

**Minutes of meeting held
on Tuesday 18th February 2020
Yass Clubhouse Hotel**

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Tegan Doblinger (TD)	CWP Renewables (Assistant Project Manager)
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Brooke Watson (BW)	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate
Laurie Hutchison (LH)	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative <i>[arrived at 11.26pm]</i>
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)

Apologies

Jonathan Post	CWP Renewables (Project Manager)
Jayne Apps	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians

Absent:

Cr John Walker	Hilltops Council delegate
Andrew Winterflood	Community Representative

Meeting commenced at 11.13am.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and introduced Brooke Watson, from the Yass Business Chamber, (YBC new stakeholder group). BW was invited to provide background on her position with YBC.

The attendance sheet was distributed for signing.

Apologies

Jonathan Post & Jayne Apps.

Declaration of Interest

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

No changes to previous declarations by members.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Minutes of CCC held 12th November 2019 were finalised and emailed to members on 4th December 2019.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Downer to provide its water source strategy for construction to Yass Valley Council and Hilltops Council. NFA, project now sourcing water from out of town.	JP/MM (Downer)
2	Once construction commences - provide figures of local employment/contractors to CCC. Included in presentation.	TG/JP
3	Implications on putting power into the grid and what the RET impacts were. Project doesn't rely on the RET – viable without this program.	JP
4	Update Acronym Sheet (ongoing). Updated and sent 4/12/19. Add LGC.	TG
5	Possible contributions to the community by CWP (standing agenda item moving forward). Sponsorship of both Yass & Boorowa Shows. Information posted on the website, facebook & newsletter. Some informal enquiries have been received. Action: Email application form to CCC members.#	All

<https://bangowindfarm.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bango-Wind-Farm-Sponsorship-Request.pdf>

<https://bangowindfarm.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bango-Wind-Farm-Sponsorship-Guidelines.pdf>

Correspondence

Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 4/2/20 with **one additional item**:

- 20/11/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 4/12/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and acronym sheet
- 4/12/19 – Letter to Terry Sellwood with the finalised minutes.
- 16/1/20 – Email to members with the latest Bango WF newsletter.
- 16/1/20 - Letter to TS with same information.
- 4/2/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice for this meeting. Same information sent to TS.
- 17/2/20 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting, including the agenda.

Accepted.

Project Update – CWP Renewables

MM provided attendees with a brief presentation; *questions asked and answered throughout*. A copy of the document and coded reference map were distributed to attendees.

Current Status:

1. Completion of temporary site facilities, now established and permanent.
2. Batch plant area has been prepared in readiness for batch plant installation. Finalising negotiations with batch plant operator over the next month.
3. Construction of substation well advanced with power pole install progressing. Transgrid is building a substation on Tangmangaroo Road and will disseminate out to the main power lines.
4. Current area where road is up to in the eastern cluster. Were the road is sealed at the moment to give Transgrid access.
5. Works progressing on track/hardstand areas, in varying stages. Western side, 3 locations on side of track in different stages of hard stand construction.
6. Three metmasts in advanced stages of completion. Two will be temporary masts and one permanent. The three will communicate with each other and collect weather data. Once enough information has been collated, two will be removed.
7. Areas of progress in the coming months.

Next 3 months

- Commence pouring of foundations in the Western Cluster (Tangmangaroo Rd & Lachlan Valley Way).
- June/July – potential deliveries of turbine components.
- Advance into the eastern cluster.
- Early to mid March, there will be a transformer delivery to the substation. **Action: MM to advise CCC of timeframe.**

Site Numbers:

- Currently ranging from 70-80 personnel onsite for the windfarm and another 15-20 for the substation construction.
- Foundation contractor/concrete batch plant/electrical contractors mobilising over the coming months.
- Three new cleaners have been employed to clean the offices/site facilities. All come from Boorowa area.
- Maliyans from Cootamundra and RECS from Young are providing civil works. Over the next month, foundation and electrical contractors will be mobilising to the site.

GF asked if there were going to be any arrangements for public access. MM advised that signage has been installed. Currently arranging for security cameras, fences and gates.

General Business

- TM advised that work has commenced on his property. Quite daunting with builders coming on site. Communication is working well between the proponent and contractors.
- GF enquired whether most people that are likely to be employed, have been. MM responded that the foundation contractor will have opportunities for concrete formworkers. As well, the concrete batching plant may have prospects. GF asked if there had been any issues with accessing accommodation due to the influx of

contractors in the area. It was agreed that there was a shortage of housing in the area. GF advised that Council is currently looking at amending its Local Environmental Plan to allow for more medium density housing.

- TM informed the CCC that the proposed motel in Boorowa is proceeding.
- Discussions held on the dual highway from Canberra to Yass.
- LD advised that she has been in discussions regarding possible community investment into the Bango project and explained how it would operate as a co-ownership/community owned venture, similar to the Sapphire Wind Farm in the northern tablelands. Further details to come.
- LD explained the current program for presentations to the local schools in the area; as well as a proposed cycling/walking event from Yass, via Rye Park to Boorowa. Discussions regarding best contacts to assist with organising, logistics and running the event.
- MM advised that it is proposed to organise an open day, once the project is constructed and in operation. As well, hoping to get the Mens Health Education Rural Van (MHERV) out to the site to discuss issues with contractors/employees. The MHERV is an initiative by the Rotary Club, where a custom built van and qualified staff attend, offering free health screening to rural and regional men (blood sugars, cholesterol, blood pressure and mental health issues). **Link:** <https://mherv.com.au/>

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on:

- ✚ Tuesday 19th May 2020 – Boorowa commencing at 11am. (Magistrates Tea Rooms - venue to be confirmed). Thomas McGrath will be an apology.

Meeting closed at 12noon with LA thanking all for their attendance.

Action Items

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Email sponsorship form to CCC with minutes	LA/LD
2	Advise CCC of delivery date for transformer	MM/LA
3	Provide figures of local employment/contractors to CCC (ongoing)	TG/JP
4	Update Acronym Sheet (ongoing)	TG
5	Possible contributions to the community by CWP (standing agenda item moving forward)	All