

# BODANGORA WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 7–Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	12 March 2014	<b>Time:</b>	6pm
<b>Location:</b>	Lion of Waterloo Tavern (front meeting room)	<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr. Grahame Collier (Chair) Mr. Frank Barker (mid Macquarie Landcare) Ms. Lyn Jarvis (Neighbour) Mr. Mike Lyons (Neighbour) Mr. Bob Sewell (Wellington business owner) Mr. Simon Barton (Host landowner) Mr. Frank Boland (Proponent–Infigen Energy)
1.	<p>Welcome &amp; Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of Agenda</li> <li>• Dedicated minute taker for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting commenced at 6.02 with the chair declaring there was a quorum and that he would like the meeting concluded by 8pm.</li> <li>- It was advised that Mayor Rodd Buhr is an apology and Peter Harlow will be late.</li> <li>- Frank Barker reminded the committee that everyone should have an alternative member to attend in replacement if unable to attend. The Chair advised that he would send out a list with the replacements for updating. Chair's Note: It is the Committee member's responsibility to arrange for the alternate to attend in their absence and to advise the Chair in advance.</li> <li>- Frank Boland proposed that the order of the agenda should be changed to allow for discussion of item 6 of the agenda before item 4. This was agreed.</li> <li>- Frank Boland was confirmed as the dedicated minute taker.</li> </ul>	Chair	
2.	<p>Minutes of Meeting 6 and Actions Arising (those not covered in the agenda)</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Meeting 6 minutes. Moved Simon Barton, Seconded Frank Boland: The minutes are an accurate record of the proceeding of meeting 6. Carried unanimously</b></li> <li>- The chair provided brief summary of his annual report that he provided to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DOPI). He confirmed that acknowledgement of receipt had been received from DOPI and that it was now on their website. Lyn Jarvis made a comment that she believes it was well written.</li> <li>- The chair expressed his concern about the continued absence of final guidelines as a challenge for the success of the CCC and to the wind farm industry generally.</li> </ul>	Chair	
3.	<p>CCC Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sitting Fees</li> <li>• Committee training</li> </ul>	Frank Barker	

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Barker opened discussions by tabling a letter regarding sitting fees and training. He also elaborated to say that he is on a pension and requires additional resources to fulfil his role as a CCC member, including a commute of around 20-30km.</li> <li>- Frank Boland responded by stating that Infigen will look at what training options may be available for the committee and asked what his expectations were for the sitting fees.</li> <li>- Frank Barker indicated that he thought \$50 per hour for minimum of 3 hrs + any vehicle expenses and paid retrospectively for all prior meetings attended.</li> <li>- Simon Barton then asked about the type of training that Frank was seeking. Frank Barker responded by stating that safety training, first aid, meeting conduct would be beneficial. Lyn Jarvis then asked the same question to Frank Boland, who responded with energy markets training, consultation, and meeting conduct. Bob Sewell also suggested that project development/finance training would be helpful for members to understand the process.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That the proponent to put forward a training program that might be applicable to the CCC. The group would then comment on options and prioritise. Moved: Frank Barker and seconded Bob Sewell. Passed unanimously.</b></li> <li>- Further discussion was then focussed on sitting fees. Mike Lyons reopened discussions by stating that he believed that the amount should be double and stated that he spends 4hrs per meeting.</li> <li>- Both Mike Lyons and Lyn Jarvis stated that they would put their meeting remuneration towards a fund.</li> <li>- Frank Boland made a comment that he believed that members joined the committee with the expectation that there would be no sitting fees. Frank Barker, Mike Lyons and Lyn Jarvis all disagreed.</li> <li>- The chair read the relevant section of the draft guidelines, which indicated that the decision about sitting fees was up to the proponent.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That each member of the CCC is paid \$300 per meeting attended and paid retrospectively. Moved: Mike Lyons, Seconded: Lyn Jarvis. Passed: 4 in favour, 1 abstain, 1 against.</b></li> </ul>	
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4.	<p>Proposed Community Turbine [update and governance issues]          &lt;This item was originally agenda item 6&gt;          Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per the action item from meeting 6, Frank Boland tabled a memo regarding the community wind turbine and specifically how the annual contribution would be calculated. He also commented that it should be read in conjunction with the VPA that includes a \$50,000 community contribution.</li> <li>- Bob Sewell enquired about the revenue breakdown and how the Renewable Energy Target functioned.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That this item be discussed following some financial training so that the mechanics were better understood. Moved: Bob Sewell, seconded: Frank Barker Carried. 5:1</b></li> <li>- <b>Motion: That the specifics of the memo are kept confidential amongst the CCC until after further discussion and training. Moved Frank Boland, seconded Bob Sewell, Carried 5:1.</b></li> </ul>	All
5.	<p>Update on VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on what is included [CCC members now have a copy]</li> <li>• Timing and process issues</li> <li>• Discussion of VPA in relation to the responsibilities of this committee.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simon Barton suggested that we carry this agenda item to the next meeting when the council is present.</li> <li>- Frank Barker tabled a draft copy of a letter relating to General Manager of the Wellington Shire Council relating to roads. He then discussed his concerns about the roads and asked the question about who covered the costs for the preparation of the VPA. There was only one copy of the letter available and Simon Barton requested a copy.</li> <li>- The chair suggested that the council and proponent prepare a one page summary clarifying how the road infrastructure will be managed.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That further discussion on item 5 be carried over until the next meeting when council staff are present. Moved: Frank Boland, Seconded: Frank Barker. Carried unanimously.</b></li> </ul>	Rodd Burr, Peter Harlow and Frank Boland
6.	<p>Register of Community Benefits Scheme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current status of proposed Community Benefits Scheme</li> <li>b. Tabling/review of Community Benefits Scheme Register</li> </ol>	

