

MINUTES

CLARKE CREEK WINDFARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Phone Conference meeting-May 14 2020

1. OPENING

Meeting commenced 12:32pm

2. PRESENT

Noel Herley Chair

Rob Sherry
Harry Kemp
Lynise Conaghan
Kerry Wallace
Amanda Mahy
Chloe Atkinson
Briel Dorr

Goldwind attendees:

Rhonda Rasmussen
Clare Powell
Nam Quach

Council representatives:

Jim Hutchison, Isaac Regional Council (Observer)
Viv Coleman, Isaac Regional Council
Tony Lau, Livingstone Shire Council

Susan Herley (Minutes)

3. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

New members:

- Viv Coleman is Councillor for Division 8 at Isaac Regional Council.
- Tony Lau is Manager Engineering Services at Livingstone Shire Council.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest received from Viv and Tony.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Clare, seconded Kerry that minutes of last meeting be accepted.
Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Details requested re telecommunications tower, to be covered in project update

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Community Fund, to be covered in General Business

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Project update:

Clare presented Project Update as per PowerPoint previously distributed:

- Project facts
- COVID-19 update
- Indicative timeframes
- Ongoing compliance
- Ongoing community and industry engagement
 - Rhonda expressed disappointment regarding cancellations of events
- Transport update:
 - Detailed map showing pullover bays will be shared when finalised
 - Small stretch of Tartrus Road (LSC) will be only non-state-owned road impacted by upgrades.
- Telecommunications update: Still under discussion but have made some progress. *Key Commitment remains: Construction and operational workforce of the Project does not degrade the quality of Telstra mobile communications for existing users. Solutions to be investigated to provide sufficient mobile coverage are to upgrade existing Telstra communications tower at Clarke Creek, or to install communications equipment on a new tower or wind farm infrastructure.*
 - Nam reiterated close to 100% of project communication traffic will be revolving around wi-fi by fibre optic network.
 - Clarification required regarding whether the cable is one alongside of road or the Powerlink cable. Nam to follow up regarding location of cable and how it will be accessed and report in next Project Update.
 - Possibility of providing fibre optic access to community has been discussed internally. Cannot commit to any offer as yet.

Lease agreements:

Lease agreements are in place with landholders but are private agreements so good governance and confidentiality preclude details being made available to CCC. The landholders involved are kept up to date with regular engagement.

Tony sees the project as an opportunity to promote Goldwind itself, plus the engineering, construction and renewable energy industries to young engineers and students.

Goldwind responses/clarification:

- Clare and Nam to investigate possibility of site inspection for Committee, while complying with landholder privacy when appropriate.
- Happy to continue relationship with schools (environment, cultural heritage).
- Still in pre-construction stage, but when construction starts will be happy to investigate engagement with higher education facilities
- Nam currently liaises with Construction Skills Queensland re capability, and coordinate with other projects and construction industry to ensure skilled workforces available to accommodate projects, while always aiming to provide local employment where possible.
- Community Fund official 'starts' when project proper is commenced in Clarke Creek.

Community Fund:

Thanks expressed to all who provided input regarding Community Fund details.

Clare provided overview of Community Fund guidelines and submitted for discussion document containing input from CCC members, with Goldwind recommendations.

Fund Area:

Moved Kerry, seconded Robert that the fund area be a specific kilometer radius from wind farm infrastructure.

Carried.

Clare to provide map with outline of windfarm footprint and suggested kilometre radii (100km, 75km, 50km) to enable committee members to visualise.

Fund Aim:

Moved Noel, seconded Nam that the fund aim be to provide funds to enhance and enrich community initiatives throughout the local community.

Carried.

Scope of Projects to be funded:

Noted categories not hard and fast rules. They are to help people determine if they may be eligible to apply. The CCC 'may' discuss all applications and make final decision, remaining flexible and seeing what comes in.

Still to be determined if 'whole of committee or Sub committee responsible for receiving and viewing ALL applications.

Moved Clare, seconded Nam that the scope of projects to be funded be adopted as per draft document, with the addition of arts and transport to school camps.
Carried.

Priorities for awarding grants:

Moved Robert, seconded Chloe that priorities for awarding grants be adopted as per draft, with the use of a spreadsheet to collate weightings allotted by each member for each criteria and provide overall ranking.
Carried.

Eligible Applicants:

Moved Rhonda, seconded Robert that eligible applicants guidelines be adopted as per draft with addition of 'individuals with backing of a registered organisation'.
Carried.

Exclusions:

Moved Lynise, seconded Clare that exclusions guidelines be adopted as per draft.
Carried.

Apportioning funds to Major, Minor and Scholarships:

Moved Robert, seconded Harry that Major, Minor and Scholarships categories should be used to apportion fund allocations.
Carried.

To be discussed further as meeting item next year:

- Increase of maximum scholarship 'up to' to \$10,000, with flexibility required to allocate funding between sections once applications received
- Start with smaller radius

Application windows:

Moved Clare, seconded Brier that application window being annual, to be determined after construction starts. Unallocated funds to be rolled over but with ability to make donations of unallocated funds as needed OR in an emergency.
Carried.

Noted:

- No limit to how many applications one group can make.

Fund administration:

Moved Robert, seconded Amanda that fund administration be considered:
- commercial work (councils, commercial entities, commercial individual entities)
- NFP organisations with suitable qualification
- Individuals within region WITH qualification relevant as employment of individual).
Carried.

Noted:

- Reiteration that proponent expects financial reporting that's accurate so person or organisation outsourced should have experience.
- Rhonda happy to take on role IF trained and qualified

Actions:

- Clare to progress: put together proposal for Councils and something to send to commercial organisations for expressions of interest

How long to spend the money?

Audit and reporting requirements

Other considerations:

Thoughts on these topics to be submitted by email, with resolution by next meeting

9. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Nil

10. CLOSURE

Next meeting July 9 at Clarke Creek (TBC)

Meeting closed 2:44pm