

Minutes

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 17 August 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
Greg Grant, Community Representative
Tim Hill, Community Representative
Tilt Renewables:
Matthew Glass, Project Manager
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager
Martine Holberton, Community and Stakeholder Advisor

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

2. Apologies

3. Declarations of interest

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Matt Glass, seconded by Cr Parker that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 13 July 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 Effect of constrained output on Council's rating process:
Council advised that it could potentially affect the amount of rates collected. If the current situation was to remain, it would depend on the output of the operating turbines. Within a constrained output situation, the wind farm could still generate maximum rates.
It was noted that at its May 2019 meeting, Council resolved:
'That the first year's rates revenue received by Council from the Dundonnell Wind Farm be devoted to public infrastructure upgrades in the Dundonnell district'. Council will consider the scope and timing of the upgrades during its 2020/21 budget discussions.

- 5.2 TR to send information on the Salt Creek Wind Farm community fund model to the CEC:

Martine noted that TR had sent information to the CEC community representatives, and had met with Tim, Karen and Dave earlier today to discuss.

Martine will email a summary of the discussion and outcomes to all CEC members.

There will be information in the upcoming project newsletter calling for expressions of interest from the public to be involved in a fund Committee.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Nil.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR)

Construction Update

- All 80 turbines are now energised. Some additional hold-points have been negotiated with AEMO, so 54 turbines are now operating albeit with a constrained output of up to 130mW. The constraint is not related to the demand for electricity.
- There are 2 types of commissioning processes. One is for each turbine, and the other is for the wind farm as a whole. When both these processes are finished, then the wind farm is commissioned.

8.2 Community Representatives

- 8.2.1 Karen asked if there would be a roadside wind farm viewing area created. Locals have noticed some sight-seeing vehicles stopping on the roadsides around the project site.

Vicki noted that a dedicated 'pull over' area had been created at the Macarthur Wind Farm, and signage in Hawkesdale and Macarthur giving directions to drivers.

Cr Smith asked the community representatives to bring ideas about this to the next CEC meeting for discussion.

- 8.2.2 Greg asked if TR would consider making an ongoing per-turbine donation to the Dundonnell CFA.

Matt Glass and Tim Hill will liaise regarding this suggestion.

8.3 Council

Nothing further to raise.

9. General business

Nil.

The meeting closed at 6.48pm.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Monday 28 September (TBC) 2020, 6pm, via Zoom.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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