

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 15 March 2021
Meeting time and location 7pm at the Orford Memorial Hall

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Present

Cr Karen Foster
Cr Jordan Lockett
Clinton Krause, Community Representative
Brian Riordan, Community Representative
John Donohue, Community Representative
Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
Kristi Else, Community Representative
Ruth Magnusson, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner Wind Farms), Global Power Generation (GPG)
Nathan Micallef, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Berrybank Wind Farm), GPG (via phone)

Guillermo Alonso Castro, Technical Manager, GPG (Guest, via phone)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Nil.

4. Election of Chairperson

Cr Lockett nominated Cr Foster for the position of Chairperson. Seconded by Ruth Magnusson. There being no further nominations, Cr Foster was elected as Chairperson.

CARRIED

5. Introduction to Committee Procedure

Council gave an overview of the CEC administrative process. Summary of key points:

- Council's Wind Farm CECs are Advisory Committees of Council. CECs are established by Moyne Shire Council as an engagement tool to enhance the information flow about a wind farm project between community members, the developer and Council. CECs do not have a decision making role or delegated authority, and are not required as part of a wind farm's permit process.
- The Committee will consider a guest attending a meeting if it will be relevant to Committee business. A guest will not be considered as a Committee member.

- Meeting minutes will be a summary of key points, not a transcript of who said what. The minutes will record actions from the meeting, and Committee resolutions made.
- Community representatives are the conduit to be used for other members of the public to submit questions or have items raised at CEC meetings.
- It is preferred that questions or items are submitted by members to the CEC's Responsible Officer as early as possible prior to the next meeting. The Responsible Officer will then forward these to all of the CEC members.

ACTION: Council will email the CEC more detailed information regarding declaring a conflict of interest.

Summary of further discussion:

- So that the broader community knows about the CEC, members contact details could be included in future GPG newsletters, Council's website and the Yambuk Community Noticeboard on Facebook. Members agreed for their details to be included as follows:
 Cr Karen Foster, karen.foster@moyne.vic.gov.au 0438582888
 Cr Jordan Lockett, jordan.lockett@moyne.vic.gov.au 0427925718
 Clinton Krause, Community Representative
warrnamboolarchitect@gmail.com
 Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
fairbank10@hotmail.com
 Kristi Else, Community Representative
dave.kristi@skymesh.com.au
 Ruth Magnusson, Community Representative
ruthmagnusson@gmail.com
 Brian Riordan, Community Representative
 John Donohue, Community Representative
 Debra Dumesny, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, GPG
debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au 0428867646
- GPG tabled a Project Update (**Attachment 1**) and a RCWF Layout Map (**Attachment 2**).

Action: GPG will provide the CEC members with electronic and A3 size colour versions of a new map showing:

- The final and the superseded turbine locations, identified in different colours.
- Neighbouring residences.
- Topography.
- Road names.

6. Declarations of Interest

Cr Foster declared a perceived conflict of interest, that she was previously married to a participating landholder, but no longer has a connection to that family.

Ruth Magnusson declared a perceived conflict of interest, that she is a neighbour to the Ryan Corner Wind Farm site, and a potential beneficiary.

John Donohue declared a perceived conflict of interest, that he is a neighbour to the Ryan Corner Wind Farm site.

7. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Not applicable.

8. Business arising from previous Minutes

Not applicable.

9. Correspondence Incoming

Via email:

15 March: From Jacinta Coffey - Questions on notice for Moyne Shire:

1. We believe the protocol is that extra representatives have to be invited by the chairperson and as we don't have one yet meeting protocol is not being adhered to. We ask that only 2 GPG representatives attend the meeting.
2. Will GPG representatives be meeting with Moyne Shire councillors, Moyne CEO or Mayor, or Moyne planning staff during their current trip to the area?
Response: No.
3. Have GPG representatives been invited to the councillor workshop tomorrow (tues 16 march 2021)? What will be discussed?
Response: No.
4. Does Moyne Shire believe that a few hours' notice before the CEC is adequate time for community reps to organise questions from their respective communities about the 2 projects to put to GPG management in tonight's CEC meetings?
Response: No, it was not ideal to add a guest so close to the meeting time. In this instance Council deemed that additional technical information about the project status would be of benefit to the CEC members.

15 March: From Neil Blain regarding suggested changes to the draft Charter.

15 March: Questions on notice from Neil Blain:
Responses: Refer above.

10. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

11. Review of the Committee's Draft Charter

The draft Charter that had been circulated to the CEC members was discussed.

