

Crookwell 2 and 3 Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the first meeting of the reconfigured CCC – 2016-#1

Time 4.00PM Wednesday 28 September 2016

Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward, Chris Croker and Jean Dooley as Community Representatives, Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire and Shaq Mohajerani representing Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

Apologies: Maurice Newman and Jamie Buck. Malcolm Barlow did not attend.

Nicole Brewer and Elle Donnelly from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment attended the meeting by invitation. Charlie Prell also asked to attend the meeting which was granted. As an observer, Mr Prell understood that he could only speak when invited to do so.

Peter Gordon welcomed all to the first meeting of the new committee and went to some detail explaining the role of such committees and noted that members are appointed under the rules of CCCs as contained in the DPE guidelines. All members agreed to sign the Code of Conduct Agreement and the Declaration of pecuniary or other interests. Peter Gordon noted that the Culhane family and his have a long association going back to school days. No pecuniary or other interests exist.

Nicole Brewer from DPE and Shaq Mohajerani from Crookwell Development Pty Ltd outlined government and company expectations and briefed the meeting on recent developments, notably the amendment application (Mod-2) for the approved Crookwell 2 Wind Farm, and the addendum to EIS for the proposed Crookwell 3 Wind Farm which will be made available for exhibition in the coming weeks and the implications of the ACT Government awarding Crookwell Development Pty Ltd a 20 year Feed-in Tariff contract for renewable energy supply.

- Business arising from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested (for future meetings)
- Correspondence – nil
- Issues identified by the community or local government representatives
Members raised a number of issues:
 - Neighbour Agreements. Shaq provided some information and undertook to get back to Steve Ward after the meeting.

- Community Enhancement Fund. Shaq explained that the project community contribution is two-fold, firstly a commitment to a Voluntary Planning Agreement that will provide \$2,500 per turbine per year (once the wind farm is operational) to the Community Enhancement Fund that is administered by Upper Lachlan Shire Council, and secondly the Neighbour Benefit Sharing Scheme, that includes the Voluntary Neighbour Deed with neighbouring dwellings that are willing to become associated with the project development. Shaq explained that five neighbouring dwellings have already signed the proposed Neighbour Deed agreements, and that the company is seeking to have more agreements signed in the near future. After discussion as to the nature of the fund, Cr Culhane agreed to follow up with Council as to the delay in processing some payments for the grants associated with another project's community enhancement fund.

- Sealing the 2km of Woodhouselee road north of the project towards Roslyn. Shaq noted that a condition of approval was to seal a 2km section this Road, and will be done prior to the commissioning of the construction of the wind farm.

-Technical issues. Covered under the company report below.

- Company reports and overview of activities:

Shaq Mohajerani and Nicole Brewer took time to explain the legality of the process which led to the approval of Crookwell 2 Wind Farm and how the request to amend each of the Crookwell 2 and Crookwell 3 Wind Farms is to be treated. Essentially Crookwell Development Pty Ltd is seeking to amend the approved Crookwell 2 Wind Farm, and also to amend the application for the proposed Crookwell 3 Wind Farm to be able to utilise the new turbine technology currently available in the market. These amendments will result in fewer turbines in both layouts and the remaining turbines in Crookwell 2 Wind Farm will have taller towers and longer blades which result in a taller overall blade tip height of up to 160 metres, and in Crookwell 3 Wind Farm the blades will be longer but on a shorter tower, to retain the same blade tip height of up to 157 Metres as it was initially assessed in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment that was exhibited during Nov 2012 to Feb 2013. Questions related to noise generation and monitoring were raised and will be reported on in greater depth at the next meeting. Nicole noted that as the two wind farms are so close issues to do with approval/variations will be treated at the same time and the public exhibition regarding both wind farms will be concurrent. It is expected that the public exhibition will be conducted in the coming months, depending on the company and DPE agreeing to the revised documentation. Nicole Brewer explained that the Department will be hosting an information day for the community during the public exhibition period; details will be advertised in the local newspapers.

In terms of the future conduct of these CCC meetings it was agreed that members would like to be briefed on technical issues, especially regarding environmental monitoring. Members agreed to provide a list of issues which they would like to see reported on before

the next meeting. Bearing in mind the complexity and very technical nature of some reporting requirements, Shaq agreed to work with the CCC to understand what information was required and how best to provide all relevant information in a way acceptable to non-professionals. The next meeting would be one focussing on technical monitoring and how the CCC can settle on a reporting process.

Future minutes will deal with the agenda as below:

- Operational issues
- Issues arising from site inspections
- Monitoring and environmental performance
- Community complaints and response to complaints
- Information provided to the community and any feedback

- General business
 - It was noted that the CCC has an obligation to be accessible to the broader community. In that regard all members agreed that CCC information accessed through the Wind Farm websites contain details of the membership but only the email address of the Chair. Meeting agendas and minutes would also be freely and easily accessed through that website. Shaq agreed to make sure that the CCC section on the website was much more visible and accessible.
 - The Chair agreed that members can ask to include items on future agendas and to put members of the public directly in touch if considered necessary.

- Next meeting
 - To be on Wednesday 16 November starting with a site inspection at 2pm followed by a meeting at 4pm. Members to gather at the Crookwell 1 Wind Farm viewing area on the Goulburn-Crookwell Road at 2pm on 16 November.

Peter Gordon

Independent Chair

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