ben Swan – Host Landholder
 Neil Eigeland – Community Representative
 Peter Sniekers – Office of Regional Development
 Matthew Velcich – Business in Glen
 Chris Voll – Community Representative (Church Communities
 Australia and Inverell Chamber of Commerce & Industry)

ITEM		ACTION/COMMENTS									
1.0 Welcome and Introductions CCC meeting opened at 9.13am by LA who welcomed all attendees. Informal discussions regarding the overnight approval by IPC of the New England Solar Farm SSD 9255 near Uralla. Link to IPC determination: https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2019/12/new-england-solar-farm-ssd-9255											
2.0 Apologies As listed above.											
3.0 Finalisation of Previous Minutes In accordance with the guidelines. The minutes from the 29 th October 2019 were finalised and distributed to CCC members.		Emailed 1/12/19.									
4.0 Declaration of Interests LA stated that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with DPI&E and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.		No changes to members' declarations of interests.									
5.0 Business Arising Action Items from previous meeting: <table border="1" data-bbox="185 1675 1042 1872"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>WHOM</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Keep CCC members informed on the progress of the Solar Projects (ongoing)</td> <td>PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Obtain copy of White Rock Wind Farm Site Plan Layout (Stages 1 & 2) and distribute to CCC members (completed 30/10/19)</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ISSUE	WHOM	1	Keep CCC members informed on the progress of the Solar Projects (ongoing)	PM	2	Obtain copy of White Rock Wind Farm Site Plan Layout (Stages 1 & 2) and distribute to CCC members (completed 30/10/19)	LA	
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6.0 Correspondence as per email 28/2/20, with one additional item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29/10/19 – Email from CV with contact details for White Rock WF. 29/10/19 – Email to White Rock WF seeking a PDF version of Stages 1 & 2 of the proposed layout plan 		Accepted.									

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/10/19 – Email response from WRWF providing copy of layout plan. This information forwarded on to CCC members the same day. • 14/11/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes from 29/10/19. • 1/12/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. • 28/2/20 – Email to CCC members with Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting. • 9/3/20 - Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. 	
<p>7.0 Project Update Operational</p> <p>DW advised that the project has been operational for over 12 months now. 10 Permanent staff are working at the facility. All live locally. Throughout the year, numbers may average out to more, depending on the works being undertaken.</p> <p>Currently carrying out civil works maintenance, annual blade inspections and drone inspections.</p> <p>CS enquired about weed management on site with DW stating they have Bathurst Burr, St Barnabys Thistle, etc. PM stated that they have an obligation under the project approval to spray noxious weeds, including St John’s Wart, Blackburn Briar, etc. They are also spraying near entrance gates/road.</p> <p>CS enquired about lightning strikes on the wind turbines. DW advised that they had received a few, with one blade being damaged. They have a spare blade on site, the damaged blade will be replaced so that repair works can be completed on the ground. Explaining that the blades are made from carbon fibre and fibreglass composite. The blades are earthed and are designed to take the strikes from the tip through to the ground.</p> <p>AS stated that now the project has been operational for 12 months, whether the company could provide information on its output, the achievements, targets reached, etc compared to those forecasted during the development application process. Whilst she didn’t need actual dollar amounts, it would be good to know what the return on investment has been; what has gone into the sub-station and what has gone out.</p> <p>CS commented that it is important to know the output so authorities may look at the grid capacity to ensure the infrastructure is able to meet the requirements. CS advised that she will be meeting with Sydney City Council soon and is interested in furthering these discussions.</p> <p>LA asked if there had been any record of bird strikes. PM said there had been 9 for the year.</p>	<p>Action: DW to provide a presentation to the next CCC on the output of the project during its first year of operation.</p>
<p>8.0 Solar Projects Update</p> <p>PM provided an update from Ed Mounsey: <i>The Sapphire Solar Farm status is largely unchanged from previous update with CWPR working hard to secure the right electricity offtake agreement, which is critical to underpin the financing of the project. This has included recently bidding the project into the ACT renewable energy auction #5 (Note: SWF was a successful bidder into the ACT renewable energy auction #2).</i></p>	

<p>CS enquired about the size of the project with PM stating c180-200MW, which is approved with battery storage (35 containers of batteries - 50:50 & 100:100).</p> <p>The Sundown Solar Farm project (c600MW) is still at the planning process stage.</p>	
<p>8.0 General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS advised that a blade (donated by White Rock Wind Farm) has been installed at the edge of Glen Innes township, on the Gwydir Highway, as a tourist spot. Signage states that "you are about to enter wind farm country" with a digital arrow in the blade pointing to Inverell. Adam Marshall MP has committed \$87,000+ to the project to put in a picnic shelter. Link to article: https://www.adammarshall.com.au/87986-offers-new-outlook-on-glen-innes-wind-turbine-blade/ CS stated that from this spot you can just see blades on the turbines. Future plans include a cycleway that will take you back into town. 	
<p>11.0 Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8th September 2020, commencing at 9am, RSM Club Boardroom, Inverell. 	<p>Agreed.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.31am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution.

ACTION ITEMS:

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