Moved by Jacinta Coffey, seconded by Clinton Krause that the Committee recommends that Council adopt the Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee Charter.

CARRIED

Attachment 3 Final draft Charter, Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee.

12. Reports:

12.1 Global Power Generation (GPG):

Refer to **Attachment 1 'GPG RCWF- Project Status'**

Summary of further discussion:

- The Balance of Plant Contractor is Decmil.
Vestas will construct the turbines.
Ausnet will plan, build, own and maintain the transmission line.
- The pre-construction management plans are being finalised, prior to being submitted to the Minister for Planning for endorsement.
- The current permit allows for up to 56 turbines, but GPG will only construct 52. The permit amendment application includes the 52 turbine final layout. The turbines will be Vestas V136 4.2 megawatt, with a hub height of 112 metres and a tip height of 180 metres.
- Some of the turbines will have aviation lighting.
GPG will provide a map showing which turbines will have aviation lighting.
- The transmission line will be overhead. GPG advised that it had explored the possibility of an underground transmission line but it was not commercially or technically viable, and there are more native vegetation implications with an underground line.
ACTION: GPG will provide more information on its decision for an overhead transmission line to the next CEC meeting.
- **ACTION:** GPG will follow up on a report of project-related vehicles recently using Riverside Road.
- The next Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner Wind Farms newsletter is almost ready to be distributed to the community.
- GPG is proposing to run community information 'drop-in' sessions in early April. GPG, Ausnet and Vestas representatives will be in attendance.
ACTION: GPG will notify the CEC members once the date, times and venues are finalised.
- GPG is putting together a database of community organisations.
- Neighbour agreements are being finalised.
- The criteria and model for the Community Fund is still being finalised. It would generally commence once the wind farm is operational. The Community Fund will be administered by a separate committee, not the CEC.

12.2 Community Members:

The community representatives agreed that GPG had a lot of catching up to do in terms of informing the public and engaging with the community.

12.3 Council:

Councillors noted the importance of GPG establishing its community benefit programs as soon as possible.

13. General business

- 13.1 The CEC was established with 6 community representative positions, which have all been filled.
Council has received a request from Yambuk Progress Association Inc. to join the CEC. Council will consider the request at an upcoming workshop.
- 13.2 In future the CEC meetings will start at 7.30pm. The meeting venues will rotate between Orford, Yambuk and Port Fairy.

Next meeting – Monday 19 April 2021 at 7.30pm, at Port Fairy - venue to be confirmed

Confirmed this / /
Chair

Minutes are to be registered in Moyne Shire's electronic document management system by the committee reporting officer immediately following the Minutes' confirmation and signing

Attachment 1

Ryan Corner -- Project Status

- **Wind Farm Planning Permit:**
 - ✓ Updated final layout and reviewed the Pre-Construction Management Plans to be submitted again to DELWP, Council, VicRoads, etc.
 - ✓ Independent Noise Audit completed and available on our website:
<http://globalpower-generation.com.au/>
 Home//Projects//VIC//Ryan Corner Wind Farm//Vic – Ryan Corner Project Documents//RC WF Pre-Construction Independent Noise Audit
- **Connection application & agreements:**
 - ✓ Connection application already submitted to AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator)
 - ✓ Agreements on-going.

Activities on site

- **Under progress:**
 - ✓ Finalising geotechnical investigations.
 - ✓ Finalising project scheduling and access with associated landowners.

Transmission Line

AusNet Services is currently undertaking a range of surveys and geotechnical investigations to finalise in the transmission line design.

Once the design is complete an updated map with the transmission line route will be made available.

AusNet Services is meeting with landowners to understand more about the operations of each landowner, and to discuss the line design and planned construction activities.

Further info about the projects

Additional info about the Projects is available on GPG Australia website:

- <http://globalpower-generation.com.au/>
 Home > Projects > VIC > Ryan Corner wind farm
 Home > Projects > VIC > Hawkesdale wind farm

New project websites are currently being developed by Ballarat-based Hstudios. We look forward to launching the websites soon.

Community Engagement Officer Appointed

GPG is pleased to welcome Debra Dumesny to the role of Community Engagement Officer for the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms. She is a local to Hawkesdale, having lived in the area for more than 30 years, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role and will be a valuable asset to the team. Debra will be dedicated to both projects with splitting her time between the communities of Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms.

Temporary Office at Hawkesdale

GPG will soon open a temporary office in Hawkesdale where our Community Engagement Officer will be available until construction offices are established at each site.

