



MINUTES OF BOCO ROCK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

9.00am, Wednesday 5th November 2014
Nimmitabel Community Centre

Attendees

Howard Charles (HC)	Landholder (host)
Richard Lawson (RL)	Community Member
John Harrington (JH)	Community Member
Bill Garnock (BG)[Arrived at 9.08am]	Landholder (host)
Cr Brad Yelds (BY) [Arrived at 9.08am]	Bombala Council Representative Community Member/Neighbouring Landholder
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Cooma-Monaro Shire Council
Dean Lynch (DL) [Arrived at 9.10am]	CWP Renewables – Manager, Boco Rock Wind Farm
Adrian Oakey (AO)	CWP Renewables – Head of Development
Ed Mounsey (EM)	Office of Environment & Heritage (Observer)
Mark Fleming (MF)	Independent Chair
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Downers EDI – EPC Consortium
Marc Papke	Nil
Absent	
Apologies	
Fr Sergei Shatrov (SS)	Community Member

Item	Action
1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 9.05am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and asked that those present complete the Attendance Sheet.	
2.0 Apologies	Fr Sergei Shatrov (SS)
3.0 Declarations of Interest	LA declared that she was an independent chair engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting. Marc Papke introduced to CCC.
4.0 Confirmation of previous minutes	Motion: That the draft minutes be confirmed. Moved Howard Charles Seconded Richard Lawson <i>Accepted</i>

<p>5.0 Business arising Action items from previous minutes.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Figures from CMSC's contract with Downer (on returning profits back to road maintenance)</td> <td>Cr Dean Lynch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Consultation with RMS on lowering speed limit on Springfield Road</td> <td>Cr Dean Lynch</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By:	1	Figures from CMSC's contract with Downer (on returning profits back to road maintenance)	Cr Dean Lynch	2	Consultation with RMS on lowering speed limit on Springfield Road	Cr Dean Lynch
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<p>6.0 Correspondence OUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/8/14 – Email to CCC Members with links to articles 28/8/14 – Email to Kathy Freihaut acknowledging receipt of her email Letter to Federal Member (Dr Peter Hendy 15/8/14). <i>(No response received.)</i> Letter to State Member (John Barilaro 15/8/14) Response received 27/8/14) Letter to Cooma Monaro Council (15/8/14 – Response received 24/9/14) Letter to Snowy River Shire Council (15/8/14) Letters to applicants for membership to CCC (15/8/14) 13/10/14 – Email to CCC Members with the latest newsletter 14/10/14 – Email to CCC Members inviting them to the Open Day <p>IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/8/14 – Email from Fiona Taylor with links to articles 7/8/14 – Email from Ed Mounsey with link to article 27/8/14 - Email from Kathy Freihaut with concerns about road safety; acknowledged by Ed of CWP 28/8/14 – Email to Kathy Freihaut from LA acknowledging her email and advising that it would be tabled at CCC meeting. 15/9/14 – Email from Siobhan with the latest newsletter. 20/9/14 – Copy of email from Siobhan to Kathy Freihaut with actions undertaken by CWP Renewables concerning road safety 13/10/14 – Email from Siobhan with latest newsletter & information about Open Day 14/10/14 – Email from Howard Charles on writing to Federal & State Members about the sealing of Springfield Road. Email from Fiona Taylor with Community Concerns 	<p>Item 1 – DL confirmed that profits from works contracted from Downer had been directed back into further improvements of Springfield Road. Item 2 – Refer to correspondence.</p> <p>Traffic on Maffra Road: Letter from Kathy Freihaut was read out and responses from CWPR. CWPR responded within the day to concerns and addressed with contractor. Feedback provided to Kathy, who indicated satisfaction with outcome. MP indicated that was sympathetic to the issue and had been reinforcing at toolboxes, most recently this week along with talk to specific individuals who typically travel at times similar to school bus.</p> <p>Upgrading of Springfield Road: Letters issued to state and federal members read out regards Springfield Road. Response received from John Barilaro and read out. Letter summarises state contribution to CMSC for roads and referred matter back to CMSC. No response from Dr Peter Hendy, federal member.</p> <p>DL commented that the strategy for Springfield Rd is to bring it back to a condition better than before wind farm construction commenced using profits from work. Not looking to sealing through to Snowy River Way as have other higher priorities, Shannon's Flat Road was quoted as an example, as this road is used for main highway detours.</p> <p>HC indicated that traffic increasing due to people coming to look at wind farm which supports case for sealing. DL indicated a good point, and that this could be part of any future considerations of priorities.</p> <p>Open Day: Invitation issued to all CCC members. MF indicated that he would also have a display on the day and will talk to Siobhan. AO summarised the intended activities that will be occurring. LA asked CCC members to confirm their attendance at the Open Day and explained what their role would be. LA to send email to CCC members reaffirming this advice.</p>									

