

BODANGORA WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting 9 – Meeting Minutes, 26 May 2015

Date:	26 May 2015	Time:	6pm
Location:	Cow and Calf Hotel Wellington	Attendees:	Mr. Grahame Collier (Chair) Mr. Ashoor Khan (Wellington Shire) Mr. Frank Barker (mid Macquarie Landcare) Mr. Mike Lyons (Neighbour) Mr. Bob Sewell (Wellington business owner) Mr. Simon Barton (Host landowner) Mr. Frank Boland (Proponent–Infigen Energy)
1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lyn Jarvis was an apology. Peter James has not been in contact about membership of the CCC. - Welcome to Ashoor Kahn - Wellington Shire Council - Introductions from all members - Confirmation of Agenda - The chair confirmed Frank Boland as minute taker for this meeting. - The Chair provided background on the CCC for the benefit of Ashoor Kahn. He expressed his disappointment in the fact that the NSW wind farm guidelines are still in draft format. - Committee membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Boland asked about whether the CCC should look at reappointment of membership to take account of anyone wanting to join or step down. - Frank Barker expressed his disappointment in the composition of the CCC. The Chair postponed this discussion. - Frank Barker put forward the motion <i>'That Wellington Council be invited to select one and only one only representative to the CCC as per Appendix C Guidelines for wind farm community consultative committees'</i>. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Barker elaborated on his motion by stating that council have has poor attendance and that he only wants one member of council to be included, as per the Guidelines. - BS agreed with his motion. - ML clarified council attendance to which the Chair confirmed that the Council have only missed one meeting of the nine to date. - ML and FBo made general comment to defend council's attendance and contribution - ML pointed out that they can have as many members as they want but only one vote - AK offered to take appendix C of the DWFG to the General Manager to point out the structure of the CCC. He indicated that he wasn't sure if there would be any scope to change the council 		Chair

	<p>meeting agenda.</p> <p>The Chair facilitated agreement from all that the motion would be left on the table for consideration at the next meeting and that AK further progress discussion with the GM.</p> <p>Action: Hold the motion and accept AK's offer and will communicate outcome at the next meeting.</p> <p>- CCC appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FBo raised an open question about the CCC appointments and asked whether they should be reopened? - F Barker said that it's a good idea and said that he would be happy to step aside. - SB stated that we need continuity. <p>Action. For further discussion at the next meeting and see Item 4 below</p>	
4.	<p>Item 4 was moved to item 2.</p> <p>Other update matters of more general interest to the Committee</p> <p>The Chair stated that he is resigning as of August 31st 2015. Note, see Item 10 re date of next meeting. Chair indicated that his resignation would come into effect as at the 2nd of September 2015, or earlier if a new Chair was identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentioned reasons - Option of searching for new chair at the same time as reopening the CCC applications. <p>Action: FBo will advertise for new chair and also EOI for new membership</p>	Chair
2.	<p>Minutes of Meeting 8 and Actions Arising (those not covered in the agenda)</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ML mentioned that the last meeting was a long time ago. The Chair reiterated the reasons. - Meeting 8 minutes. The minutes are an accurate record of the proceeding of meeting 8. <p>Moved Simon Barton, Seconded Frank Boland: Carried unanimously</p>	Chair
3.	<p>Opening remarks regarding the delay in holding this meeting</p> <p>Action: Noted</p>	Chair and Frank Boland
5.	<p>Update of progress on the Renewable Energy Target and implications for Bodangora</p> <p>Project status report</p>	Frank Boland

Frank Boland provided an update on the RET compromise and development progress of the project.

After 18 months of uncertainty, the Government and the Opposition have reached bipartisan agreement on a Renewable Energy Target (RET) of 33,000GWh (gigawatt hours) by 2020. He mentioned that Infigen welcomes the compromise as a means to restore certainty back into the industry. The new target requires an 80% increase from the current level of 18,000 GWh, which works out to be around 5,600 MW of new capacity built. He also mentioned that Government has agreed to drop the requirement for biennial reviews of the target which was the prime source of ongoing uncertainty. He stated that the changes to the RET still need to be passed through Parliament and legislated, which is expected in the coming month.

He reminded everyone what the RET scheme is all about, which put simply the RET allows renewable energy generators to issue certificates for every megawatt hour of energy they generate. Large energy customers (such as Aluminium smelters) and energy retailers (like AGL, Origin, Energy Australia, etc) must buy a certain number of these certificates and 'surrender' them to the government at the end of each year - this is how the target is regulated. These certificates are an essential part of getting renewable energy projects off the ground. Having an agreed 33,000 GWh target means that large consumers, such as energy retailers, now know what percentage of their electricity has to be bought from renewable sources and thus how many certificates they need to surrender each year. Knowing this, they will be more willing to enter into long-term contracts, with projects such as Bodangora Wind Farm. Currently wind energy is the cheapest way to get more renewable energy, so it is expected that new wind farms will take up a significant share of the renewable energy to be added in the next five years. This will hopefully stimulate the electricity retailers to start entering into long-term contracts with new wind farms. He said this was the most important task for the development of the project.

