

## FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Date and Venue</b>	Monday 27th May 2024 Blayney Community Centre 6:15 – 7:06 pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr Ian Rogan (IR) (Chair) Mr Kim Masters (KM) (Host landowner) Mr Mark Dicker (MD) (Blayney Shire Council) Mr. Joshua Fitzgerald (JF) (Iberdrola Australia) Ms Rachael Young (RY) (Community member) Mr John Plantinga (JP) (Neighbour) Mr Ryan Ellis (RE) (Iberdrola Australia)
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Joe Dalzell (JD) (Neighbour) Mr. Gavin Paul (GP) (Iberdrola Australia) Mr Andrew Muir (AM) (Blayney Shire Council)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by the Chair.

Ian Rogan (IR) welcomed members and apologies.

### 2. Apologies

Joe Dalzell  
Gavin Paul  
Andrew Muir

### 3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed. No additional items added.

Council comments: MD

- Change in council VPA
- Ongoing communication with wind farm
- Around road works and other wind farm activities
- KM – Commented on the good work on the tree clearing flyers creek bridge

#### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024 were formally adopted prior to the meeting.  
KM – Commented that all previous comments were included.

#### **5. Business Arising**

Actions were reviewed (see attached page for list of actions to 17 July 2023, Action numbers refer to the numbering 16 October Meeting Agenda document).

Action 9: Blayney Shire Council to investigate the possibility of a viewing platform for the project. Remains open. AM – will take some months for Council to investigate required land acquisitions and transfers.

KM – Found flagging around the met mast, has concerns for livestock in the area. Locked gates to ensure he and all workers know what is being done.

KM re-raised an item discussed at the previous meeting. The matter related to concerns raised by KM about unauthorised and out of contract weed spraying on his property and the effects this has caused on his property and stock. Spray rates were provided from contractor, but KM is seeking further information regarding the chemicals and ratios used i.e., spray company day sheet. (This has been requested from the contractor.)

KM – Has requested notification for when major civil work is happening on property. Suggested collectively across wind farm.

JP – Suggested Iberdrola to pay for/subsidise power for residents. In line with other wind farms.

KM – Traffic signs along side of road in long grass between Beneree and Flyers creek bridge. Contact MTM to pick up. ( Contractor Notified)

JF – Action to get info for CCC on where our funds go and when the VPA policy is updated for review.

Discussions to ensure that funds are spent in the region around flyers creek.

#### **6. Committee Issues and Updates [Chair]**

Action: IR to contact Joe if he would still like to be on the committee.  
Comments on Joe's wishing to step down.

#### **7. Project Update**

RE- provided an update on the progress of construction:

- 37 turbines are currently built
- Crane currently being moved to last turbine
- 1 Turbine crane will revisit

- All of collector group 1 has been energised and the last 5 turbines will commence commissioning
- Final HV connections are expected to be completed in 4-5 weeks
- Rehab crew working back and forth across the farm
- Looking to be fully constructed within the next 4-6weeks
- Is expected to be completed between September-December

Community Benefit Funds provided from Iberdrola to Council to date:

Contribution period	Community Benefit	Road Maintenance	Council Administration	Total	Date paid
17 March 2022 to 30 June 2022	17,976.66	13,073.93	3,922.18	34,972.77	8/04/2022
Recalculation of above period	-	-	-	383.27	
1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	31,952.72	23,238.34	6,971.50	62,162.56	5/07/2022
1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023	33,907.00	24,659.64	7,397.89	65,964.53	19/01/2023
1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023	33,907.00	24,659.64	7,397.89	65,964.53	19/07/2023
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>117,743.38</b>	<b>85,631.55</b>	<b>25,689.46</b>	<b>229,447.66</b>	

## 8. Committee feedback from local community

Comments in section 5

## 9. Community Consultation Plan and processes

JF – advised that Iberdrola are working towards supporting:

- The Blayney Show
- Carcoar Running Festival

The group suggested supporting Millthorpe Garden Ramble next year.

## 10. CCC Terms of Reference

Terms of reference moved by KM, seconded by RY, and accepted by all

## 11. Any Other Business

The date for the next meeting is called for **Monday 9 September 2024.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.05PM.

## Actions

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. Add table to minutes showing Community Benefit Funds provided from Iberdrola to Council to date.	17/07/23	JW	Closed.
2. Recirculate CCC Terms of Reference.	17/04/23	JW	Closed 17 April 2023. IR to draft CCC Terms of Reference
3. Make contact with Blayney Shire Council to request that CCC be more involved or consulted regarding the distribution of the Community Benefit Fund/express CCC wishes for more community representation in the evaluation of submissions for funding.	17/04/23	IR	Closed
4. Add CCC Terms of Reference as a standing item to CCC agenda and minutes.	17/04/23	JW	Closed.
5. Advise whether Iberdrola has guidelines for local sponsorship for Flyers Creek.	17/04/23	JW	Closed
6. Blayney Shire Council will seek clarification of funding splits for roadworks and respond to the Committee.	24/01/23	MD	Closed. MD provided information by email on 25 January 2023
7. Iberdrola to advise the cost of the wind farm project.	24/01/23	JW	Closed. JW advised during meeting on 17 April 2023
8. Iberdrola to provide a list of sponsorship to date since construction commenced.	24/01/23	JW	Closed. JW circulated by email on 16 July 2023
9. Blayney Shire Council to investigate the possibility of a viewing platform for the project.	24/01/23	AM	Open
10. Iberdrola to advise date for commissioning wind farm	24/01/23	JW	Closed.
11. Iberdrola to advise whether drone footage could be taken for the project and added to the project website	24/01/23	JW	Closed.
12. Iberdrola to advise whether an operations Manager for Flyers Creek is being recruited.	24/01/23	JW/DW	Closed.
13. Council website be updated to include a list of all the projects funded to date with the funding amounts under the Financial Assistance Program.	11/10/22	MD	Closed.
14. Iberdrola to advise where concrete aggregate and sand is being sourced.	11/10/22	JW	Closed.

