



# MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9am, Tuesday 29 October 2019  
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 Stewart Berryman (SB)	Inverell Shire Council (alternate)
Cr Carol Sparkes (CS)	Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council & delegate
Ben Swan (BS)	Community Representative (host landholder)
Chris Voll (CV)	Church Communities Australia & IBC
Annabel Sides (AS)	Community Representative
Peter Sniekers (PS)	Office of Regional Development
Neil Eigeland (NE)	Community Representative ( <i>arrived at 9.05am</i> )

**Apologies:** Mike Norton – Community Representative

ITEM		ACTION/COMMENTS															
<b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b> CCC meeting opened at 9.02am by LA who welcomed all attendees.																	
<b>2.0 Apologies</b> As listed above.																	
<b>3.0 Finalisation of Previous Minutes</b> In accordance with the guidelines. The minutes from the 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 were finalised and distributed to CCC members.		<b>Emailed 24/7/19.</b>															
<b>4.0 Declaration of Interests</b> LA stated that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with DPI&E and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.		<b>No changes to members' declarations of interests.</b>															
<b>5.0 Business Arising</b> <b>Action Items from previous meeting:</b>																	
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<b>6.0 Correspondence as per email 16/10/19:</b>																	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16/7/19 – Email from AA with White Rock/CASA information from DPE</li> <li>16/7/19 – Email from PS with DPIE presentation on Large Scale Solar Farm developments.</li> </ul>		<b>Accepted.</b>															

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18/7/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review together with the Large Scale Solar Farm DPIE presentation and information from AA regarding the White Rock development.</li> <li>• 24/7/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes</li> <li>• 24/7/19 – Letter/email to CASA regarding aviation lighting.</li> <li>• 3/8/19 – Email from CASA (Shane Carmody) with response to correspondence, which was forwarded on to CCC members on 6/8/19.</li> <li>• 5/10/19 – Email from PM advising that SNC-Lavalin has been appointed as the Independent Auditor for the project. Email forwarded on to members to seek any items for inclusion in the review.</li> <li>• 16/10/19 – Email to CCC members with Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• 26/10/19 - <a href="#">Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.0 Project Update</b></p> <p><b>Operational</b></p> <p>DW advised that maintenance is up to date. Building changes have been completed and everything removed from site.</p> <p>The 18 month operational audit has been conducted by the consultant appointed by the Department of Planning, Industry &amp; Environment (DPIE), SNC – Lavalin. A representative was on site on Friday 26/10/19 reviewing all evidence for compliance. There was an administrative item raised by the auditor, involving an omission on the project website. The consultant was happy with what was happening on site and has been in contact with DPIE’s compliance section. The audit lined up with the Independent Auditor’s visit, who was appointed by the DPIE and reviewed the construction and post construction phases of the project.</p> <p>Flow Power recently entered into a Power Purchase Agreement to purchase power from SWF. They have entered into agreements to supply Sydney City Council and Newcastle City Council.</p>	
<p><b>8.0 Solar Projects Update</b></p> <p>Nothing to provide for “Sundown”. “Sapphire” is currently reviewing engineering designs.</p>	
<p><b>9.0 Community Enhancement Fund</b></p> <p>Three CCC representatives on the CEF committee. 34 applications were received with approximately \$80,000 in funds being approved. Unfortunately, some applications did not meet the criteria and Council officers will speak with these organisations to assist them with future application.</p> <p>The next round will occur in March/April 2020.</p> <p>Some applicants were requesting \$20k-\$30k without providing any contributing funds or works in kind, making it difficult to support.</p>	
<p><b>10.0 General Business</b></p> <p><b>White Rock Wind Farm - IPC discussions</b></p> <p>AA advised that the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) were in the area two weeks ago as part of its deliberations on the White Rock Wind Farm. The main point raised by Inverell Council was the aviation lighting system, recommending a proposed condition requiring aviation detection lighting installed and exclude “or otherwise as approved by CASA”. SB commenting that they did not attend to debate this issue.</p>	

<p>AA confirmed that the view of Council and the community was that the project install radar activated lighting.</p> <p>CV advised that the Danthonia Community had tendered a written submission (copy tabled) to the IPC with the same recommendation.</p> <p>CS stated they GIS Council had two meeting with the IPC panel, Councillors and Directors as well as a public meeting. CS also raised the lighting issue at these meetings. A speaker presented at the Town Hall community meeting, with the radar lighting issue left open. White Rock provided a project presentation, which included the size of the turbines and reduction of some due to increased blade heights.</p> <p>AA enquired whether any neighbours had taken up the compulsory acquisition condition with PM responding that one had taken it up and one neighbour had left.</p> <p>NE advised that he had heard that there was going to be an upgrade of the national grid in the Northern Tablelands area. PM said that he had heard on the radio that morning they were talking about South Australia to Victoria and Wagga Wagga north to Queensland.</p>	
<p><b>11.0 Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Following a suggestion by CV to move to bi-annual meetings, it was agreed by all members to hold the meetings in March and September, still on Tuesdays, commencing at 9am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Tuesday 10th March 2020; and</li> <li>o Tuesday 8th September 2020.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agreed.</b></p>

**Meeting closed at 9.22am** with LA thanking everyone for their attendance and contribution.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

ITEM	ISSUE	WHOM
1	Keep CCC members informed on the progress of the Solar Projects	PM
2	Obtain copy of White Rock Wind Farm Site Plan Layout (Stages 1 & 2) and distribute to CCC members	LA