

FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Tuesday 5th April 2022

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Date and Venue	Blayney Community Centre				
	6:00 – 7:15 pm				
Attendees:	Mr. Ian Rogan (Chair)				
	Ms. Rachael Young (Community member)				
	Mr. Kim Masters (Host landowner)				
	Mr John Plantinga (Neighbour)				
	Ms. Jenny Walsh (Proponent – Iberdrola Australia)				
	Mr Dale Wiessner (Proponent – Iberdrola Australia)				
	Mr Bob Sykes (Proponent – Jacobs)				
Apologies	Mr Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council)				
	Mr Joe Dalzell (Neighbour)				

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Chair.

Jenny Walsh (JW), Iberdrola Australia Community Liaison Officer for the Flyers Creek Wind Farm and Bob Sykes, Jacobs/Iberdrola construction site representative, were introduced.

Introductions were made by all CCC members in attendance.

2. Apologies

Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.

lan Rogan (IR) noted that dates for meetings are generally agreed several months in advance and agendas are sent to attendees a week ahead of meetings. If you are unable to attend, please give advance notice in case we need to reschedule. For future meetings asked that all members please advise a week out if they cannot attend.

Rachael Young (RY) noted that members are volunteers with other commitments.

Jenny Walsh (JW) asked if usual Blayney Shire Council staff are unable to attend, might another representative attend?

IR suggested this is raised with BSC.



3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed. No additional items added.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

John Platinga (JP) moved that the minutes from 18 January 2022 were formally adopted and Kim Masters (KM) seconded this.

5. Business Arising

Actions were reviewed (see following page for updates and new actions).

6. Committee Issues and Updates [Chair]

IR requested that Committee members, when we set a meeting date three months in advance, can apologies be notified at least a week in advance?

DW suggested members receive a notification reminder of the meeting a month in advance.

JW to issue a reminder to members a month ahead of meeting and send SMS reminder to the group.

IR to issue meeting agenda at least a week ahead of meetings and call for any additional suggestions.

JW provided professional background and previous renewables experience.

7. Project Update (Dale)

DW provided an update on the progress of the Flyers Creek Wind Farm development. He advised the following:

- Iberdrola has now engaged:
 - GLC to complete Balance of Plant works (Work Package 2 network overhead reticulation from switching station, civil and electrical works across wind farm site)
 - Essential Energy (Work Packages 0 & 1 construction of substation)
 - GE turbine supply
- GLC has begun establishing the construction compound. Earthworks to begin shortly then compound facilities will be established.
- Surveying and geotechnical work continues.
- Tree clearing is about to commence in forestry area along Cadia Road

JW – understand that first VPA contribution to BSC has been made.

Action: JW to check date of VPA contribution



IR – has BSC indicated a process for distribution of funds? How do we ensure the funds are appropriately managed and distributed?

Bodangora VPA has a condition that funds will benefit Wellington and district.

KM – would like Flyers Creek VPA funds to be distributed locally to wind farm (Carcoar, Forest Reefs, Millthorpe, etc), rather than whole of Blayney Shire. Monies need to find their way to the small villages.

IR – need a transparent process with calls for applications from community groups.

Action: Iberdrola to clarify process and oversight for distribution of VPA funds via BSC and to check VPA wording re fund distribution.

RY – provided information from VPA.

DW - Landowner BBQ was held on 9 March at Tallwood Hall attended by majority of wind farm landowners, Iberdrola, GLC, Jacobs and GE representatives.

DW – Dale and Jenny ran a stall at the Blayney Show (19 March 2022) to provide project information and answer questions.

DW – consultation with neighbours to advise of the wind farm construction has begun with near neighbours.

IR – Iberdrola needs to update residents further out than near neighbours for more open community consultation. Suggest an event for general community at Tallwood Hall.

JP – suggest letterbox drop to invite local people to event at Tallwood Hall.

DW - Supplier networking event was held today (5/04/2022) in Blayney. GLC presented information about the project and opportunities for local businesses and people to be involved.

DW – Iberdrola will hold a breaking ground ceremony on site.

RY – please consider biosecurity at the site for the breaking ground ceremony.

DW – Project community newsletter issued this week. Newsletters will be issued monthly.

IR – can Iberdrola add some information about the CCC on Flyers Creek website? With CCC Member contact details?

KM – Newcrest CCC members have contact details listed on website.



