

**FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes 21st March 2017**

<b>Date and Venue</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 Blayney Shire Council Community Centre, 6pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr Ian Rogan (Chair) Mr Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) Mr Kim Masters (Host landowner) Ms Rachael Young (Neighbour) Mr John Platinga (Neighbour) Mr Joe Dalzell (Neighbour) Ms. Megan Richardson (Proponent–Infigen Energy)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Chair.

The Chair introduced Joe Dalzell, a neighbour local to the proposed Flyers Creek Wind Farm, who had not met some members prior to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Grant Christopherson (GC) (Regional Clean Energy Coordinator, OEH).

A brief discussion ensued where it was agreed to add GC to future CCC meeting invites.

**3. Endorsement of the Agenda**

Megan Richardson (MR) requested that the topic of attendance of non-committee members at future CCC meetings is added.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved. Motion moved by Kim Masters and seconded by Rachael Young. All members in agreement.

**5. Business Arising**

The Chair reviewed the actions from previous meetings.

It was agreed by all members that their phone number could be added to future Flyers Creek Newsletters with a general contact number added for Blayney Shire Council.

Mark Dicker (MD) agreed to add future CCC meetings to the Blayney Shire Council calendar.

**6. Committee Issues and Update**

MD advised that Blayney Shire Council had been successful in the award of a grant for the upgrade works on the Errowanbang Road. He updated that Infigen and Blayney Shire Council had met to discuss the upgrades of the Errowanbang Road, the timetable for construction and any synergies between the upgrade work and Flyers Creek Wind Farm. MR followed up with the provision of some technical information to the Council.

Kim Masters (KM) asked whether the Council would be remunerated by Infigen for the use of the Errowanbang Road for the route of the 33kV electricity line. MD explained that he thought this was unlikely as it was part of general infrastructure. MD will check this and advise at the next CCC meeting [ACTION]. MR advised that there is no specific payment relating to the electricity line, however there was a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) in place for the Project which includes annual contributions to the Council.

KM asked whether the members of the CCC would be involved in decision making relating to the use of the funds associated with the VPA. MD advised that the contributions from the VPA would go into a central Council fund and would be administered to local community projects by the Council and guided by a wider Community Enhancement Plan. The CCC members would not be involved in the administration of these funds.

MR asked about the process for attendance of non-committee members at future CCC. It was agreed that the CCC is an open forum and if non committee members would like to attend the meeting they can do so in an observational capacity and can contribute at the request of the Chair.

## **7. Project Update**

MR provided an update on the progress of Flyers Creek Wind Farm. MR advised that a community newsletter had been issued on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to neighbours near the proposed Project. Joe Dalzell (JD) advised that the addressee on the newsletter sent to him was incorrect and said he would send the correct information and his neighbour's contact details so the mailing list could be updated by MR [ACTION – complete 22/03/17].

MR explained that planning modification 3, to allow the release of 3 landowners from the project and realignment of the 33kV electrical line is drafted and is going through internal review before being lodged with the DPE in early April.

MR noted that the indicative timeline for construction of Flyers Creek is early 2018 with expected operation in 2019.

## **8. Other Updates**

**Manildra Solar Farm & Bodangora Wind Farm** – MR updated members that Infigen's Manildra solar farm was awarded ARENA funding in September 2016 and that construction of the project is expected in the coming months. MR further advised that Infigen's Bodangora Wind Farm had recently signed a Power Purchase Agreement with Energy Australia and the project is progressing towards a final investment decision. MR noted that Infigen was progressing with the advancement of its renewables portfolio, of which Flyers Creek Wind Farm forms an important part.

**Land Valuations and Rates** – MR provided a summary of the land valuations and rates issue to date. MR explained that the Valuer General had considered Infigen's objection to the increase in rates relating to the wind farm lease and that they had not changed their rating. However, Blayney Shire Council had changed the land rating category from Business back to Farmland and written to landowners to explain that this had happened. MR advised that once wind farm construction commences that the rating will revert to business.

## 9. Community Consultation Plan and Processes

The Chair noted that this agenda item was on hold until the project was nearer to construction.

## 10. CCC Meetings

The revised CCC Guidance was recently published. The Chair advised that he had consulted on the draft plan on behalf of the CCC. MR said that she had reviewed the guidance and suggests that draft minutes of meetings should be reviewed and placed on the Infigen website within one month of the meeting taking place. It was suggested that this was a good idea and the draft minutes could then be formally adopted at the following CCC meeting.

MR also asked when the last annual report was created for the CCC. It was suggested that an annual report was due. MR to provide the Chair with information on what is required [ACTION].

The next CCC meeting was scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

## 11. AOB

The CCC Meeting was closed by the Chair at about 7:00pm.

### Agreed Decisions / Resolutions from Previous Meetings

Agenda Item	Proposed Resolution(s)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each Committee member to nominate an alternate should they not be able to attend a CCC meeting</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair to ask Basil Baldwin if he was interested in joining the Flyers Creek CCC</li> <li>Committee members consider if they knew any female members of the community who would be interested in joining the CCC</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair to check with all members of the CCC that they are willing to put their phone number on the next newsletter [Agreed by all members present at meeting of 21/03/17 with general contact number added for Blayney Shire Council]</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair agreed to write a draft letter and circulate for comment before sending to the Council</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachael to follow up with Australian Wind Alliance regarding the land valuations and rates issue</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Dicker to ensure that future CCC meetings are included in the Blayney Shire Council calendar</li> </ul>

### Key Issues

#	Proposed Resolution(s)	Who	Status
1	Infigen to continue writing and distributing newsletters to the community	Megan	Newsletter to be circulated before Modification 3 is submitted [actioned 10/03/17]
2	CCC discuss and formulate a community consultation plan should the FCWF project be approved	All	Plan approved.
3	Blayney Shire to contact other Councils with regards to 'lessons learned' from their wind farm construction and operation	Mark	

4	Decision making process for VPA funds needs further discussion with regards to local expenditure of funds	All	On hold - After VPA executed and project proceeds toward construction
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