<p>7.0 Boco Rock Reports Adrian Oakey updated the committee on the Wind Farm Project - progress to date.</p>	<p>A slide show was presented, which included information and photographs on the progress of the project. (Copy of presentation to be sent to CCC.)</p> <p>Questions throughout Presentation: DL: Regards the list of community feedback, DL mentioning also that there was feedback on the non-payment of subcontractors due to Hewatt administration (discussed later) FT: Asked whether post construction studies undertaken would be released to public. EM responded that would depend on the relevant planning condition requirements, that reports would first be reviewed by planning authorities prior to determination of public release. HC: As a side comment to post construction noise reports being undertaken, mentioned that a visitor to his farm had indicated how much quieter the WTG were compared to WTG on other wind farms, even though it was a reasonably windy day. Being located within 1000m of the wind farm, that he had not perceived an issue with noise.</p>
<p>8.0 Community Concerns <i>Two issues submitted by FT; Blade display in Nimmitabel and subcontractor payment due from Hewatt administration (see general business for both items).</i></p>	<p>Blade Display in Nimmitabel.</p> <p>FT expressed concern that a proposal for a blade display had been put forward without reference to the CCC and that not all the community would desire such a display given their views on wind farms.</p> <p>EM responded by indicating that the opportunity had arisen due to a damaged blade that was to be scrapped. Other wind farms had created similar displays. Initial conversations had been undertaken to ascertain interest with NAG, CMSC, Lions and some local residents. Lake Williams had been put forward as a potential location by some of those consulted. CWPR reached the conclusion that further wide ranging consultation would be necessary, but as a decision as to what to do with the blade needed to be made quickly, it was decided to not pursue the matter.</p> <p>RL commented that this was a lost opportunity to create something of interest within the Nimmitabel township.</p> <p>FT requested that in future, even if between meetings, that if proposals were being</p>

