

## FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

<b>Date and Venue</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Blayney Community Centre 6:00 – 7:15 pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr Ian Rogan (Chair) Mr Ross Earl (Blayney Shire Council) Ms Rachael Young (Community member) Mr Kim Masters (Host landowner) Ms Jenny Walsh (Proponent – Iberdrola Australia)
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) Mr John Plantinga (Neighbour) Mr Joe Dalzell (Neighbour)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by the Chair.

Ross Earl, acting General Manager from Blayney Shire Council was introduced.

### 2. Apologies

Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council)  
Joe Dalzell (Neighbour)  
Mr John Plantinga (Neighbour)

### 3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed. No additional items added.

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Kim Masters (KM) moved that the minutes from 5 April 2022 were formally adopted and Rachael Young (RY) seconded this.

### 5. Business Arising

Actions were reviewed (see following page for updates and new actions). Actions 2 and 3 were closed.

Regarding Action 1. Jenny Walsh (JW) advised that the VPA funds were to be distributed via Blayney Shire Council's Financial Assistance Policy (FAP).

Discussion about the makeup of the FAP Advisory Committee. RY asked whether all the people on the Committee were Council staff; JW advised that Iberdrola was invited to sit on the committee. KM thought the rest of the committee was Council staff and Councillors.

RY noted a lack of transparency regarding the distribution of VPA funds.

**Action:** Ross Earl (RE) – Council (and Iberdrola) will circulate a list of money available under the VPA and the split of VPA funds within.

## **6. Committee Issues and Updates [Chair]**

IR – since April meeting Ian attended the neighbours information session at Tallwood in May and thought it went well.

## **7. Project Update**

JW provided an update on the progress of the Flyers Creek Wind Farm development:

- Earthworks have begun in Collector Group 3 – Turbines 1-8 and the substation at the northern end of the site.
- Temporary Construction Compound structure complete – final building fit outs
- Tree clearing is progressing in forestry area along Cadia Road
- Batch plant – pad being constructed
- Gap Road intersection - equipment is being mobilized to site
- Generally delayed by rain

JW - Neighbours Information Evening was held at Tallwood Hall on Thursday 5 May. Not well attended, but those who did found it useful. Criticisms from one neighbour.

JW – Ground-breaking event was held on site on 22 June.

KM – very dissatisfied with the performance to date of Iberdrola and GLC regarding the construction of Flyers Creek. Kim has the following concerns:

- Iberdrola is not consulting with landowners
- Management has been abysmal
- Chris O'Farrell from GLC is trying to wear two hats at the moment
- Can't get GLC to install the gates which were agreed upon
- The issues Kim has raised are being ignored
- Concerned that trees are going to be cleared which were not approved as part of the planning approval. Will Kim be fined if the trees are cleared illegally? How many trees have been removed?
- There has been a drone flying over the site
- Works are continuing in wet conditions resulting in vehicles making a mess of paddocks. Why is there no wet weather clause in the contract?

- Kim has strong concerns which need action. Contractors are riding roughshod.
- Multiple instances of gates being left open.
- There have been numerous people on site over the years walking, surveying and pegging the access track route on Kim's land. Discussions were had re best design to avoid trees, etc and now it looks like the access track route will remove maximum trees and cross over property boundary fences a number of times. The design seems crazy – one access track has been designed to run over the top of the McKenzie/Cowan boundary fence rather than along side it.
- No one is taking notice of the landowners re the design where boggy areas should be avoided.

RY – noted that Kim can notify the Department of Planning about his concerns if he feels like they are not being addressed by Iberdrola or GLC.

IR – Senior Iberdrola representatives need to consult with Kim ASAP regarding his concerns.

**Action:** Senior Iberdrola representatives need to consult with Kim ASAP regarding his concerns.

KM – noted unsafe driving by construction workers. Highway patrol has begun patrolling the area.

## **8. Community Consultation Plan and processes**

JW - Construction Stakeholder Engagement Plan is being drafted.

JW - Local community is being updated about the project via:

- Weekly community construction updates emailed to mailing list
- Monthly Project Newsletters emailed to mailing list and available on project website

JW – notices were placed in Blayney Chronicle & Orange Central Western Daily newspapers on 19 May 2022 to advertise contact details to make enquiries or complaints about Flyers Creek.

JW – working to ensure all near neighbours have been contacted with letters in post with fridge magnets to those we don't have phone numbers or email addresses for.

RY – suggested Iberdrola uses local Facebook pages (Carcoar/Millthorpe Village/Blayney/Forest Reefs pub) to publicise project.

JW – looking at sponsorship opportunities and speaking to schools – Carcoar, Millthorpe, Blayney, Neville.

## 9. Any Other Business

RY – request review of CCC terms of reference:

- What is the function of the committee?
- What influencing and decision-making capacity does the committee have?

Purpose was clearer when committee was first established. If there is no role in the distribution of the VPA community funds, what is our role?

The date for the next meeting is called for **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (TBC).**

The Chair closed the meeting at ~7.30PM.

## Actions

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. Senior Iberdrola representatives to consult with Kim Masters ASAP regarding his concerns.	5/7/22	JW	Open
2. Action: Ross Earl (RE) – Council (and Iberdrola) will circulate a list of money available under the VPA and the split of VPA funds within.	5/7/22	RE/JW	Open
3. 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.
4. JW to check date of fist VPA contribution payment to BSC	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
5. 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	Closed.
6. 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
7. IR to draft CCC Annual Report and circulate to the members for review and comment.	12/02/20	IR	Open.
8. 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.
9. ALL members to complete the Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct forms & return to IR.	12/02/20	ALL	Closed.
10. 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
11. MR to arrange discussion re construction certificate(s) between Infigen and BSC.	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Meeting occurred by teleconference 21/05/21.
12. MR to notify aviation club of final wind turbine coordinates prior to construction	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Notification will occur via CASA.
13. MR to circulate sponsorship form to CCC members	03/02/21	MR	Closed. MR circulated by email
14. IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	Closed. IR circulated by email 12/02/20
15. IR to investigate further and advise if any major changes between	09/05/19	IR	Closed. IR provided a summary at meeting of 19/09/19 advising that there were no notable changes

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guidance issued in 2016 and new guidance issued in 2019.			between the 2016 and 2019 guidance.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
24. 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
25. 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.
26. MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the process for adding a new CCC member to the group	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR reported outcome of discussions with

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and report back on the outcome of this discussion.			DPE at meeting of 16/05/18.
27. 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 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.