

Minutes

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 15 June 2020
Meeting time and location 6pm, via Zoom

1. Attendees

Cr Ian Smith (Chair)
Cr Jill Parker
Cr Jim Doukas
Karen Blackmore, Community Representative
Dave Sweatman, Community Representative
Tilt Renewables:
Matthew Glass, Project Manager
Cara Layton, Stakeholder and Environment Manager
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager
Martine Holberton, Community and Stakeholder Advisor

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Moyne Shire Council (non-member)

2. Apologies

Tim Hill, Community Representative
Greg Grant, Community Representative

3. Declarations of interest

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Karen Blackmore, seconded by Cr Parker that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 13 May 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 Ongoing responsibility for fire reduction in the Mortlake-Ararat Road and CastleCarey Road reserves under the transmission line:
Matt Glass reported that since the last CEC meeting, Mt Fyans Wind Farm representatives had spoken with the Vegetation Management Officer at District 5 Headquarters, who advised that the road reserves are Crown Land and not controlled by Ausnet, and that the CFA can use the fire reduction methods it deems appropriate.
It was agreed that it would be better if this advice be received in writing from the District 5 Headquarters.
Council will follow up with this request.

- 5.2 Update from Tilt Renewables regarding construction vehicle usage of non-approved routes in the northern section of the site:
Matt Glass reported that TR has implemented several methods including regular directives to contractors, increased signage and manning of gates to check vehicles are not using non-approved routes. These methods have had some success but TR has still received a few reports of vehicles using non-approved routes. TR will continue with these measures and monitor the situation.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Project updates emailed from TR.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR) (Extracted from Project Update slides)

Construction Update

- Civil Balance of Plant – 55km/55km of access track built, 80/80 foundations poured. Quarry has been decommissioned, and rehabilitation of disturbed areas is ongoing.
- Electrical Balance of Plant – 64/65km of cable is installed. Substation is energised.
- Turbine Components – 355/400 tower sections, 69/80 nacelles and 191/240 blades are on site.
- Turbine Erection – All 80 base and mid sections of towers are installed; 68/80 turbine erections are complete.

Commissioning

- 56/80 turbines have had pre commissioning completed and are energised for commissioning, and 27/80 are running. This is 'Hold Point 1' as required by AEMO.
Dave Sweatman asked if the project is still in the testing phase. Matt Glass responded that it is – each turbine is performance-tested individually, whereas 'Hold Point 1' is part of AEMO's process to evaluate the commissioning process for the wind farm as a whole. The wind farm is still in the construction stage.

Compliance

- The sixth quarterly environmental audits required by the EMP and the CHMP were undertaken in May. There were some minor issues that have been addressed.
- The offsite landscaping program is continuing. Draft landscaping plans have been provided to some participating landholders for their review.
- Night works have ceased for now.
- Brolga Compensation Plan update:
DELWP has given provisional approval of 4 wetland rehabilitation sites, and draft wetland management plans will be submitted to

DELWP in the coming weeks. The sites are located near Woorndoo, Caramut, Westmere and one in the Pyrenees Shire.

- TR is preparing for the operational compliance activities required by the Permit.

Benefits Sharing Programs

- The Federation University scholarship program continues.
- 32 of the 35 Community Mini Grid installations are completed.
- Lifeline training sessions are being rolled out across the south west region.
- The Women's Housing Facility has opened in Bayswater.
- Procurement of tower sections from Keppell Prince has been completed.
- Planning for the local community benefit fund and education fund continues. TR invited the CEC to have input into what the fund committee model could be.

Community Engagement and Feedback

- Construction updates have been provided, and a newsletter distributed in April.
- One complaint has been received since the last meeting, regarding TV reception.

8.2 Community Representatives

Tim Hill had submitted a question about the status of the Community Benefit Fund. TR responded that the model is currently being developed, and the fund will commence once construction is completed.

Dave Sweatman noted that he had come across wandering stock on Post Office Lane from a participating landholder's property. The landholder said it was because hot wires under the road crossovers had not yet been installed.

TR will follow this up with the landholder.

Karen Blackmore noted that a neighbouring landholder felt they had not had much follow-up contact from TR regarding the landscaping plan process.

TR will follow this up with the landholder.

8.3 Council

Nothing further to raise.

9. General business

- 9.1** Cr Doukas asked about the firefighting infrastructure at the Dundonnell Hall site. Cr Smith confirmed that it had been installed.

The Hall Committee and Council are discussing future proposals for the Hall and the Hall precinct, including possible funding opportunities and project scope.

9.2 The Committee strongly agreed that a face-to-face format is preferred for future CEC meetings.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Monday 13 July 2020, 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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