

Minutes

Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Friday 26 July 2019

Meeting time and location 10.30am, at the Woolsthorpe Hall

1. Attendees

Cr Colin Ryan (Chair)
Cr Mick Wolfe
Cr Jim Doukas
Graeme Broderick, Community Representative
Bill Slattery (proxy for Nick Slattery) Community Representative
Glenn Britnell, Community Representative
Scott de Keizer, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Enerfin
Mark Thompson, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital
Guests:
Bruce Payne, Owners Site Representative / Construction Manager, Enerfin
Jason Quinn - Site Manager, Siemens Gamesa
Vivek Chandra - Senior Project Manager, Siemens Gamesa

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire (non-member)

2. Apologies

Alistair Craib, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital
David Holroyd, Powercor

3. Declarations of interest

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| Nil. |
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4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Graeme Broderick, seconded by Glen Britnell that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 19 June 2019 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from previous Minutes

- 5.1 Update on Powercor contact with Basalt to Bay Landcare Network: Scott DeKeizer and Powercor have been in regular contact with the Basalt to Bay Landcare Network since the last meeting.
- 5.2 Update on the proponents plans for communication with landholders along the distribution line corridor: Powercor has engaged the 'Peter Hay Property Group' to engage with landholders along the corridor who will have poles erected on their properties.

The proponent will ensure that reports on the status and outcomes of such engagement are provided to the CEC.

Graeme Broderick put forward a question on notice for Powercor to provide a costing on undergrounding of the distribution line compared to the cost of the current proposal.

- 5.3 Update on proponent's contact with GPG, proponent for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm – held over to next meeting.
- 5.4 Vivek Chandra tabled a flowchart of the Siemens Gamesa hierarchy of management for the project.
- 5.5 Draft Community Fund model:
The proponent will distribute a copy of the draft community fund model to the CEC, and place on the project website.

Summary of the current proposal:

- \$3,000 per turbine per year for the life of the project.
- A yearly funding application process.
- A 'Committee' would first assess the applications and decide which are eligible to go to the next stage for voting.
- Landholders from up to 3km from the site will then vote on the applications received. The proponent will have the right to veto if required.
- No set geographical boundary from which applications can originate from.
- If the available funding pool is not spent in any given year, the unspent amount will 'roll over' into the next year's pool.

Summary of questions, suggestions and further discussion about the proposed model:

- Should landholders who own land but don't reside within 3km of the site be involved in the voting?
- Would renters be eligible to vote?
- Could a 'Committee' comprise of the 13 landholders that dwell within 3km of the site?
- If the radius for voters excludes the Woolsthorpe township, might this cause issues?
- Could the community nominate the Committee members?
- A Committee-based model may be too complex and create conflict-of-interest issues.

Cr Doukas asked what would be in place that would guarantee the continuation of the fund if the project was sold in the future. The proponent took this question on notice.

Scott DeKeizer reported that due to the number of operational, approved and proposed wind farms in Moyne Shire, the Australian Wind Alliance has recently convened meetings of the relevant proponents to discuss their projects, including the possibility of a more strategic approach to community benefit sharing.

Cr Ryan explained the resolution passed by Council at its July meeting, for Council to facilitate discussions between Woolnorth Wind Farms, Wind

Prospect and GPG regarding a more strategic approach to community funding and benefits from wind farms in the Moyne Shire.

Cr Wolfe gave an example where there could be several proponents contributing to a major health or education-related infrastructure project, which would bring long-term benefits to the whole of the community.

Glen Britnell suggested that a representative from each of Council's Wind Farm Community Engagement Committees get together to discuss this issue.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Nil.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Woolsthorpe Wind Farm (WWF) Pty Ltd:

Preparation of Development Plans:

- All the Development Plans, apart from the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) have been submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.
- If all development plan approvals are received, construction will commence in October.
- The proponent has submitted a Generation Performance Standard package to Powercor for review, after which it will go to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) for review. This process will take a further 3-5 months to complete.
- The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is reviewing the permit amendment application that was submitted in June. Council has submitted comments on the application to DELWP. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has confirmed that night-lighting of the turbines is not required.

Preparation of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP):

- Council and VicRoads have submitted a further round of comments to the proponent regarding the draft TMP. Vivek Chandra tabled a document summarising the key features of the draft TMP.

Summary of questions, suggestions and further discussion:

- The TMP contains projected volumes of quarry material that will be required for the project. The civil contractor will be able to project in more detail what quantity of material will be sourced from each proposed quarry. There are currently five quarry sources nominated – Mt Shadwell (Mortlake), Davidsons (Tower Hill), Holcim (Tarrone), Bamstone (Port Fairy/Orford) and Bayindeen (Ararat).
- The TMP contains a Secondary TMP provision that requires Council and VicRoads approval of access routes for any additional quarries, if they are required.
- It is possible that some material could be 'won' from the site.
- The approved route from Davidsons Quarry to the site will be via Southern Cross Road, Koroit-Mailors Flat Road and the Warrnambool-Caramut Road.

This route will ensure that quarry trucks related to the project do not travel through the Koroit township.

The Bayindeen quarry will be used as it provides sand that is of a suitable quality for wind farm construction.

8.3 Community Representative feedback

Graeme Broderick and Glenn Britnell reported that the public meeting hosted by the proponent on 3 July was well-received by the community. The proponent is proposing a further meeting in late August.

Scott DeKeizer noted that there is now a 'subscribe to our newsletter' button on the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm website.

<https://www.woolsthorpewindfarm.net/>

8.4 Council

Nothing further to report.

9. General business

- 9.1 Proponent representatives have had meetings with Dan Tehan, Roma Britnell, Minister Lily D'Ambrosio's Chief of Staff and the National Wind Farm Commissioner since the last CEC meeting.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Friday 30 August, 10.30pm at the Woolsthorpe Hall

Confirmed this 30 8 19 / /

Chair [Signature]

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