

FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
FINAL Meeting Minutes 2nd February 2018

Date and Venue	Wednesday 2 nd February 2017 Blayney Shire Council Community Centre, 6pm
Attendees:	Ian Rogan (Chair) Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) Kim Masters (Host landowner) John Plantinga (Neighbour) Joe Dalzell (Neighbour) Rachael Young (Neighbour) Rod Masters (Host landowner – attended as observer) Megan Richardson (Proponent–Infigen Energy)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by the Chair.

Rod Masters was welcomed as an observer at the meeting and the Chair provided a summary update of the CCC Guidelines code of conduct relating to an observer.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The Chair requested any additions to the agenda. The following agenda items were added:

- Wind Farm viewing platform;
- New members to the CCC; and
- CCC meeting minute administration.

The meeting agenda was endorsed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 18th October 2017 were approved. Motion moved by Kim Masters (KM) and seconded by Mark Dicker (MD). All members in agreement.

5. Business Arising

The Chair reviewed the actions from previous meetings.

Megan Richardson (MR) confirmed that Planning Modification 3 had been approved on the 30th November and would provide an update later in the meeting at Agenda Item 7.

MR advised that she had provided an email to John Plantinga (JP) via the Chair on 25/10/17 with some information on wind speeds at Flyers Creek Wind Farm and in the North Sea.

Joe Dalzell (JD) asked whether the met masts shown on the approved project layout were operating. MR confirmed that 3 masts were installed. The middle mast has been decommissioned and the north and south mast are still erected on site, but only the south mast is

operating at present. MR agreed to bring an average wind speed map of the project site to the next CCC meeting for information **[ACTION]**.

6. Committee Issues and Update

The Chair advised that Rod Masters (RM) had expressed an interest to join the CCC and that we would discuss this later in the agenda.

The Chair shared some information from his recent experience as Chair of the Bodangora Wind Farm (located near Wellington) CCC. He explained that the distribution of community funds was being input to by the CCC group and that it was working very well.

MR advised and MD confirmed that the Flyers Creek Voluntary Planning Agreement was different and the funds would be administered by the Council. MR added that there would be other community funds/sponsorship opportunities available. Noting that she would send the Infigen Community Sponsorship application form round to CCC members **[ACTION – n.b. issued with draft minutes 08/02/18]**.

7. Project Update

MR provided an update on the progress of Flyers Creek Wind Farm. Planning modification 3 received approval from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on the 30th November 2017. MR reported that Infigen are progressing with work on the Project with a construction start date towards the end of this year.

MR noted that there would be an increase in site work over the next few months with updated environmental surveys taking place and potential turbine suppliers carry out visual site inspections.

MR reiterated that local community groups should get in contact for sponsorship from Infigen as we are keen to contribute locally. MR also updated that work with CENREC was progressing and that we are now looking to put in place the relevant documentation relating to the community ownership of part of Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

MR to provide wirelines which were lodged with the DPE as part of planning modification 3 to JD **[ACTION – n.b. issued by email 08/02/18]**.

MR to bring project maps in electronic form to next meeting to share with the group **[ACTION]**.

A discussion ensued about the Errowanbang Road upgrades currently being undertaken by Blayney Shire Council. MD advised that they are on track for completion in October 2018.

8. Community Consultation Plan and Processes

MR noted that a detailed community consultation plan would be developed prior to construction to ensure that the community was updated with all the relevant information relating to the Project.

MR advised that there is a Flyers Creek Wind Farm Supplier database where details of interested suppliers are noted. Prior to the commencement of construction a Supplier Day will be held by the main construction contractor and the companies/businesses registered on the list will be invited.

MD advised that Blayney Shire Council had a supplier database which could be shared with Infigen closer to construction.

JD asked how many people would be working on site during construction. MR advised that it was variable depending on what construction works are taking place on site, but could range from between 25 to 100 people. A discussion ensued about how this could impact the wider community and how this fitted in with other construction projects, such as the gold mine near Bathurst.

9. AOB

Three items were considered under AOB.

1. New members to the CCC

The Chair explained that RM has expressed an interest to join the CCC.

RM explained his interest in joining the CCC was as a host landowner with an interest in the Project.

A discussion around the CCC guidelines, what the process for adding a new member to the CCC is and what existing members of the CCC views were on new members took place.

It was queried whether this was the appropriate time to add new members to the CCC and whether this should be put on hold until there was more certainty of construction commencing.

MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment about what the process is for adding a new CCC member to the group and report back on the outcome of this discussion. Once more information is gained a decision can be made as to the most appropriate way forward.

2. Wind Farm viewing platform

KM suggested that the quarry area used by Blayney Shire Council during the upgrade works of the Errowanbang Road would be a good location for a wind farm viewing platform.

The CCC members supported this idea and requested that MD followed up with Council about the possibility of utilising this land for a viewing platform **[ACTION]**.

3. CCC meeting minute administration.

MR suggested that the CCC should try to approve meeting minutes in the timelines outlined by the CCC Guidelines of 4 weeks.

All members agreed to formally adopt meeting minutes by email.

The next meeting date was proposed for Tuesday 8th May 2018.

The CCC Meeting was closed by the Chair at about 7:30pm.