

FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Tuesday 24th January 2023

Date and Venue	Tuesday 24 th January 2023 Blayney Community Centre 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Attendees:	Mr Ian Rogan (Chair) Ms Rachael Young (Community member) Mr Joe Dalzell (Neighbour) Mr Andrew Muir (Blayney Shire Council) Mr Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) Mr Kim Masters (Host landowner) Mr John Plantinga (Neighbour) Ms Jenny Walsh (Proponent – Iberdrola Australia) Mr Dale Wiesner (Proponent – Iberdrola Australia, by Teams call)
Apologies	

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Ian Rogan (IR) welcomed Andrew Muir (Director Planning & Environmental at Blayney Shire Council) and thanked Mark Dicker (MD) for the handover. Continue to include MD in communications.

Members of the committee introduced themselves to Andrew.

2. Apologies

No apologies.

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 1 October 2022 were formally adopted and Joe Dalzell (JD) seconded this.

5. Business Arising

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

Actions 6, 5 & 4: information has been provided to the committee.

Action 3: Jenny Walsh (JW) advised:

- concrete materials are being sourced from a quarry in Dubbo
- road base materials are being sourced from the Bonus quarry and the CPB quarry in Blayney

Action 1: Council website to be updated with a list of all the projects funded to date with the funding amounts under the Financial Assistance Program.

IR – asked whether Iberdrola is recruiting an Operations Mgr for Flyers Creek, as he has been told.

JW & Dale Wiessner (DW) advised they were not sure and would find out.

Action: Iberdrola to advise whether an operations Manager for Flyers Creek is being recruited.

6. Committee Issues and Updates [Chair]

N/A

7. Project Update

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

- 13 turbine foundations have now been poured in Collector Group 3 & Collector Group 2 West (first foundation was poured on 10 October)
- Turbine component deliveries commenced on 16 January, almost two full turbines now on site
- Tree felling for the 132kV powerline is complete with some logs still to be transported out
- Gap Road intersection now opened and expected to be sealed this week
- Errowanbang Road & Panuara Road repairs ongoing, some areas to be sealed
- The project remains significantly behind schedule, but catching up
- Fletcher Bros equipment has finally been removed from the site
- The main earthmoving contractors on site are INCO and AOne
- Substation works are progressing well
- Since the last CCC meeting Gavin Paul began with Iberdrola who is working with landowners to resolve construction issues

8. Committee feedback from local community

KM noted:

- Things have improved on site
- Speed limit signs on the northern end of Errowanbang Road seem to have helped
- Opening of Cadia and Gap Roads has helped
- Contractors are abiding by rules and not using the northern end of Errowanbang Road
- Deterioration of the southern end of Errowanbang Road is a problem it is bad
- Problems in Cowra with transportation of turbine blade when the truck broke down
- Glitches with concrete pours seem to have been sorted out
- Iberdrola needs to get fencing contractors to put in more fencing for landowners so that they can use their paddocks
- Things are better since Gavin Paul came on board

KM noted that the RFS meeting on site to work out adaptors, etc for the four local brigades was very useful. Thank you to Iberdrola and GLC from the four brigades.

Drone footage – KM asked about drone footage and whether this could go on the project website.

Action: Iberdrola to advise whether drone footage could be taken for the project and added to the project website.

John Plantinga (JP) - asked when the turbines would be erected on site.

DW – noted the first cranes are arriving on site mid-February so turbine construction work will commence after this time.

9. Community Consultation Plan and processes

JW - community consultation continuing:

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

JW – information about turbine component deliveries has been shared on Blayney Shire Council, Carcoar and other local groups' Facebook pages.

JW advised it will not be possible to have an event in Mandurama for local people to view a turbine blade being delivered as the schedule is so changeable. Iberdrola is looking into opportunities for local people to visit the site during construction of turbines.