	<p>considered, that the CCC was apprised so that members are aware of the ideas being considered.</p> <p>Sub Contractor effected by Hewatt Receivership</p> <p>This matter was raised by FT but also through a group of the sub-contractors via DL.</p> <p>MP summarised the situation: Hewatts went into receivership with debts of \$30 million. The creditors voted to allow ongoing trading with expectation of 6c in the \$ if liquidated.</p> <p>Post receivership, Downer hired on site Hewatt staff and a majority of the sub-contractors used by Hewatt's to complete the work. An initial payment was made by Downer on the receiver's behalf to all the effected local sub-contractors. Downer is currently assessing what the cost of completing the works that was contracted to Hewatt, now that the majority of civil works in completed. Once that is undertaken, it will be known whether there are further funds available to make additional payment to the sub-contractors.</p> <p>DL elaborated that he had received a communication from a group of 11 of the sub-contractors requesting his assistance in the matter. And suggesting that Stage 2 should not be supported until the matter was resolved. He stated that it had hurt some of the local sub-contractors and was financially crippling. Leaves a bad taste for the project.</p> <p>MP reaffirmed that he is pushing hard internally to provide the best possible outcome, but the process of dealing with the administrators is messy and also that it is unlikely that the sub-contractors will ever me made whole, but the situation could be improved.</p> <p>DL asked if it was normal to withhold payments as it was known that Downer had withheld a payment to Hewatt.</p> <p>MP indicated that payment had been frozen, some of which was used for the initial payment plus also to complete the works contracted to Hewatt.</p> <p>DL requested to be kept in the loop with future</p>
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	<p>considerations by Downer.</p> <p>MP indicated a total of 18 outstanding creditors, ranging between \$2K to \$200K.</p> <p>(Side note: DL indicated he had been contacted because of the media articles listing CCC members).</p>
<p>9.0 General Business</p>	<p>Community Fund:</p> <p>Reported that the inaugural meeting of the CMSC community fund to be held today. DL, EM and RL all on the group along with John Vulic.</p> <p>First meeting is to set guidelines and process around how the fund will work. Noted that it was a shire wide fund and too early to talk about where funds would go. Bombala committee to meet the following week.</p> <p>DL clarified that the community fund committees are not a subcommittee of the CCC but appointed by the relevant Councils.</p> <p>EM also reinforced that the first meeting will look at the terms of reference. Long term; the fund committee can be informed by the CCC as to potential funding opportunities. Also that BRWF has received a number of funding requests which would be tabled to the funding committees as examples of the types of potential projects to fund.</p> <p>HC stressed that the CCC role is to ensure that Nimmitbels' concerns for funding are heard. Nimmitbel has suffered most with roads, truck movements through town and while the closest town has not gained as much financially as Cooma which has benefited from Polo Flat businesses and accommodation.</p> <p>DL expanded on the funds being made to CMSC and that the terms of reference cannot be too narrow, for example educational scholarships can benefit local and broader community.</p> <p>FT asked if funding proposal would be made public.</p> <p>DL indicated that reports to council meetings are public information and would be available on its website.</p>

BG suggested that CCC should have a standing ask on details of funding allocations. EM/DL indicated that there is no issue of informing CCC but reiterated committee operates independently.

JH indicated should include as a standard agenda item in future meetings. He also asked that he have his role as backup to RL confirmed by the funding sub-committee.

Community Energy Fund

MF informed the CCC of a new community energy fund that was being created, covering energy efficiency and community energy projects. Also studies/surveys being undertaken regionally on attitudes to wind farms and community benefits. A brochure was provided.

MF also mentioned an "app" being created to log the locations of natural and historical points of interest across the state. MP to circulate link.

EM enquired as to status of draft wind farm planning guidelines. MF was not sure.

Future Meetings

BY asked whether it was time to consider changing the periodicity of meetings as project moves into operational stage. Agreed that it would be put on next agenda.

Springfield Road

MP summarised works on Springfield Road. That he and the civil manager had met with the road group from CMSC to look at finalising final works. CMSC have been jet spraying the potholes, and there are three sections of seal to be ripped up and sub grade improved and resealed. Downer's obligation is to reinstate back to condition pre works. Grading and re-sheeting on gravel section has been undertaken.

Changes in Roles

AO informed the CCC that with completion of the construction phase, his participation in the CCC will cease and be replaced by members of CWPR's operations team. Brett Jones and Mark Wiggins.

	HC commented on the generally professional approach taken during construction and thanked CWPR for their contribution to the community. FT also commented that whilst not in favour of the wind farm, she has appreciated the professionalism.
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting of the CCC will be held in the Nimmitabel Community Hall on Tuesday 24 th February 2015 at 9am.

Meeting closed 10.45am

Action Items:

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1	Link to "App" from Office of Environment & Heritage	Mark Fleming
2	Future meeting schedule (agenda item for February 2015)	Lisa Andrews
3	Feedback from inaugural Community Fund Meeting	Ed Mounsey & Richard Lawson
4	Email to CCC members regarding their role at the Open Day	Lisa Andrews