

Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarms Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the CCC

Time 4.00PM Wednesday 16 April 2025

Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward, John Carter and Katrina Nixon. Councillor Susan Reynolds. Haridan Fuentes Cabrera, Marco Romero(both part of meeting), Graham Young, Kirsty Levings and Kelly (surname please) representing Global Power Generation and Crookwell Development Pty Ltd. 10
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Apologies: Nil

No new pecuniary or other interests were declared.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of meeting were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are to be now easily accessed through the company website.

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Business arising from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested.

Correspondence – nil

Technical issues. Covered under the company report below.

Company reports and overview of activities:

Kirsty noted that she now is the main community and committee contact for the CCC. The chair passed on the committee's gratitude to Marco for his service over recent years.

Crookwell 2

GPG representatives briefed the CCC on operational matters.

The 5-year maintenance cycle is continuing. Whole point testing is delayed due to a lack of wind necessary to undertake comprehensive testing.

Some blades are being repaired including one from lightning strike.

Environmental monitoring and remediation work continue including repairing a 19km stretch of road. One roadside drain has been repaired.

Some replanting is ongoing on the roadside and will continue in autumn as the weather is more amenable.

Graham took the opportunity to brief the committee on arrangements in place regarding Crookwell 3.

Members raised the fact of the turbine close to the Goulburn Road casting a moving shadow on the road at times during each day. It was agreed that the effect could distract drivers and Graham undertook to investigate and come back to the committee.

Drainage and pothole work continues.

A new website for C2&3 is under development and will include comprehensive community engagement including a monthly newsletter.

Kirsty noted that there had been no new official complaints. However, Cr Reynolds drew the committee's attention to a very specific and long-standing complaint from a neighbour whose house is very close to three turbines. That neighbour has been interacting with GPG for some time and noise monitoring devices have been installed and recently have been taken for analysis. There are differences of opinion regarding this complaint as to the usefulness of noise recorded on the complainant's phone as opposed to the approved noise monitoring devices which were deployed. Although Cr Reynolds was aware of other nearby residents being unhappy, no formal complaints were lodged by them.

The Chair asked for a progress report on this matter to be available at the end of the month.

The chair reminded the GPG representatives that the CCC is a to be briefed regularly on matters to do with environmental performance and other relevant material at each meeting.

Kirsty noted that grants had recently been made to the Crookwell Pool and the Bigga Hall. Applications for the community grants are being sought now.

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

In response to community member input GPG to urgently seek CASA permission to turn off the navigation lights as has been achieved by other wind farms.

Decommissioning: The community members have for some time expressed a keen interest to be briefed on the formal requirements of the company to decommission the wind farms at the end of useful life. Kirsty read from the planning documents and undertook to circulate relevant information. It was made clear that the approvals included a requirement to return the site to its original condition. (Hosts may request that improvements such as roads be retained).

Community complaints and response to complaints

GPG to table a complaints register at future meetings as is required under the CCC guidelines. The company currently has a free call number (1800 457 181) for all community enquiries. The company website also has an enquiry form that will be used for the community complaints process.

General Business

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 24 September at 4PM at Crookwell.

The venue is the CWA Hall in Crookwell unless otherwise agreed and the meetings will commence at 4.00pm. The meeting schedule, venue and time may be changed subject to availability, and will be notified in advance of the scheduled event.

Peter Gordon

Independent Chair

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