DW – Iberdrola is investigating ways we can be more involved in the community including sponsorship. This will be covered in the Construction Stakeholder Management Plan.

DW – Gap Rd intersection – Iberdrola is working with Blayney Shire Council. It will be some time before the culvert is installed.

8. Community Consultation Plan and processes

Community and stakeholder communications discussed above in agenda item 7.

9. Any Other Business

The date for the next meeting is called for **Tuesday 5th July (TBC)**.

The Chair closed the meeting at ~7.15PM.



Actions

Action		Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1.	Iberdrola to clarify process and oversight for distribution of VPA funds via BSC and to check VPA wording re fund distribution	5/04/22	JW	Open.
2.	JW to check date of fist VPA contribution payment to BSC	5/04/22	JW	Open.
3.	CCC to ask Blayney Shire Council whether another member of staff can attend CCC meetings should the usual representatives not be available	5/04/22	JW?	Open.
4.	Advise CCC of supplier open day details once confirmed	18/01/22	DW	Closed. JW issued email to all members 29/03/22 advising the supplier event Tuesday 5 April 4-6pm
5.	IR to draft CCC Annual Report and circulate to the members for review and comment.	12/02/20	IR	Open.
6.	MR to issue email to CCC members providing information on the local community engagement role.	10/11/21	MR	Closed. MR issued email to all members 10/11/21.
7.	ALL members to complete the Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct forms & return to IR.	12/02/20	ALL	Closed.
8.	MR to send MD an email relating to biodiversity offset for Flyers Creek Wind Farm	19/05/21	MR	Closed. MR emailed MD 24/05/21
9.	MR to arrange discussion re construction certificate(s) between Infigen and BSC.	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Meeting occurred by teleconference 21/05/21.
10.	MR to notify aviation club of final wind turbine coordinates prior to construction	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Notification will occur via CASA.
11.	MR to circulate sponsorship form to CCC members	03/02/21	MR	Closed. MR circulated by email
12.	IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	Closed. IR circulated by email 12/02/20
13.	IR to investigate further and advise if any major changes between guidance issued in 2016 and new guidance issued in 2019.	09/05/19	IR	Closed. IR provided a summary at meeting of 19/09/19 advising that there were no notable changes between the 2016 and 2019 guidance.
14.	MR to review KM RFS sponsorship request and advise if Infigen can support	18/01/19	MR	Closed. MR provided sponsorship form to KM and requested that any requests for sponsorship are applied for via the form.



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15. MR to contact the local aviation club with project information.	18/01/19	MR	Closed. JD noted on 03/02/21 that he has spoken with the local aviation club and that they are aware of the proposed wind farm and expect to be notified in due course by CASA of any new structures.
16. JD advised that he we would pass on the contact details of a local aviation club.	11/09/18	JD	Closed. Information duly emailed 12/09 to MR.
17. IR advised that he would contact MD to query if Council could nominate an alternate if MD was unable to attend CCC meetings and if there were particular days of the week that were preferable for future meetings.	16/05/18	IR	Closed. Daniel Drum (DD) at Blayney Shire Council appointed as MD's nominated alternative at 11/09/18 CCC meeting.
18. MR to provide copy of average wind speed map of the project site to the CCC members.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. MR provided a printed copy of the maps to the CCC members at meeting of 11/09/18.
19. MR to provide details of sponsorship activities related to Flyers Creek in the last 12 months.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. For details see agenda item 9 of CCC meeting minute 11/09/18.
20. MR agreed to bring an average wind speed map of the project site to the next CCC meeting for information	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR brought maps to meeting of 16/05/18 and shared with members.
21. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
22. MR to provide wirelines which were lodged with the DPE as part of planning modification 3 to JD.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued by email to JD 08/02/18
23. MR to bring project maps in electronic form to next meeting to share with the group	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Maps brought to meeting of 16/05/18. It was agreed that MR would bring a copy to all subsequent meetings.
24. MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the process for adding a new CCC member to the group and report back on the outcome of this discussion.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR reported outcome of discussions with DPE at meeting of 16/05/18.
25. The CCC members supported this idea and requested that MD followed up with Council about the possibility of utilising this land for a viewing platform.	02/02/18	MD	Closed. MD followed up on this by email 12/02/18 advising that he has spoken to Councils Manager Operations and he has given very preliminary advice



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			that the quarry area could be utilised as a "pull off area" and as a viewing area. Further detailed information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.