



**MINUTES OF SAPPHIRE WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)**

9:00 am, Tuesday 15th December 2015
Boardroom
The Returned Servicemen’s Memorial Club

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Ed Mounsey (EM)	CWP Renewables
Siobhan Isherwood	CWP Renewables
Neil Eigeland (NE)	Community Representative (arrived at 9.40am)
Helen Hewens (HH)	Community Representative
Merlene O’Brien (MO)	Country Women’s Association
Chris Voll (CV)	Church Communities Australia (left at 9.40am)
Cheryl Rudd (CR)	Wellingrove Progress Association
Anthony Alliston (AA)	Manager Development Services - Inverell Shire Council

Apologies:

Richard Ennis	Community Representative
Colin Price	Mayor – Glen Innes Severn Council

ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Meeting opened at 9.03am by Lisa Andrews. All informed that Adrian Maddocks had moved on from CWP Renewables (CWPR) and Ed Mounsey is now Project Manager.</p>	
<p>2.0 Apologies</p> <p>As above.</p>	
<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>CV Moved acceptance of minutes CR Seconded</p>	
<p>4.0 Declaration of Interests</p> <p>LA declared her interest that she has been engaged by CWPR to chair the CCC.</p>	
<p>5.0 Business Arising</p> <p>Action Items from the previous minutes were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Copy of Presentation to be sent 2. Link to article – included in electronic presentation. 3. AA to email flowchart 	<p>Emailed 7/6/14</p> <p>Included in presentation Received from AA 12/5/14</p>

<p>6.0 Correspondence tabled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/5/14 – Email from Anthony Alliston with spreadsheet • 15/5/14 – Email from Karen Weller from CWA nominating Merlene O’Brien as the CWA representative on the committee • 1/8/14 – Email to CCC members advising that Ed Mounsey would be visiting the area and would like to catch up with interested members of the community for a meeting • 23/11/15 – Email to CCC members advising that a meeting was proposed for 15 December and seeking expressions of interest for attendance. Various emails were received from members on their availability • 2/11/15 – Email to CCC members with a Meeting Notice & Agenda for December meeting. • 12/12/15 – Email to CCC members with a copy of the previous minutes from May 2014. <p>LA Moved acceptance of correspondence Seconded: HH</p>	
<p>5.0 Project Update</p> <p>Ed Mounsey presented a Project Update, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlining a proposed modification to the Project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reduction in turbine numbers from 159 to 109 ○ Consolidation on two layout options into a single layout ○ An increase in blade tip height from 157m to 200m • Information about the TransGrid Renewables Hub, which would increase the amount of electricity that could be fed into the grid at the point of connection within the Sapphire Wind Farm and • CWPR’s move into solar in the area to complement the wind farm <p>A summary of the change in visual impact was provided, including a Zone of Visual Influence map, a comparative photomontage and a shadow flicker analysis.</p> <p>It is expected the planning modification application will be lodged early to mid February and consultation will be undertaken now (prior to submission) and once the modification is submitted.</p> <p>Further information about the TransGrid Renewables Hub can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.transgrid.com.au/what-we-do/innovation/renewable-hub</p> <p>Best case scenario for start of construction is October 2016, however a number of factors have to come together between now and then.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</p>	<p>EM to provide a one page summary of the presentation to the CCC for wider distribution to the community</p>

<p>6.0 General Business</p> <p>CR raised that given the Wellingrove Cluster has been completely removed from the project, she would be happy to step down from the Committee, and will inform the Wellingrove Progress Association of the changes.</p> <p>LA stated that she will invite other host landowners to join the committee, and will seek an alternative representative from Glen Innes Severn Shire Council.</p> <p>MO noted that the CWA local branch is folding, however, she will remain on the committee</p> <p>NE raised the Community Fund and it was advised by LA that this is managed separately to the CCC</p> <p>General discussion was held about how best to engage with business owners ahead of construction – balancing sufficient notice with the risk of changes to timeline.</p>	<p>EM to provide update regarding the SWF to Inverell Shire Council, for placing on its website.</p>
<p>7.0 Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Next CCC Meeting to be held Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 9am at the RSM Club, Inverell.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 10.12 am with LA thanking everyone for their attendance at the meeting.</i></p>	

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1	One page summary of the presentation to the CCC to be prepared for wider distribution to the community	EM
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