

# Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Thursday 18 January 2018

Meeting time and location 10.30am - Woolsthorpe Hall

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## 1. Attendees

Cr Colin Ryan (Chair)  
Cr Mick Wolfe  
Graeme Broderick, Community Representative  
Bill Slattery - proxy for Nick Slattery, Community Representative  
Alistair Wilson, Wind Farm Developments  
Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire

## 2. Apologies

Cr Jim Doukas  
Aaron Moyne, Moyne Shire Council

## 3. Welcome

Cr Colin Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 4. Declaration of interest

Bill Slattery declared that he is a participating landholder in the project.
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## 5. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Alistair Wilson, seconded by Bill Slattery that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 8 September 2016 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Business arising

6.1 Council has formally appointed Graeme Broderick as a member of the Committee.

## 7. Correspondence incoming

Nil.

## 8. Correspondence outgoing

Nil.

## **9. Reports**

### **9.1 Wind Farm Developments (WFD) for Woolsthorpe Wind Farm (WWF)**

WWF has applied to the Minister for Planning for an extension to the completion date for the project, from March 2018 to March 2020.

Alistair tabled a Project Update (Attachment 1) which included information about the Victorian Governments Victorian Renewable Energy Target auction process (VRET).

Summary of discussion:

VRET:

- It is understood that proponents for all of the five approved wind farm projects in Moyne are all preparing tender bids, including WFD for the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm.
- All VRET projects must have a current running Permit, must not have commenced substantial construction, and should ideally be located in Victoria.
- The proponent bids a per-MW dollar amount that they would need to construct the project in addition to the nominated CFD strike price to secure a Support Agreement from the State Government.
- The price the State Government will offer for the power and LGCs produced is based on a contract-for-difference included in the Support Agreement.
- The Government has set the 'strike price' at \$56 per MWh. If the current market price is less, the Government will pay the proponent the difference. If the current price is more, the proponent will pay the Government the difference.
- Bidders must try to demonstrate how they will try to meet a 64% level of local content for construction. In this context, local means Victorian. This is difficult for wind farms to meet as the blades and nacelles are manufactured overseas.
- WFD has had discussions with Deakin and SWTAFE about how to meet the requirement for 10% local employment content.
- Projects must also have secured a connection agreement with the Network Service Provider and AEMO.
- The tender must address a number of evaluation criteria including community benefits.
- The State Government has requested security bonds to try and ensure that all commitments (including community) that proponents have included in their bid are met if the project is successful in securing a State Government Support Agreement.
- WFD has a new long-term investor involved in the project. Their participation is not dependent on the outcome of the VRETAS bid process.

## 9.2 Community Representative feedback

- Graeme noted that there was still some inaccurate information in the community about the project.
- There is a Woolsthorpe township Facebook page and a widely circulated school newsletter that would be good methods of communicating accurate information about the project to the public. The Committee agreed for Graeme to include a photo of the CEC on the Woolsthorpe Facebook page.
- Alistair said that WFD would release a project newsletter after 14 February, which is the closing date for VRET tenders.

## 9.3 Council

- Vicki noted some of the challenges Council had recently faced regarding the construction of wind farm transmission lines in road reserves in other areas of the Shire.

## 10. General business

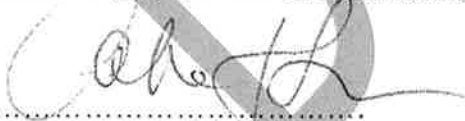
Moved by Bill Slattery, seconded by Graeme Broderick that the Committee request Councils approval to advertise the existing Community Representative vacancy, and use a landholder mailout as one of the advertising methods.

**CARRIED**

## 11. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 7 March 2018, 10.30am at Woolsthorpe (venue to be confirmed)**

Confirmed this 24 / 08 / 2018



Chair

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