

Minutes

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 18 January 2021
Meeting time and location 6pm, via Zoom

1. Attendees

Cr Ian Smith
Cr Damian Gleeson
Cr Jim Doukas
Karen Blackmore, Community Representative
Greg Grant, Community Representative
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager – Tilt Renewables
Cara Layton, Stakeholder and Environment Manager, Tilt Renewables
Martine Holberton, Community and Stakeholder Advisor, Tilt Renewables

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Moyne Shire Council

2. Apologies

Tim Hill, Community Representative
Dave Sweatman, Community Representative

3. Declarations of interest

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Mark Selvaratnam, seconded by Karen Blackmore that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 30 November 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 Status of TR's contact with a neighbouring landholder regarding surface water runoff.
Summary:
TR has followed up with the landholder and a site visit has been held. A solution has been agreed and will be implemented by TR.
- 5.2 Request from Tim Hill for a written response from TR regarding a proposed annual contribution to the local CFA.
Summary of discussion:
TR has resent the response that was emailed to Tim after the November 2020 CEC meeting. The response sets out TR's reasoning for its decision to not provide a fixed annual contribution to the local brigade.

TR noted that the brigade could apply annually to the DWF Community Fund. Any such application would be considered by the Community Fund Committee.

TR will provide written clarification to the CEC about funding that was provided to the CFA in lieu of it not taking up the Dundonnell Mini Grid program offer.

6. Correspondence Incoming

- Email 17 December - project newsletter from TR.
- Email 18 January – CEC project update from TR.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR)

Project Update (Please refer to slide presentation **Attachment 1**):

Summary of further discussion:

- The wind farm is currently able to operate at 295MW of its 336MW capacity. TR hopes it will be able operate at 300MW by the end of January.
- A replacement blade has been fitted to turbine no. A05 which is now operating.
- Wetland restoration works for the Brolga Compensation Plan have been completed, including sandbagging of drains and installation of water markers.
Monthly monitoring in accordance with the Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAMP) is ongoing.
A pest plant management plan is being prepared in consultation with Agriculture Victoria.
- A small event was held last Friday and the Minister for Energy attended the site. Key stakeholders will be invited to an event to be held later this year to celebrate the completion of construction of the wind farm.
- Trish Wynd has become a member of the Community Fund Committee. Danielle Blomely is the Committee's Chairperson.

8.2 Community Representatives

Nothing further to raise.

8.3 Council

Council encouraged TR's continuing work in completing all wind farm works and compliance activities required by the permit.

9. Election of Chairperson

Cr Smith nominated Cr Gleeson for the position of Chairperson. Seconded by Karen Blackmore. There being no further nominations, Cr Gleeson was elected Chairperson.

CARRIED

Outgoing Chair, Cr Smith thanked the members for their ongoing contributions, and noted that this CEC operates well and in accordance with Council's CEC model.

Cr Gleeson thanked Cr Smith for his work as the Chairperson.

10. General business

10.1 Request from member of the public about how the damaged turbine blade will be disposed of.

The blade was removed to a landfill site.

TR will provide the CEC with further information about where the blade was disposed of, and some general information about decommissioning, and technological advancements in turbine component disposal / recycling potential.

10.2 Frequency of CEC meetings.

The Committee decided to hold future meetings on a bi-monthly basis whilst construction close-out activities are still being completed and compliance activities are being undertaken, with a view to meet quarterly at a later date.

11. Date of next CEC meeting

Monday 15 March 2021, 6pm. Meeting method to be advised.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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