

**MINUTES OF THE BOCO ROCK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday 16 November 2021
Nimmitabel Community Centre**

Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Howard Charles (HC)	Community Representative
John Harrington (JH)	Community Representative
Bill Garnock (BG)	Host Landholder
Vickie Pollard (VP)	Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative
Maryanne Renfrey (MR)	CWA's Representative (Nimmitabel Branch)
Aaron Brownless (AB)	Governance Administration Support Officer, SMRC
Ben Deer (BD)	Operations & Asset Manager – CWP Renewables (<i>via telephone</i>)

Apologies

Fiona Taylor – Community Representative
Adam West, Facility Manager – BRWF
Michael McGuire – Interim Site Manager - BRWF
Cr Peter Beer - Mayor, Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Peter Bascomb - General Manager - Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Jessica Petersen – CWP Renewables Development Officer

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<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 9.09am.</i> LA welcomed all attendees and introduced Aaron Brownless, Governance Administration Support Officer with SMRC who was in attendance to present on the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund and Ben Deer, Operations & Asset Manager with CWP Renewables. LA advised that this was the first “in person” meeting in 2021 due to COVID restrictions and the delay in the determination of Stage 2 of the wind farm project.</p>	<p>BD apologised for not having a CWP representative present in person at the CCC. Noted and accepted.</p>															
<p>2.0 Apologies – As listed above.</p>																
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest LA declared that she was an Independent Chair, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>	<p>No changes to members’ previous declarations.</p>															
<p>4.0 Business arising The minutes of 8 September 2021 meeting held via video-conferencing were finalised and sent to CCC members on 17 September 2021. Action items from the previous minutes were:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes.</td> <td>AW (ongoing)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Provide CEF grant acquittal information/audit to CCC when available.</td> <td>PB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Send link on ‘black spot’ mobile phone reception interactive map</td> <td>PB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Confirm meeting date</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By	1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes.	AW (ongoing)	2	Provide CEF grant acquittal information/audit to CCC when available.	PB	3	Send link on ‘black spot’ mobile phone reception interactive map	PB	4	Confirm meeting date	LA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to General Business for AB’s presentation. Held over, however, noting that the Master Report on funding from financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22 provided at this meeting. Complete - sent 8/9/21. Complete - meeting notice sent on 4/11/ 21.
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<p>LA enquired with BG whether the signage had been erected on Avon Lake Road to stop motorists entering his property. BG advised that the signs have been installed and have assisted, however, he felt it would be a good idea to erect a sign on the entry gate to BRWF Administration Office, commenting that most people attending the site are from out of area and the sign would assist in identifying the correct entry way.</p>	<p>CWP to consider this suggestion.</p>
<p>5.0 Correspondence Report (emailed 4/11/21) with 1 additional item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/9/21 – Email to CCC members with the link from SMRC regarding the Victorian government’s ‘black spot’ telecommunications areas. • 9/9/21 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes for review. • 10/9/21 – Email from PB with the timetable for distribution of the latest Enhancement Fund grants for the information of CCC members. This was forwarded to CCC members through the same day. • 17/9/21 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes. • 4/11/21– Email to CCC with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting. • 13/11/21 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting and the CEF Financial Report. 	
<p>6.0 Reports/Updates BRWF Stage One - Current Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BD advised that it has been business as usual. ○ There will be additional contractor movements this summer due to upgrading of the towers. ○ Wind production is not doing too badly, however, the market place is lower than previous years. ○ HC enquired what happens when you get negative pricing, with BD responding that it depends on the bidding strategy. They do stay in the market when it is negative, however, they shut down when it is not viable. ○ There has been extensive spraying of weeds, which will continue into the new year. <p>Stage Two HC asked for an update on Stage 2 and BD advised that the DA is still under assessment with DPIE. Further information was requested on 3/9/21 regarding the biodiversity assessment (flight path integrity, clearing and offsets). BD informed the CCC that CWP’s environmental team were working on submitting this additional information as soon as available.</p>	
<p>7.0 Community Enhancement Fund (CEF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB provided hard copies of the 9 page report that LA had emailed to members on 13/11/21 – entitled: Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund – Master Report on Community Funding from Financial Years 2018/19 to 2021/22. ○ AB advised that there is still a number of acquittals to be finalised as a number of projects remain uncompleted, which has been caused mainly by COVID restrictions. ○ The last CEF meeting was held on 1/9/21 with a hybrid of attendance by members, both in person in the Council Chambers and via Zoom. ○ All community representatives thanked AB for pulling this information together and providing the report, which showed clearly: 	<p>See reported attached to these minutes.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of projects ○ Where funds have been distributed ○ Projects per suburbs ○ Categories of the projects; and ○ Amounts, etc. ○ AB acknowledged that the report presented did not include the acquittal information, however, this will be provided at a future date. ○ AB advised that there are a few applicants that need to be followed up on. Advising that until these projects are completed, organisations cannot apply for future funds. ○ Discussions regarding the impact on projects over the past two years with the bush fires, COVID, difficulties with being able to access/retain contractors, availability of materials, etc. ○ AB raised an issue for CWP's consideration in relation to signage to be mounted on the community projects recognising the BRWF CEF. LA commented that CWP could look at creating a 'corporate template' to assist community groups in identifying that the projects were funded through the CEF. Further suggesting that CWP could produce the signs and distribute them when the projects are finalised to ensure recognition is clearly given to the BRWF CEF and meets the requirements of the conditions of funding. ○ VP advised that the Nimmity Show will be proceeding on 5 February 2022, acknowledging 3 years funding by CWP. 	<p>BD to contact CWP Media Manager to consider the correct method of identification signage advising that the funds for the community project were received through the CEF.</p>
<p>8.0 General Business Nil.</p>	
<p>9.0 Meeting Schedule for 2022 Following discussion the following dates were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 28 February 2022, commencing at 3pm ▪ Monday 25 July 2022, commencing at 3pm; and ▪ Monday 21 November 2022, commencing at 3pm 	<p>Location: Nimmitabel Community Centre.</p>

Meeting closed 9.38am with LA thanking all for their participation and as it was the last meeting of 2021, wishing all members a safe and happy festive season.

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3	CWP to consider providing signs or templates to assist with the creation of signs so that community projects can identify that funding was received through the CEF. (In accordance with approval conditions.)	BD