



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

9am, Tuesday 3rd July 2018
Glenn Innes & Districts Services Club, 120 Grey
Street, Glenn Innes

Attendees:

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| Lisa Andrews (LA) | Independent Chair |
| Patric Millar (PM) | CWP Asset Management |
| David Williamson (DW) | SWF Facility Manager |
| Neil Eigeland (NE) | Community Representative |
| Mike Norton (MN) | Community Representative |
| Ben Swan (BS) | Community Representative (host land owner) |
| Anthony Alliston (AA) | Manager, Development Services (Inverell Shire Council) |
| Cr Stewart Berryman (SB) | Alternate - Community Representative & Inverell Shire Council |
| Annabel Sides (AS) | Community Representative |
| Peter Sniekers (PS) | Office of Regional Development |
| Kylie Hawkins (KH) | Business in Glen (<i>arrived at 9.09am</i>) |

Apologies:

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| Cr Steve Toms – Mayor – Glen Innes Severn Council delegate |
| Lauren Zell – Office of Environment & Heritage |
| Tim Moses – Community Representative (host land owner) |
| Chris Voll – Church Communities Australia & Inverell Business Chamber |

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1.0 Welcome and Introductions CCC meeting opened at 9.05am by LA who welcomed all attendees. | | |
| 2.0 Apologies As listed above. | | |
| 3.0 Finalisation of Previous Minutes In accordance with the guidelines. The minutes from the 3 th May 2018 were finalised and distributed to CCC members. | | Emailed 27/5/18 |
| 4.0 Declaration of Interests LA stated that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with DP&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: | | |
| 1 | What types of batteries will be used for Sapphire Solar storage when known. Response: No decision made as yet. Options available in EIS. | EM |
| 2 | Keep members informed regarding negotiations with the aviation lighting. Response: Included in today's presentation. (Ongoing) | PM |

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| 3 | Provide update on Community Investment Testing Program. Response: i. Administration transition process – August 2018. ii. New England Roadshow & Public Launch – October 2018. | PM | See Attachment 1. |
| 4 | Presentation from Inverell Shire Council regarding the establishment of the Community Benefit Fund and how the funds will be spent. Response: Held-over. CBF committee appointed last week & hasn't met at this stage. | SB | |
| 5 | Clean Energy Council Open Day. Response: Open Day is 21/10/18. BBQ & entertaining in Inverell with buses leaving from 7am for site tours. | PM | |
| 6.0 Correspondence tabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/5/18 - Email from Annabel Sides raising four issues on behalf of the Swan Vale Community. This email was forwarded through to CWP for response 7/5/18 – Email to CCC members with a Q & A document, responding to these issues. 13/5/18 – Email to members with the information about nominations for membership on the Community Benefit Fund committee. 16/5/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes from 3/5/18 for review 27/5/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes 19/10/18 – Email from NE advising that the proposed Open Day will be around 21/10/18 21/6/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice and Agenda for today's meeting & some information about the Open Day. 30/6/18 – Email to members with a reminder for Tuesday's meeting. 2/7/18 – Email from Tim Moses with his resignation from this CCC. 2/7/18 – Email to Tim Moses thanking him for his time and contribution. 2/7/18 – Email from Lauren Zell with her apology and advising that she was going on maternity leave for 12 months. <p>LA Moved acceptance of correspondence Seconded: SB</p> | | | <p>LA advised that moving forward, the correspondence report will be included with the Meeting Notice & Agenda emailed to members prior to the CCC.</p> <p>No objections raised.</p> |
| 7.0 Project Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Aviation lighting</u> – PM provided members with an update on negotiations concerning the lighting, including meetings with local politicians and discussions with CASA. PM explained the Vestas Intelilight system, which is able to be retrofitted to the existing project at a cost of \$1.5-\$2M. Unfortunately, the funds were not budgeted for and none are available. CWP will formally request CASA to review the requirement for Aviation Hazard Lights as outlined in Condition of Approval C29A this week. During the Development Application phase the independent aviation consultant advised that the lights were not needed. Whilst CASA acknowledges that the lights are obtrusive and offensive, it insists that the turbines will create a risk if they are not light. PM explained CASA's reliance of the previously planned flight school for Glen Innes and their requirements for visual distances. The Flight | | | <p>PM to keep CCC informed of the progress of this important issue.</p> <p>It was suggested that funds from the CBF be used to finance the installation of Intelilight system as this would benefit the community.</p> |

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| <p>School formally withdrew its Development Application in late December 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM advised of the recent approval of a wind farm in Victoria, which requires the installation of the radar lights. It is anticipated that all new wind farm projects may have to adopt this system. • A meeting will be held with representatives from the Department of Planning & Environment, CASA and CWP on Friday 6 July to try and progress the issue. • PM advised that there had only been 13 formal complaints received about the lights of which 3 are follow up complaints. Further discussion ensued and it was recommended that every person lodge a complaint via the Sapphire Wind Farm portal on-line system. • AS enquired whether the lighting issue had been included in the neighbourhood agreements. PM responded that the agreements were confidential, however, the EIS for the project, did state that lights would be installed if required by the approval. • PM advised the committee that the Community Benefit Fund has been established and will meet to discuss its charter. It is likely that Glen Innes Severn Council will not create a separate CBF, rather combine its interest with Inverell Shire Council's CBF 355 Committee. • AS asked if CWP have provided money into the fund. PM stated that once the turbines were operational, the contributions would commence. • PS informed the CCC about the state government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, which has grants available for regional growth projects. • PM informed members about activities on the site. Of the 75 turbines; 43 towers have been commissioned, 28 towers are available to produce power. • Currently, testing is being conducted to demonstrate to the Australian Market Operators that the towers won't cause any disruption to the existing system. • Temporary Met Masts will come down in the next few weeks. • Consideration of a third crane coming to the site to increase productivity as the project is behind due to weather impacts. Work will now be 24/7 on 12 hour shifts – 6 to 6. This has been approved by DP&E. • All components are in the country and the current completion date is expected for mid-September 2018. • NE enquired about the damaged blade. PM confirmed that it would be placed in a shipping container and returned to China. • Noise surveys will be carried out within 3 months of operation. | <p>LA will contact CV (Danthonia) to advise</p> <p>AS will discuss with residents in Swan Vale.</p> <p>AS was of the opinion that EM advised in February 2018, that money had already been paid.</p> <p>PS to send through further information</p> <p>AS advised that she had not received any negative noise complaints from residents.</p> |
| <p>8.0 General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE asked if anyone from Clean Energy Council would be attending the Open Day. PM advised that there were a number of events occurring around the country on that day (21/10/18), so it was unlikely that their resources would stretch to all events. • PM advised that the Sapphire Solar is in the final stages of development consent. Just sorting out native vegetation issues and geotechnical surveys. There were 9 submissions received. | |

9.0 Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held in Inverell at the RSM Club on:
Tuesday 30th October 2018, commencing at 9am.

Meeting closed at 10.04am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution.

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