



**MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE**

9am, Thursday 26th October 2017
The Returned Servicemen’s Memorial Club (RSM),
Grey Street, Glen Innes

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Sandy McNaughton (SN)	CWP Asset Management Pty Ltd
Annabel Sides (AB)	Community Representative
Cr Steve Toms (ST)	Mayor – Glen Innes Severn Council
Ben Swan (BS)	Community Representative (host land owner) <i>arrived at 9.18am</i>
Anthony Alliston (AA)	Manager, Development Services (Inverell Shire Council)
Kylie Hawkins (KH)	Business in Glen (stakeholder)
Cr Stewart Berryman	Alternate - Community Representative & Inverell Shire Council
Ed Mounsey	CWP Renewables Pty Ltd

Apologies:

Tim Moses - Community Representative
Lauren Zell - Office of Environment & Heritage
Peter Sniekers – Office of Regional Development
Chris Voll – Church Communities Australia
Andrew Houston – CWP Renewables Pty Ltd
Neil Eigeland – Community Representative
Mike Norton – Community Representative

ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Meeting opened at 9.10am by LA who welcomed all & introduced two of the three new community representative members on the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Mrs Annabel Sides from the Swan Vale community and Cr Stewart Berryman as an alternate (community representative & Inverell Shire Council).</p> <p>LA asked AS & SB if they had any objection to their contact details (email address) being placed on the project website so that the broader community could communicate with them. No objections raised.</p>	<p>Contact details to be placed on the project website.</p>
<p>2.0 Apologies As listed above.</p>	
<p>3.0 Finalisation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>In accordance with the new guidelines. The minutes were finalised and distributed to CCC members on 15 August 2017.</p>	<p>Emailed 15/8/17</p>
<p>4.0 Declaration of Interests</p> <p>No changes to Declarations of Interest. LA stated that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with DP&E and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.</p>	

5.0 Business Arising

Action Items from previous meeting:

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	Whether franking credits are available if investment occurs? To be announced at a future date, subject to whether the opportunity for investment is to go ahead.	LS
2	Presentation on Community Benefit Fund guidelines. Included in discussions today	LS
3	Site inspection to be confirmed. Members of CCC invited to site inspection 5 November.	LA
4	Send copy of Business in Glen correspondence to KH. Emailed 1/8/17	LA
5	Update on sub-committee for Community Investment Testing (membership). Included in presentation today	SN
6	Interim update on the proposed Community Benefit Fund. Included in presentation today	LS

- ST enquired on the Telstra Tower, which was due to be installed in September. SN advised that work is underway north of the Western Feeder Road and she has been attempting to get an update from Telstra, however, has been unable to gain a response.

SN will further attempt to gain an update from Telstra on its projected completion date and advise CCC.

6.0 Correspondence tabled

- 27/7/17 – Email from Neil Eigeland with the Enova Energy Information, which was forwarded on to CCC members.
- Emails back and forth regarding the recruitment process for replacement community representatives (applications, acknowledgements, etc).
- 6/8/17 – Email to members with the draft minutes from 26/7/17 for review/comment.
- 15/8/17 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 12/10/17 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for today's meeting
- 19/10/17 – Email from Sandy McNaughton with an invitation to commemorate the SWF project at Tim and Beth Moses property. This information was forwarded through to CCC members.
- 23/10/17 – Email to CCC members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 23/10/17 – Email from Tim Moses with an apology for this meeting
- 24/10/17 – Email from Lauren Zell (OEH) with an apology for this meeting.
- 25/10/17 – Email from Neil Eigeland with an apology for this meeting.

LA Moved acceptance of correspondence **Seconded: ST**

7.0 Project Update

SN presented an update on the project, which commenced with an overview of the three wind farm projects in the region and the comparison of their statistics (number, height, etc).

Both the ABC and Channel 7 have visited the site and conducted interviews on the project.

SN distributed hard copies of “Sapphire Wind Farm Community Investment Survey” as well as the supporting document “Supporting Frequently Asked Questions for Community Investment Testing”. SN encouraged all present and the broader community to fill in the survey.

Sapphire Solar Farm

EM commenced his presentation about the Sapphire Solar Farm Project by stating that CWP have been looking at solar across NSW. Due to the location of the sub-station and data on wind activity vs solar/sun access in the Northern Tablelands, it was felt that a solar farm would work positively in conjunction with the wind farm, to receive maximum renewable energy.

