



COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2021 Project Site, Yass Valley Way, Boorowa

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Jonathan Post (JP)	CWP Renewables (Project Manager)
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Michael McNally (MMc)	CWP Renewables (Maintenance Manager)
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative
Brooke Watson (BW)	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate
Cr John Walker (JW)	Hilltops Council delegate
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate CWP Renewables
Alana Gordijn (AG)	Guest Presenter (CWP Renewables)

Apologies

Laurie Hutchison	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
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Absent:

Andrew Winterflood	Community Representative
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All members were inducted onto the site. Temperature checks were undertaken and appropriate safety protocols, hand sanitiser, etc were carried out.

Meeting commenced at 11.12am.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC), which was being held at the project site. LA introduced Alana Gordijn, CWF's Environmental Officer.

The attendance sheet, which included a health declaration, was distributed for signing.

Apologies

As listed above.

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 in Boorowa on 17th November 2020, were finalised and emailed to members on 12th December 2020.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Map of footprint of substation to be provided at next CCC (Complete – shown in presentation)	MM
2	Site Inspection to be scheduled when possible (Complete)	MM/JP/LD
3	Provide figures of local employment/contractors to CCC (ongoing)	MM/LD
4	Update Acronym Sheet (ongoing)	TG
5	Possible contributions to the community by CWP (standing agenda item moving forward)	All

No other business arising.

Correspondence

Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 2/2/21 with 1 additional item:

- 5/12/20– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 12/12/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 12/12/20 – Letter to TS with the same information.
- 1/2/21 – Letter to DPIE regarding AW position on the CCC.
- 2/2/21 – Email to members with meeting notice, agenda, correspondence report and details regarding the site tour.
- 2/2/21 – Letter to TS with the same information.
- 11/2/21 – Email to members with a reminder for today's CCC & site inspection. Text sent to TS.

Accepted.

Project Update – CWP Renewables

MM presented the project update and construction status; *questions were asked and answered throughout*. A copy of the document forms as an addendum to these minutes.

A map layout was shown indicating the BWF construction status as at 31/01/2021, which included the location of the sub-station (Action Item 1 from the previous CCC).

MM advised that 46 foundations are now complete with the last being poured on Friday 22/01/21. (Photographs included in presentation).

- 7 Towers are now fully erected.
- A further 16 with tower base sections installed in preparation of full installation.
- Approximately 85% of all site tracks are complete.

- Western Section cabling has been completed and Eastern cabling in progress.
- WTG Component deliveries - 26 complete sets delivered to site

Next 3 months

Complete all Civil works - energisation of WTGs in the Western Cluster.

Commissioning to commence "Hold Point Testing" in consultation with Energy Regulator AEMO and Transgrid. The commencement of energisation of the turbines in the western cluster is progressive in nature. The checks will be undertaken by AEMO and once approved, the project can moved to the next stage.

Hold Point Testing is conducted over 4 stages for the 973 Feeder:

- HP0 – 2 Turbines to maximum of 11MW
- HP1 – 10 Turbines to maximum of 52 MW
- HP2 – 20 Turbines to maximum of 105 MW
- HP 3 – 30 Turbines to maximum of 155 MW

Section Handover to Operations - 10 Turbines (from GE Renewable Energy to CWP operations).

GF enquired why this was undertaken in sections. MM advised that it was based on the contract requirements.

BW enquired if there was an opportunity for Yass businesses to be involved. JP advised that most civil works have come to an end, but other works may be available, such as cleaning. BW asked where these positions would be advertised. MW will find out and advise. **Action.**

Out Of Hours Work

BWF 's Environmental Officer, Alana Gordijn provided members with a presentation regarding CWP's application to DPIE to amend its "Out of Hours" development consent condition to assist with the delivery of the construction program and allow contractors to work in safer environments. AG advised that this relates to the crane lifting the turbine components, so the reason for this request is weather and wind related. At the moment the construction hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays and 8am to 6pm on weekends. Wind speeds can restrict lifts during the day and conditions are usually much better in the early hours of the morning and later in the evening. Should approval be granted by DPIE, this would provide flexibility in the work hours for these nominated works in order to maintain the current schedule.

Steps undertaken by CWP include a noise assessment study with GE to understand impacts on receivers and what noise would result, therefore determining whether it is reasonable. Compliance with permits and licences as well as what works can be undertaken will be assessed. CWP are currently liaising with DPIE and have met with them on a number of occasions. CWP have submitted requests to them with packages on the consultation carried out to date. In January 2021, letters were sent to neighbours within a 4km radius of the project, outlining at a high level what is proposed. Residents were provided an opportunity to give feedback. The noise assessment undertaken indicates levels are low and will be able to meet the EPA guidelines.

GF asked what feedback had been received to date with AG advising that some feedback has been received. One resident is objecting to the work, however, they have entered into a neighbour agreement; notwithstanding this, CWP will work through their concerns.

JW asked to see a copy of the letter, which he read during the meeting. LA requested that a copy of this letter be provided to all CCC members. **Action.**

JA enquired whether this letter had gone to Rye Park residents as there could be an impact from lighting. JP advised that only residents within a 4km radius had been notified, further that the lighting will be low impact. JP confirmed that the Secretary of the Department is able to vary the condition of consent relating to construction hours.

JW enquired how the project newsletter is circulated. LD advised that it appears on the project Facebook page, the CWP website and is emailed to 500-600 people who have registered to be kept informed about the project.

Employee/Contractor Number

MM advised that there are approximately 220 workers on site (contractors and employees).

JP advised that civil works are wrapping up in a few weeks, with packages coming to an end.

Complaints Register

Between January 1st 2020 and January 31st 2021, there have been a total of nine (9) complaints registered (see slide 13 for further details).

General Communications Register

Between 1st January 2020 and 31st January 2021 there have been 181 communications via the 1300 phone number and the info@bangowindfarm.com.au email address:

- 38% - potential suppliers
- 26% - individuals seeking employment on the project
- 36% - other reasons – mostly seeking physical location of wind farm for delivery of items etc; and offers of accommodation. (Including one asking for clarification of pronunciation – is it BanJo or BanGo).

Community Sponsorship

St Joseph's School, Boorowa BBQ Trailer to assist with fundraising Sponsor amount - \$8,000



TM advised that the BBQ has been used and works well.

General Business

- JA asked AG what her environmental background was. AG responded that her role with CWP is compliance with management of the site.
 - JA asked what area of the site the quarry was taking up. JP advised that there was no quarry on the site. Aggregate comes from two existing quarries, Bald Hill and Divalls. Construction. Works undertaken in undulating areas where cut and fill is required use soil and crushed rock (using a mobile crusher) from the excavated area, which in turn is used to build drainage channels, etc.
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Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 24th May 2021 at the Club House Hotel in Yass, commencing at 11am**. The remaining CCCs for the year will be:

-  Monday – 16 August in Boorowa
-  Monday - 15 November in Yass

Meeting closed at 11.45am with LA thanking all for their attendance. Members where then provided with a safety induction for the site inspection, which included wearing appropriate PPE gear.

Action Items

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Confirm where the next round of advertising for jobs will be	MW
2	Copy of letter sent to neighbours to be provided to CCC members	LD

Post Script:

As a result of the visitors' induction and attendees being asked to identify or notice anything of concern by bringing it to the attention of staff, a CCC member raised a potential hazard regarding the recently delivered tables outside the O&M building. It was mentioned that this could cause obstruction or effective movement of personnel from the car park to the front door of the building. Accordingly, the tables have been repositioned so as not to cause any obstruction. CWP were grateful for this feedback. (Photograph of repositioned tables provided to members.)