	<p>&amp;discussion – Current register below</p> <p>c. Additional ideas for the Register</p> <p>d. Proponents for each register item proved an up to three minute overview of the proposal, questions and discussion</p> <p>e. Views about the current register, priorities and processes</p> <p>&lt;This was originally Agenda Item 4&gt;</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland added that the Wellington Mens Shed had expressed interest in being a benefactor of any funding opportunities.</li> <li>- Bob Sewell added the Guides and Scouts.</li> <li>- Lyn Jarvis suggested that the CCC write to council to better understand what their plans were for the management of their community benefit fund.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That council attend the next meeting so that the CCC can discuss the VPA and in particular the community benefit scheme. Moved: Lyn Jarvis, Seconded: Simon Barton, carried 5:1</b></li> <li>- Frank Barker wanted it noted that he voted against the motion as he believes that Council should resign from the CCC due to their poor attendance.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p>Consultation processes: updating and suggestions about further consultation required/occurring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has occurred since the lastmeeting?</li> <li>• Committee views on what needs to occur and when.</li> <li>• Other consultation processes – new suggestions</li> <li>• Other consultation approaches – current approaches</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland provided a brief update on the recent consultation which included amongst other items an information session with the Wellington Men’s Shed.</li> </ul>	<p>Frank Boland All</p>
8.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a brief discussion initiated by Frank Boland and following on from discussion in Meeting 6, on the other Infigen owned projects and their community benefit schemes.</li> <li>- Frank Barker suggested that there should be an open register amongst council and Infigen to ensure that ‘double dipping’ doesn’t occur from various groups.</li> <li>- Lyn Jarvis commented that the Uungula CCC has been suspended pending the outcome of the Federal Governments RET review.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>
9.	<p>Schedule for future meetings</p>	<p>Chair and All</p>

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infigen will liaise with council to find a suitable date in early July that suited Council and will advise the group – preferably first, second or third Wednesday..</li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed at 8pm.</p>	
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### Community Benefit Scheme – Suggestions Register

#	Suggestion	Who	When	Status
1	Discount Electricity Tariff	Frank Barker	10 Sep 12	Noted, Frank Boland provided explanation on the difficulty of this due to Infigen's limited retail license.
2	Contribution to care facilities	Frank Barker	10 Sep 12	Noted
3	Sponsor Binjang Radio	Landowner	5 Sep 12	Actioned
4	Contribution to Wellington PCYC	Wellington resident	15 Oct 12	Actioned
5	Contribution to Shoe Society [\$5k]	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	To be discussed
6	Western Lodge Cancer Care Unit [\$20k]	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	To be discussed
7	Bodangora Fire Brigade – fire truck	Mike Lyons	March 2013	To be discussed
8	Supporting Junior Sport	Bob Sewell	March 2013	To be discussed
9	Rugby League Club		Jan 2014	
10	Wellington Quota Club Charity Art Exhibition		Oct 2013	Actioned
11	Upgrade to the swimming pool	Simon Barton	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
12	Wheelchair accessible taxi	Bob Sewell	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
13	Wellington Men's Shed land acquisition	Frank Boland	12 March 2014	To be discussed
14	Wellington Scouts and Girl Guides	Bob Sewell	12 Mar 2014	To be discussed