

MINUTES

CLARKE CREEK WINDFARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Phone Conference meeting November 19, 2020

1. OPENING

Meeting commenced 11:36am

2. APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE

Noel Herley Chair

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

Goldwind attendees:

Rhonda Rasmussen
Clare Powell
Nam Quach

Council representatives:

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

Susan Herley (Minutes)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved K Wallace, seconded R Sherry that minutes of last meeting be accepted.
Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Clare to circulate weighting-allocation spreadsheets used in other projects. These spreadsheets can be tailored to particular aspects required by this community fund.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Project update:

Clare and Nam presented Project Update as per PowerPoint previously distributed:

- Project facts refresh
- COVID-19 update
 - Working to re-open Marlborough Information Centre with COVID-safe plan
- Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) secured with Stanwell Corporation and Queensland Government agreeing to purchase 348MW of output from first stage of the project. This provides surety to commercial and financial aspects of the project and is a significant milestone for the project.
- Ongoing compliance and managing potential impacts
 - Work on management plans and secondary approvals proceeding
 - Completion of pre-construction survey for bird utilisation
- Ongoing community and industry engagement
 - Continuing phone and email enquiries
 - Sponsorship of Marlborough State School colour fun run
 - October community newsletter included transport update
 - ICN Gateway continues for local business to register interest.
- Site activity
 - Working with lead contractors regarding design optimisation and contract tendering (220km of internal roads and 40km of internal OH transmission lines)
- Transport update:
 - Liaison with DTRM ongoing
 - Proposed upgrades to M-S Range
 - Pullover bays on M-S Road
 - Traffic signs
 - Intersections, roundabouts and centre medians.
 - Infrastructure Agreement
 - Proposed communication during construction

Community Fund:

Clare addressed questions re eligibility of the following to apply for funding/scholarships and emphasised that each application should be considered on its own merits.

CCC Members

Individual/representatives of any group acting on behalf of the CCC

Landowners associated with windfarm

Can all apply but need to declare interest and abstain from discussion and voting

Employees of windfarm

Excluded from applying as per Fund guidelines

Discussion around geographic radius previously agreed upon. Concerns that funding will be diluted if prioritised over a wider area.

Moved L Conaghan, seconded Cr Coleman that geographic area to which the fund applies be amended from 75km to 50km radius.

Carried.

Fund Admin:

Clare reported:

- one (1) EOI for fund administration has been received.
- Councils declined to submit an EOI.
- On-line grants administration system 'SmartyGrants' is used by other projects and is a useful tool that simplifies application and administration processes.

Moved N Quach, seconded K Wallace that Clare discuss the use of SmartyGrants with person who submitted EOI.

Carried.

Clare to provide link and details about how SmartyGrants is used in other projects.

Personnel changes:

Clare advised Rhonda is leaving the area in December. Noel Fordyce, who has been a local liaison person looking after access and H&S for contractors as well as supporting Rhonda, will step in and do more engagement work, aiming to be in Marlborough office once a week

Clare and Nam both put on record personal thanks to Rhonda for her flexibility and assistance during her time with the project.

Moved C Atkinson, seconded R Sherry that the group thank Rhonda for her work and wish her all the best, while extending a welcome and congratulations to Noel.

Carried.

Reflections and suggestions:

Kerry: Happy with where we're at. Hands now tied until funding becomes available. We must remember what our purpose is and be fair and reasonable in funding allocation.

Briel: Very efficient with meetings, happy with everything.

Robert: Everyone unsure about how it's all going to work but good governance and transparency will be critical. Looking forward to the project commencing.

Lynise: Hoping for return of face to face meetings. Would like to work more and fine-tune scholarships. Suggest including principals of schools for guidance on scholarship allocation.

Amanda: Difficult to follow phone meetings. Looking forward to getting back to face to face. Despite that, have made good progress and members give good representation of community.

Harry: Difficulties in phone meetings. Need to make sure everyone comfortable. Face to face meeting preferable. Privileged to be part of the committee which provides a good representation of local community. Looking forward to next year.

Tony: The committee has done good job with excellent member participation.

Chloe: Thank you to everyone. It's been a good year. Looking forward to face to face meetings and seeing the project move forward.

Cr Viv Coleman: Acknowledged how proud everyone in community is of this project. The community fund is an opportunity for the project to have a lasting legacy, Congratulated committee and proposed group ground rules, values and visions for meetings.

Nam: Thank you to all committee members. We've achieved a lot this year.

Clare: Thank you to all for volunteering, and for your willingness to discuss and be involved.

Noel (Chair): Summarised meetings for year and thanked all for participation. Recognised that we come together from diverse backgrounds and noted willingness and urgency in meeting face to face.

Meeting dates 2021:

18 February, 20 May, 26 August, 18 November

8. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

1. Colour fun run was huge success P&C and school thank CCWF for the sponsorship
2. Concerns have been raised regarding lack of certainty of when roadworks/delays will occur, specifically extra time that will be added to school runs during construction and exact start and finish dates.
 - Clare stipulated that the overarching aim is to minimise impacts to locals.
 - Amanda to email specific concerns to Clare
 - Clare to gather relevant information and distribute to those concerned plus wider community, timeframe 2-3 weeks to get info from team. Unsure of timeframe for finalisation of impact statement.
3. What if any implications are there for advertently or inadvertently entering into project area, either on the ground or in the air?

- Not only landowners, also affects others who don't have access to option lease deeds. Who's responsible for making these people aware of restrictions or obligations?
 - Confusion regarding perceived 'discrepancy' in site boundary between map in September newsletter and boundaries specified in landowner deeds.
 - Anxiety regarding what day-to-day things will change.
 - Amanda to email specific questions to Clare for a full response.
 - Map in newsletter is a public information map. Any option lease agreement will sit over and above any illustrative representation.
 - Access restrictions will change depending on construction activity and each landowner has an individual contract.
 - Clare will check with mapping people and address discrepancy concerns publicly, although some details will remain commercial-in-confidence. Timeframe 2-3 weeks.
 - Landowners always welcome to approach CCWF with concerns.
4. Some community discussion and concerns regarding end-of-project life. What planning has been done and what will happen at completion of project?
- Clare to discuss with Nam and respond.
5. Discussion regarding when feedback becomes formal, informal, anonymous.
- To be diarised for discussion next year.

9. NEXT MEETING

18 February 2021 at 11:30am

10. CLOSE

Meeting closed 1:25pm