

**FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**  
**FINAL Meeting Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

<b>Date and Venue</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Blayney Shire Council Community Centre, 6pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Ian Rogan (Chair) Kim Masters (Host landowner) John Plantinga (Neighbour) Joe Dalzell (Neighbour) Rachael Young (Neighbour & Community Energy Representative) Rod Masters (Host landowner – attended as observer) Megan Richardson (Proponent–Infigen Energy)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Chair.

**2. Apologies**

Apology from Mark Dicker (MD) (Blayney Shire Council).

Joe Dalzell (JD) queried whether MD had an alternate representative to attend in his place when he was unable to attend a meeting. Ian Rogan (IR) advised that he would contact MD to query this and if there were days of the week that were preferable for future meetings.

**3. Endorsement of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was endorsed.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 02 February 2018 were approved by email and were already available to view on the Infigen website.

Rod Masters (RM) was welcomed as an observer at the meeting.

**5. Business Arising**

The Chair reviewed the actions from previous meetings. These are outlined in the Actions Table at the foot of these minutes.

- a) **Wind resource map** - Megan Richardson (MR) showed the members an average wind speed map of the site and explained that where possible the wind turbines had been sited in the windiest positions. She noted that the windier parts of the site are at higher elevations on the tops of hills or ridges and lower wind speeds are recorded in valleys and at lower elevations. John Plantinga (JP) requested a copy of the wind resource map which MR agreed to provide.
- b) **Community Sponsorship application form** – MR confirmed that she had issued this with draft minutes of last meeting on 08/02/18.
- c) **Mod 3 Wirelines** – MR advised that she had issued copies of the wirelines which were lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) as part of planning modification 3 to JD by email on 08/02/18.

- d) **Project Maps** – MR showed the members copies of project maps in paper and electronic form and agreed to bring these to all future meetings.
- e) **New CCC Members process** – MR reported the outcome of discussions with the DPE about the process for the addition of new CCC members. This is discussed further in Item 7.
- f) **Viewing Platform** – MR advised that MD followed up on this by email 12/02/18 advising that he has spoken to Council's 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. IR asked how this would be progressed and MR responded that Infigen are committed to the creation of the viewing platform and would incorporate it into the project.

## 6. Committee Issues and Update

IR gave a brief overview of how a CCC should operate and who the members may consist of. He provided some examples from a nearby project where he is also the Chair of the Wind Farm CCC. He suggested that members consider who may be appropriate types of members and when the appropriate time may be to open up a call for new members.

He summarised the DPE advice for the addition of new CCC members which is that the CCC Chair must write to the DPE seeking their approval for any new members and include:

- Reasons for why the new member should be approved;
- Confirmation that there is adequate space on the CCC for the new member; and
- Request the Secretary's approval.

A discussion on the types of new CCC members that would be a good addition to the group included:

- Representative from a local aboriginal group;
- Representative from a local business or economic group;
- Representative from a local environment group;
- Representative from a local village/town group (Millthorpe, Carcoar, Blayney).

## 7. New CCC Members

The Chair advised that RM had previously expressed an interest to join the CCC and that the members would discuss his application for membership now. RM was asked to leave the meeting so that an open discussion between members could take place.

Following discussion between members it was agreed that:

- the consensus was not to expand the CCC members at this time in the project;
- that RM was thanked for his interest in the group and invited to apply again in the future when new members were being sought; and
- that RM is welcome to attend CCC meetings in an observer capacity.

MR also noted that RM was welcome to contact her if he had any questions relating to the project.

## **8. Project Update**

MR provided an update on the progress of Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

MR advised that Optus were currently in discussion with Infigen about the location of their new blackspot telecoms tower. Infigen were committed to supporting this project financially and would work with Optus and its contractors to ensure that the tower is located on a site that doesn't conflict with the wind farm.

MR advised that she was in the process of preparing a planning modification (4) which considers:

- Increase in wind turbine tip height by 10 metres (m) from 150m to 160m; and
- Reinstatement of the 132kv grid connection line.

She advised that the updated environmental assessment work was underway and that she was targeting lodging the modification application with the DPE in July 2018. She anticipates that approval will be granted by November 2018 at the very latest and advised that this will not delay the other work which is currently being progressed on the development of the project to a construction stage.

MR advised that potential turbine suppliers had attended site visits in March which would contribute toward their pricing of the construction and operation of the project.

## **9. Community Consultation Plan and Processes**

MR advised that a newsletter would be distributed to local neighbours in advance of the planning modification 4 application being lodged with the DPE.

IR asked what sponsorship activities Infigen had been involved in for Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

MR advised that she would provide a list of sponsorship on the project in the last 12 months.

IR asked whether the CCC was consulted on sponsorship activities and MR explained that she provided information on what Infigen were sponsoring but did not seek formal approval from the CCC.

## **10. AOB**

The next meeting date was proposed for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The CCC Meeting was closed by the Chair at about 7:40pm.

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**Actions from previous meetings**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date Raised</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. 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	
2. MR to provide copy of average wind speed map of the project site to the CCC members.	16/05/18	MR	
3. MR to provide details of sponsorship activities related to Flyers Creek in the last 12 months.	16/05/18	MR	
4. 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.
5. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
6. 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
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

