
**Minutes of Meeting held
on Wednesday 26th October 2016**

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Siobhan Isherwood (SI)	CWP Renewables
Mark Branson (MB)	CWP Renewables
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Host Landholder Representative
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Chris Corcoran (CC)	Hilltops Council (<i>left at 2.28pm</i>)

Apologies:

Nil

Observers:

John McGrath (JM) – Yass Landscape Guardians
David Sainsbury (DS) – Neighbouring Property Owner

Absent:

Andrew Winterflood (AW) Community Representative

Meeting commenced at 1:05pm.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and acknowledged that there were two observers present, David Sainsbury, a neighbouring property owner to the proposed project and John McGrath from the Yass Landscape Guardians. Both gentlemen were reminded of the chair's previous discussions with them, confirming that they were attending the meeting as observers only.

The attendance sheet was distributed for signing.

Declaration of Interest

The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chair of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning and Environment and engaged by CWP Renewables.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of CCC held 15th June 2016 were confirmed by TM and seconded by JA.

Business Arising

1. SI to provide a larger Noise Control Map to CCC members, when the EIS goes on exhibition.
(SI advised that the map is available on the website as an A3 version and was also provided to CCC members on their CD with the EIS documentation.)

Correspondence

- 17/6/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft minutes and electronic presentation from the 15-6-16 meeting
- 17/6/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with copy of draft minutes
- 6/9/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with an update on the EIS exhibition
- 6/9/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with the same information
- 19/6/16 - Email from Chair to CCC members with further information about the EIS and proposed 9th November 2016 for the next Bango WF CCC
- 21/9/16 – Email from Jayne Apps stating that the 9th November was too far into the exhibition period and would prefer the date of the CCC be brought forward
- 28/9/16 - Email from Chair to CCC members with a “save the date” for 12 October 2016
- 28/9/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with the same information
- 23/9/16 – Letter to Yass Valley Council requesting a new delegate on the CCC with Cr Ann Daniel’s departure
- 4/10/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with a copy of the meeting notice and agenda for today’s meeting
- 18/10/16 – Email from John McGrath from the Yass Landscape Guardians requesting observer status at today’s meeting
- 20/10/16 – Email from Chair to John McGrath granting observer status
- 20/10/16 – Email from Charlie Prell, advising that he may be unavailable to attend the CCC meeting following being granted observer status.

Moved: LA

Seconded: TS

Reports and Updates

An update was provided on the project. SI outlined the project’s history and the environmental assessment process. The CCC was established in 2013 along with the adequacy review of the EIS with agencies and local Councils. There has been an ongoing review of the project and resubmission of the EIS in 2016. The project is currently on exhibition for public comment. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) held a public meeting in Boorowa on Tuesday 25th October 2016 as part of its consultation process.

Concerns were raised that the Department’s public meeting was not advertised correctly as it failed to be notified in the Boorowa News or the Yass Tribune. There was also no media/press release. DPE have acknowledged this shortfall and may hold another meeting to compensate.

CWP Renewables (CWP) will be holding a Public Open Day on Thursday 3rd November 2016. Flyers have been placed around town and CCC members were encouraged to advise the community about the day.

DS raised concerns with the height of the turbines and their tip height as well as his concerns with noise. SI advised that the noise consultant will be available to answer questions at the open day and will be demonstrating audio samples associated with the turbines operations, so attendees will be able to hear for themselves. MB reiterated that within 3 months of commissioning the project, a noise assessment must be undertaken and ongoing assessment and compliance will be required.

JM enquired whether CWP will remain owners of the project. MB explained that it is CWP's intention to stay involved as asset managers; confirming that they are the proponents and the developers; however, this would depend on the model that will be used to finance the venture.

The latest Bango WF Newsletter was distributed to all present and has also been placed in shops around town.

Questions were asked and answered regarding transport routes, road maintenance, micro-siting, etc. CWP will enter into a planning agreement with Councils and will undertake dilapidation reports, traffic management plans, etc. All roads will be "fit for purpose" to ensure effective deliveries to the site. Some vegetation may need to be removed for safety and functional reasons.

General Business

- CC advised that Hilltops Council is very focussed on roads as this is a key management issue for deliveries, operational, maintenance and use by the community. As the asset owner, it will be working closely to ensure the best outcome for ratepayers.
- TM reiterated that with the project on exhibition, now was the time for the community and stakeholders to make a submission to DPE.
- JA asked if CWP will open a shopfront in Boorowa. SI advised that they are not proposing to.
- JA further enquired if the Australian Wind Alliance received contributions from CWP. SI advised that CWP made a contribution towards a bus tour for landholders to visit the Taralga Wind Farm.
- TS expressed his disappointment in the consultation process. LA confirmed that the company is operating in accordance with the guidelines and the CCC is an open forum for the exchange of information between the proponent and the community.

Date of Next Meeting

The next CCC meeting will be held following the assessment process, which is likely to be in the New Year. Consideration will be given to holding the CCC in Yass if Yass Valley Council nominates a representative onto the committee.

Meeting closed at 2.42pm.

Action Item

- 1 SI to follow-up a replacement representative for Yass Valley Council
- 2 SI to email the "Open Day" poster to JA & LA
- 3 SI to distribute "Open Day" posters & current newsletter amongst businesses in town and to CCC members.