# **Minutes**

# **Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee**

Meeting date Friday 7 August 2020

Meeting time and location 10.30am, via Zoom

#### 1. Welcome

Cr Ryan welcomed new Community Representative Terri Barnes to the Committee.

#### 2. Attendees

Cr Colin Ryan (Chair)

Cr Jim Doukas

Cr Mick Wolfe

Terri Barnes, Community Representative

Bill Slattery (proxy for Nick Slattery), Community Representative

Glenn Britnell, Community Representative

Scott de Keizer, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Enerfin

Mark Thompson, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital

Barry Thebes, Powercor

David Holroyd, Powercor

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire (non-member)

#### 3. Apologies

Alistair Craib, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital

## 4. Declarations of interest

Bill Slattery noted that he is the participating landholder for the wind farm.

## 5. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Cr Wolfe, seconded by Glenn Britnell that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 7 February 2020 be accepted.

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#### 6. Business arising from previous Minutes

6.1 <u>Distribution line route map for the CEC, showing roads, road names, existing and new pole locations:</u>

The screen-sharing function was not available to show the map to the CEC. Scott will email Council a PDF version, to be shared with the CEC members. Note: Council can post out printed copies to CEC members.

# 6.2 <u>Proposed community update event:</u>

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, holding a public update meeting is not an option at the moment.

All agreed that the newsletter which has been prepared should be distributed to the community as soon as possible. If Council cannot assist with the distribution this time due to Covid-19, Terri Barnes suggested that hard copies could be set to her at the Woolsthorpe Store for distribution.

6.3 Outcome of community representative vacancy process:

Council elected Terri Barnes as a Community Representative on the Committee.

### 7. Correspondence Incoming

Copy of new project newsletter. (7 August)

#### 8. Correspondence Outgoing

Letter of thanks to Graeme Broderick.

#### 9. Reports

## 9.1 Woolsthorpe Wind Farm (WWF) Pty Ltd:

- The proponent is still committed to progressing with the project.
- The connection agreement with AEMO is currently the sole focus, and is still pending. The main reason is the stability of the grid whilst new generators are coming in to the system. The project is one of many that are in this position. The network issues are not just in Victoria, but nationally. Cr Ryan noted that this issue is currently affecting the Dundonnell Wind Farm which has had its power output constrained by AEMO.
- The construction commencement dates in some of the endorsed development plans will now be out of date, and will need updating and the plans re-endorsed by the Minister for Planning.
- It was initially estimated that construction would take around 12 months. Due to current circumstances such as holdups in freight movements, it would probably take several more months once construction starts.
- Cr Doukas noted that the previous minutes stated the permit would expire if construction is not commenced by March 2022.
  - Scott clarified that the permit will expire if construction is not completed by March 2022.

#### 9.2 Community Representative feedback

- Glenn and Bill had nothing further to raise.
- Terri noted that the main topic in the community at the moment is Covid-19.

#### 9.3 Council

Nothing further to raise.

#### 10. General business

In response to an email sent from Council to all energy project developers last week, Scott noted that there will not be any consultants or personnel related to the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm visiting the area whilst the current Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

# 11. Date of next CEC meeting:

# Friday 11 September 2020, 10.30pm via Zoom

Confirmed this	11
Chair	

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