

# BODANGORA WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

## Draft Meeting 8 – Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	6 August 2014	<b>Time:</b>	6pm
<b>Location:</b>	Grand Hotel Wellington	<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr. Grahame Collier (Chair) Mr. Peter Harlow (Wellington Shire) Mr. Frank Barker (mid Macquarie Landcare) Mr. Robert Jarvis (Lyn Jarvis alternative) 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>• Frank Boland was the minute taker for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting commenced at 6.06pm 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 will not be attending and both Peter James and Lyn Jarvis notified in advance as an apology.</li> <li>- Robert Jarvis confirmed that he will be attending the meeting in replacement of Lyn Jarvis</li> <li>- Frank Boland proposed that the order of the agenda should be changed to allow for discussion of item 5, 6 and 7 of the agenda before item 3. This was agreed.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Chair	
2.	<p>Minutes of Meeting 7 and Actions Arising (those not covered in the agenda)</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Meeting 7 minutes. The minutes are an accurate record of the proceeding of meeting 7.</b> <b>Moved Frank Barker, Seconded Simon Barton: Carried unanimously</b></li> </ul>	Chair	
5-6.	<p>Project status report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland provided a brief update on the development progress of the project, which included grid design, turbine supply, wind energy assessment, and RET review status.</li> </ul> <p>Update of progress on the Renewable Energy Target and implications Frank Boland provided a brief update on the Federal Government’s review of the RET. The RET review is still underway and there is still no indication on what the panel’s recommendation will include. Their recommendations will be submitted to the Federal Government which will then determine whether they seek to make any legislative changes. The prolonged uncertainty is making it difficult to restore market confidence and attract long term contracts for new projects, such as Bodangora. Infigen is hopeful the facts will prevail and support for the target will be restored.</p>	Frank Boland	

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Barker I commented in somewhat disparaging terms about the Federal Government and the timing of the RET review</li> <li>- Mike Lyon asked the question about what would happen if the RET is changed. Frank Boland respond by outlining the likely impact on the viability of the Bodangora project under a few different RET outcome scenarios. These included; business as usual scenario, an dilution of the target and a worst case scrapping of the target scenario.</li> <li>- Bob Sewell asked a question about the ACT reverse wind auction and financing appetite for investment on an ACT feed in tariff.</li> <li>- The Chair then summarised the potential RET review scenarios and the mechanics of the ongoing political debate.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p>Update on VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed update on what is included in the VPA</li> <li>• Outline of envisaged timeframe for commencement</li> <li>• How will the scheme be managed? Timing and process issues</li> <li>• Discussion of VPA in relation to the responsibilities and role of the CCC.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland provided some background context of the VPA negotiations, how they were initiated, how they compare to other projects, and the level of interaction with the Wellington Council. Peter Harlow then provided some further background from Council including a reference to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Development Contributions) Act 2005</li> <li>- He also then did a high level walk through of the VPA to point out the key features.</li> <li>- Frank Boland reminded the group that this document is available on the council website and further outlined the commercial terms.</li> <li>- Simon Barton asked a question to Peter about whether funds paid under the VPA to council would be spent outside of the council area. Peter responded saying that it could be possible that certain funds may be spent outside of the project area.</li> <li>- Frank Barker made a comment about waste transfer and made a comment to council about this topic.</li> <li>- Frank Barker made a comment on the condition of the Bodangora roads the timing of any proposed improvements.</li> <li>- Frank Boland provided some clarity of the VPA and the associated timing of certain commitments under agreement in relation to other project activities.</li> <li>- Peter Harlow estimated that it costs around \$147 per km to form new gravel roads.</li> <li>- Frank Barker compared the agreement to Cobbora and questioned the costs involved in preparing the agreement.</li> <li>- The Chair called for motions and there were none arising.</li> </ul>	Peter Harlow and Frank Boland