Iberdrola is sponsoring the Blayney Show on 11 March and will hold an information stand on the day. Also sponsoring the Carcoar River Yarn Festival on 1 & 2 April 2023.

KM – asked whether Iberdrola has a date for commissioning.
JW to advise.

Action: Iberdrola to advise date for commissioning wind farm.

KM – Once operational it would be great to have an open day, there is a lot of interest from the community.

JW noted that Iberdrola is looking into visits to the site and supporting local groups and events during operation of the wind farm. Group suggestions:

- Run with the Wind
- Mountain biking

MD – noted there could be interest from Manuarama, Cowra & Boorowa Committee encourages:

- A community opening event
- Ongoing commitment to community education and awareness

Discussion about a viewing platform – previously discussed by the committee. Council to look into this.

Action: Blayney Shire Council to investigate the possibility of a viewing platform for the project.

Action: JW to provide a list of sponsorship to date since construction commenced.

10. Any Other Business

JP – asked to know the cost of the whole project

JW – will check and advise

Action: Iberdrola to advise the cost of the wind farm project.

JP – asked what the landowners receive financially from the project

JW – advised that this is commercially confidential information which cannot be disclosed

JP - asked about funding of road repairs and upgrades.

DW – noted that funding for the section of Errowanbang Road between the Collector Group 3 site entrance and Panuara Bridge was shared between Iberdrola and Council. Dale's understanding is that north of this will be funded by Newcrest.

MD – will seek clarification of funding splits and respond to the Committee.

Action: Blayney Shire Council will seek clarification of funding splits for roadworks and respond to the Committee.

Discussion regarding community grants for upgrade to Tallwood Hall:

- KM noted that building costs have increased since funds allocated to Tallwood Hall from the FAP
- MD suggested that the group applies for additional funding under the next FAP

The date for the next meeting is called for **Monday 17th April 2023 (TBC).**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.00PM.

Actions

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. Blayney Shire Council will seek clarification of funding splits for roadworks and respond to the Committee.	24/01/23	MD	Open
2. Iberdrola to advise the cost of the wind farm project.	24/01/23	JW	Open
3. Iberdrola to provide a list of sponsorship to date since construction commenced.	24/01/23	JW	Open
4. Blayney Shire Council to investigate the possibility of a viewing platform for the project.	24/01/23	AM	Open
5. Iberdrola to advise date for commissioning wind farm	24/01/23	JW	Open
6. Iberdrola to advise whether drone footage could be taken for the project and added to the project website	24/01/23	JW	Open
7. Iberdrola to advise whether an operations Manager for Flyers Creek is being recruited.	24/01/23	JW/DW	Open
8. Council website be updated to include a list of all the projects funded to date with the funding amounts under the Financial Assistance Program.	11/10/22	MD	Open
9. Iberdrola to advise where concrete aggregate and sand is being sourced.	11/10/22	JW	Closed.
10. Senior Iberdrola representatives to consult with Kim Masters ASAP regarding his concerns.	5/7/22	JW	Closed.
11. 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	Closed.
12. 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	Closed.
13. JW to check date of fist VPA contribution payment to BSC	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
14. 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.
15. Advise CCC of supplier open day details once confirmed	18/01/22	DW	Closed. JW issued email to all members 29/03/22

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			advising the supplier event Tuesday 5 April 4-6pm
16. IR to draft CCC Annual Report and circulate to the members for review and comment.	12/02/20	IR	Open.
17. 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.
18. ALL members to complete the Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct forms & return to IR.	12/02/20	ALL	Closed.
19. 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
20. MR to arrange discussion re construction certificate(s) between Infigen and BSC.	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Meeting occurred by teleconference 21/05/21.
21. MR to notify aviation club of final wind turbine coordinates prior to construction	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Notification will occur via CASA.
22. MR to circulate sponsorship form to CCC members	03/02/21	MR	Closed. MR circulated by email
23. IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	Closed. IR circulated by email 12/02/20
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.

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28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
33. 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
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.