Discussion:

- BS asked about different technology under the RET.
- AK asked about the comparison of Bodangora compared to Capital and Woodlawn wind farms.
- The Chair flagged the issue of native timber still being a sticking point for the RET policy.
- ML claimed that for every new wind turbine, there needs to be additional coal generation added to the network.
- FBo asked for the source of this statement, which ML confirmed to be the AEMO website.
- Fbar asked what FBo thought about the potential for coal mines closing as a result of the RET and the impact unemployment.
- FBo answered the questions and stated that there needs to be diversity of electricity sources in the network. He did not comment specifically on FBa question.
- FBa gave his view in need of development given his opinion of the Wellington Council.
- BS made the point that financing is currently very cheap and that it would be an opportune timing. He also mentioned electric cars and the

	<p>need to reduce costs in the rural sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ML stated that the project will still require a PPA, FBo clarified that it is likely that it will need a PPA however the last three wind farms Infigen built did not have an off-take contract. - FBa asked whether we would be using foreign funding, FBo replied that it will depend on economics at the time of project financing. <p>The Chair then summarised the RET legislation process and the discussion was noted.</p>	
6.	<p>Consultation processes: updating and suggestions about further consultation required/occurring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation processes – new suggestions in the light of the situation with the RET • Other consultation approaches <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BS local content suggestions and opportunities - AK timing query - SB mentioned that plan for a information shop front once construction was closer. - FBo said exact timing was unknown and mentioned consultation efforts to date. He also asked whether there have been any similar consultation efforts with the ERM power station. - SB confirmed that the CCC meeting minutes are on the IFN website and suggested that we should make people aware of this in the next update article in the Wellington Times. - The Chair gave an update on the timing for his Chairman’s report. - FBa invited the Wellington Times to our CCC meeting. 	Frank Boland/All
7.	<p>Update on VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement) – if required</p> <p>Action: Noted</p>	All
8.	<p>Proposed Community Turbine [update and training issues]</p> <p>Action: FBo carried training motion from the last meeting.</p>	All
9.	<p>Committee Charter and Terms of Reference</p> <p>Action: The Chair offered to distribute the Flyers Creek CCC Charter and Terms of Reference.</p>	Chair and All
10.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FBo asked the group if they knew any local drillers for upcoming Geotech work? BS offered to assist. - ML suggested that the CCC takes a look at the AEMO website. - BS said it would be helpful to understand production costs of electricity versus retail costs. <p>Actions:</p>	All

	ML to provide information re 'back up power generation' to the Chair, for circulation FBo to provide information re various energy production costs to the CCC at the next meeting	
11.	Schedule for future meetings; The next meeting was proposed for 1 st of September 2015. Venue to be advised. Chair to inform Lyn Jarvis and Peter James about the date asap. Meeting closed at 7.55pm	Chair

Community Benefit Scheme – Suggestions Register

#	Suggestion	Who	When	Status
1.	Discount Electricity Tariff	Frank Barker	10 Sep 12	Noted, Frank Boland provided explanation on the difficulty of this due to Infigen's limited retail license.
2.	Contribution to care facilities	Frank Barker	10 Sep 12	Noted
3.	Western Lodge Cancer Care Unit [\$20k]	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	To be discussed
4.	Bodangora Fire Brigade – fire truck	Mike Lyons	March 2013	To be discussed
5.	Upgrade to the swimming pool	Simon Barton	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
6.	Wheelchair accessible taxi	Bob Sewell	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
7.	Wellington Men's Shed land acquisition	Frank Boland	12 March 2014	To be discussed

Note these suggestions are for further consideration once the Community Benefits Scheme under the VPA is commenced.

Community Sponsorships – Suggestions Register

#	Suggestion	Who	When	Status
1	Supporting Junior Sport	Bob Sewell	March 2013	Partially actioned
2	Rugby League Club		Jan 2014	
3	Wellington Quota Club Charity Art Exhibition		Oct 2013	Actioned
4	Wellington Scouts and Girl Guides	Bob Sewell	12 Mar 2014	To be discussed
5	Sponsor Binjang Radio	Landowner	5 Sep 12	Actioned
6	Contribution to Wellington PCYC	Wellington resident	15 Oct 12	Actioned
7	Contribution to Show Society	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	Partially actioned

Note these suggestions are provided for more immediate action by Infigen. Progressing these prior to the commencement of the VPA is up to Infigen, but communication needs to occur with the CCC as far as is possible