3.	<p>Sitting Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland confirmed that it is a voluntary committee and there was no intention to pay sitting fees.</li> <li>- Frank Barker made a series of comments in relation to Infigen’s position on sitting fees. These included: Infigen is issuing propaganda, mean spirited, have their snouts in the troughs.</li> <li>- Mike Lyon made a suggestion that the equivalent of the group sitting fees could be donated to a local charity.</li> <li>- Frank Boland explained Infigen’s current approach to donating to local charities and events, and would take on notice Mike’s suggestion.</li> <li>- Simon Barton suggested that the idea of making donations drifted away from the reason the motion was originally put [in Meeting 7] which was to assist with funding members travel and expenses.</li> <li>- Peter Harlow said he was unsure whether council would support and also stated that he believed the was voluntary. He clarified that Council officers would not accept sitting fees</li> <li>- Frank Barker enquired whether members are covered under Infigen’s insurance. Frank Boland indicated that he would follow up this matter and report back at the next meeting.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That the proponent considers donating the equivalent sitting fees amount that was moved at the prior meeting [7] to the members nominated local charity.</b> <b>Moved: Mike Lyons, Seconded: Robert Jarvis</b> <b>Carried 3 for, 2 against and 2 abstain</b></li> <li>- Special note requested by Frank Barker that he voted against the motion.</li> </ul>	Rodd Burr, Peter Harlow and Frank Boland
4.	<p>CCC Issues - Committee training</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Boland provided an outline about training options for the members of the CCC as a follow up to the previous action items. He tabled a potential training plan for the CCC’s consideration with options derived from the groups’ suggestions at the previous meeting.</li> <li>- Simon Barton noted that he liked the suggestions, he also added that some electricity market training would be useful to show how the dispatch of generation works.</li> <li>- Peter Harlow asked whether meeting conduct training had been considered, and the Chair mentioned that this would be included in his scope for the consultation training.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That the proponent action the training options that were tabled.</b> <b>Moved: Frank Boland, Seconded: Simon Barton</b> <b>Carried unanimously</b></li> </ul>	Frank Boland/All
8.	<p>Update on Community Benefits Scheme</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Barker stated that he is not happy with the register and</li> </ul>	All

	<p>process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bob Sewell commented that he would prefer that the committee decides where any payment for the community are made.</li> <li>- Frank Boland gave an overview of Infigen's approach to making contributions to local charities and organisations during the development stage of the project.</li> <li>- Simon Barton suggested that the tables be split up so that long term community benefits are tabled separately to local sponsorships. This was agreed as an action by Frank Boland [see tables below].</li> </ul>	
9.	<p>Proposed Community Turbine Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No specific discussion occurred for this agenda item.</li> </ul>	All
10.	<p>Consultation processes: updating and suggestions about further consultation required/occurring.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Barker enquired about the timing of the shop front leasing.</li> <li>- Frank Barker suggested the proponent promotes the level of sponsorship more broadly.</li> </ul>	Chair and All
11.	<p>Other Business: Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frank Barker made a comment that he is not happy with the Council's attendance at meetings.</li> <li>- <b>Motion: That council representation on the committee be reduce from two to one as per the draft wind farm guidelines due to their lack of attendance.</b> <b>Moved: Frank Barker, Seconded: Simon Barton</b> <b>Not Carried 3 for, 3 against and 1 abstain</b></li> <li>- Frank Barker moved a vote of no confidence in the chair regarding his failure to make a casting a vote. This motion failed for lack of a seconder. The Chair reminded Frank Barker that he is independent and would not be casting a vote. See discussion and minutes, Meeting 6.</li> </ul>	All
12.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was proposed for 18<sup>th</sup> of November</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.05pm</p>	Chair

### 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.	Western Lodge Cancer Care Unit [\$20k]	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	To be discussed
4.	Bodangora Fire Brigade – fire truck	Mike Lyons	March 2013	To be discussed
5.	Upgrade to the swimming pool	Simon Barton	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
6.	Wheelchair accessible taxi	Bob Sewell	28 Jan 2014	To be discussed
7.	Wellington Men's Shed land acquisition	Frank Boland	12 March 2014	To be discussed

Note these suggestions are for further consideration once the Community Benefits Scheme under the VPA is commenced.

### Community Sponsorships – Suggestions Register

#	Suggestion	Who	When	Status
1	Supporting Junior Sport	Bob Sewell	March 2013	Partially actioned
2	Rugby League Club		Jan 2014	
3	Wellington Quota Club Charity Art Exhibition		Oct 2013	Actioned
4	Wellington Scouts and Girl Guides	Bob Sewell	12 Mar 2014	To be discussed
5	Sponsor Binjang Radio	Landowner	5 Sep 12	Actioned
6	Contribution to Wellington PCYC	Wellington resident	15 Oct 12	Actioned
7	Contribution to Show Society	Lyn Jarvis	March 2013	Partially actioned

Note these suggestions are provided for more immediate action by Infigen. Progressing these prior to the commencement of the VPA is up to Infigen, but communication needs to occur with the CCC as far as is possible