EM explained the community consultation process that has been undertaken and CWP’s lodgement of the project’s preliminary Environmental Assessment to the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE). The Department’s requirements have been provided to CWP, who are proceeding with the preparation of the documentation & reports.

EM advised that he has a list of persons that are kept up to date with the solar project and suggested that the members of the SWF CCC also be included in this email distribution list.

Discussion ensued regarding the improved capacity of batteries and their potential to store energy.

Questions were asked & answered throughout both presentations.

Link to ABC & Channel 7 media stories:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-19/record-investment-in-renewable-power-near-glen-innes/9063854>

<https://www.facebook.com/Prime7NewsNorthWest/videos/1570361869690612/>

A copy of the presentation is included as an attachment with these minutes.

LA to send EM a copy of CCC members email addresses for inclusion in the updates.

8.0 General Business

- ST enquired about community projects funding – Construction in the Community. SN advised that CWP had already undertaken two projects under this funding – including a concrete apron at King Plain Fire Shed and a shipping container supplied to the RSM Club, courtesy of VESTA.
- ST further enquired about the Community Benefit Fund (CBF). SN informed the committee that this Fund would not be available until the wind farm was fully operational. From the commencement of the first turbine (mid 2018), the funds will accumulate and become available when the last turbine is operational. It will be recommended that the CBF operate

It was noted that the “Construction in the Community” funding (which provide for legacy projects as part of the construction phase for the development and the “Community Benefit Fund” are two separate opportunities for funding projects.

<p>under a Section 355 Committee, auspiced by the Councils (under the Local Government Act 1993). AS recommended that a constitution be established to ensure that the funds are available to the communities impacted and affected by the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST raised concern that Inverell Shire would receive more funding than Glen Innes Severn Council (GISC), even though residents of GISC are visually impacted. • It was confirmed that the funding opportunities are based on an amount per turbine and its location in the local government area. Therefore, more opportunities will be available for community projects in Inverell Shire. • EM advised that there is a "Terms of Reference" with both Councils, which explains the distribution of funds. • BS stated that he has received enquiries and concerns about "post" wind farm activities. EM advised that there is a lease arrangement with each host landowner to ensure that impacts during construction and operation are covered, therefore providing a Contingency Fund. The project is also fully insured. • AS raised concerns with the impact of the combined wind farm projects on the Swan Vale community and recommended further engagement from CWP to discuss lack of consistency and the feeling of inequity by residents. • ST asked if people living on Pot Hill Road & Waterloo Road had been consulted with. SN advised that Bill Filby & Patric Millar had met with property owners in Waterloo Road, however was unsure about Pot Hill Road. • BS sought further information on the White Rock Wind Farm Project in terms of its expansion. ST advised that there are plans to expand and the company are preparing and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modification. • It was noted that Glen Innes Wind Farm currently had a modification before DPE, with the "proponent currently reviewing submissions" – Mod. 4. 	<p>Terms of Reference to be forwarded to CCC members once confirmed</p> <p>CWP agreed to address future community meetings in the Swan Vale area (subject to invitation & availability)</p> <p>A check of the Major Projects NSW Website shows that Mod 5 was determined on 11/10/17. Link WRWF: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8739</p> <p>Link: GIWF http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=search&page_id=&search=glen+innes+wind+farm&authority_id=&search_site_type_id=&reference_table=&status_id=&decider=&from_date=&to_date=&x=0&y=0</p>
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>Discussions were held regarding the schedule for 2018. The CCC will continue to meet quarterly during the construction phase and alternatively between Inverell and Glen Innes. The following dates were agreed upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday 6 February 2018 (Inverell) ➤ Tuesday 24th April 2018 (Glen Innes) ➤ Tuesday 7th July 2018 (Inverell) ➤ Tuesday 30 October 2018 (Glen Innes). 	

Meeting closed at 10. 40am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	Contact details (email addresses) to be placed on project website for new members	SN/LA
2	Send email addresses to EM for inclusion in the Sapphire Solar Farm updates	LA
3	Telstra Tower Update	SN
4	LG Terms of Reference	EM/LA
5	CWP representative/s to meet with Swan Vale community (subject to invitation and availability)	SN/AB

Item 3: 3/11/17 – prior to finalisation of minutes:

The Telstra Tower became operational today (3/11/17). At this stage coverage is unknown but once information is available, the CCC will be informed.