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15. Senior Iberdrola representatives to consult with Kim Masters ASAP regarding his concerns.	5/7/22	JW	Closed.
16. Ross Earl (RE) – Council (and Iberdrola) will circulate a list of money available under the VPA and the split of VPA funds within.	5/7/22	RE/JW	Closed.
17. Iberdrola to clarify process and oversight for distribution of VPA funds via BSC and to check VPA wording re fund distribution	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
18. JW to check date of fist VPA contribution payment to BSC	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
19. CCC to ask Blayney Shire Council whether another member of staff can attend CCC meetings should the usual representatives not be available	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
20. Advise CCC of supplier open day details once confirmed	18/01/22	DW	Closed. JW issued email to all members 29/03/22 advising the supplier event Tuesday 5 April 4-6pm
21. IR to draft CCC Annual Report and circulate to the members for review and comment.	12/02/20	IR	Open.
22. MR to issue email to CCC members providing information on the local community engagement role.	10/11/21	MR	Closed. MR issued email to all members 10/11/21.
23. ALL members to complete the Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct forms & return to IR.	12/02/20	ALL	Closed.
24. MR to send MD an email relating to biodiversity offset for Flyers Creek Wind Farm	19/05/21	MR	Closed. MR emailed MD 24/05/21
25. MR to arrange discussion re construction certificate(s) between Infigen and BSC.	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Meeting occurred by teleconference 21/05/21.
26. MR to notify aviation club of final wind turbine coordinates prior to construction	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Notification will occur via CASA.
27. MR to circulate sponsorship form to CCC members	03/02/21	MR	Closed. MR circulated by email
28. IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	Closed. IR circulated by email 12/02/20

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29. IR to investigate further and advise if any major changes between guidance issued in 2016 and new guidance issued in 2019.	09/05/19	IR	Closed. IR provided a summary at meeting of 19/09/19 advising that there were no notable changes between the 2016 and 2019 guidance.
30. MR to review KM RFS sponsorship request and advise if Infigen can support	18/01/19	MR	Closed. MR provided sponsorship form to KM and requested that any requests for sponsorship are applied for via the form.
31. MR to contact the local aviation club with project information.	18/01/19	MR	Closed. JD noted on 03/02/21 that he has spoken with the local aviation club and that they are aware of the proposed wind farm and expect to be notified in due course by CASA of any new structures.
32. JD advised that he we would pass on the contact details of a local aviation club.	11/09/18	JD	Closed. Information duly emailed 12/09 to MR.
33. IR advised that he would contact MD to query if Council could nominate an alternate if MD was unable to attend CCC meetings and if there were particular days of the week that were preferable for future meetings.	16/05/18	IR	Closed. Daniel Drum (DD) at Blayney Shire Council appointed as MD's nominated alternative at 11/09/18 CCC meeting.
34. MR to provide copy of average wind speed map of the project site to the CCC members.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. MR provided a printed copy of the maps to the CCC members at meeting of 11/09/18.
35. MR to provide details of sponsorship activities related to Flyers Creek in the last 12 months.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. For details see agenda item 9 of CCC meeting minute 11/09/18.
36. MR agreed to bring an average wind speed map of the project site to the next CCC meeting for information	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR brought maps to meeting of 16/05/18 and shared with members.
37. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
38. MR to provide wirelines which were lodged with the DPE as part of planning modification 3 to JD.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued by email to JD 08/02/18
39. MR to bring project maps in electronic form to next meeting to share with the group	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Maps brought to meeting of 16/05/18. It was agreed that MR would bring a copy to all subsequent meetings.

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40. MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the process for adding a new CCC member to the group and report back on the outcome of this discussion.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR reported outcome of discussions with DPE at meeting of 16/05/18.
41. The CCC members supported this idea and requested that MD followed up with Council about the possibility of utilising this land for a viewing platform.	02/02/18	MD	Closed. MD followed up on this by email 12/02/18 advising that he has spoken to Councils Manager Operations, and he has given very preliminary advice that the quarry area could be utilised as a “pull off area” and as a viewing area. Further detailed information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.
42. IR to send copy of Terms of Reference Update for Chairs to CCC group	22/01/2024	IR	Closed
43. KM to formally notify by email GP of the issues and his intentions raised within Section 8 of this document.	22/01/2024	KM	Closed
44. JF to send copy of Sponsorship and donations document to CCC group	22/01/2024	JF	Closed
45. IR to email endorsed Terms of Reference to the CCC group	22/01/2024	IR	Closed
46. IR to contact Joe if he would still like to be on the committee.	27/05/2024	IR	
47. JF to get info for CCC on where our funds go and when the VPA policy is updated for review.	27/05/2024	JF	
48. JF to contact spray contractor for spray day sheet.	27/05/2024	JF	