

**FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

<b>Date and Venue</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 Blayney Community Centre 6:00 – 7:15pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr. Ian Rogan (Chair) Mr. Daniel Drum (Blayney Shire Council) Mr. Kim Masters (Host landowner) Mr. John Plantinga (Neighbour) Mr Simon Wright (Community renewable advocate) Ms. Megan Richardson (Proponent – Infigen Energy)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**2. Apologies**

Apologies as follows:

- Mark Dicker (MD). In attendance in MD's place is Daniel Drum (DD).
- Rachael Young (RY). In attendance in RY's place is Simon Wright (SW).
- Joe Dalzell (JD).

**3. Endorsement of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was endorsed. No additional items added.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Kim Masters (KM) moved that the minutes were formally adopted and John Plantinga (JP) seconded this.

**5. Business Arising**

The Chair reviewed the actions from previous meetings. These are outlined in the Actions Table at the foot of these minutes.

The Chair reported on action item from previous meeting to investigate further and advise if any major changes between NSW Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Guidelines issued in 2016 and new guidelines issued in 2019. The Chair provided a summary advising that there were no notable changes between the 2016 and 2019 guidelines. The Chair advised he would circulate the guidance to members by email (**Action**).

Megan Richardson (MR) reported on action item from meeting of 18 January 2019 to contact the local aviation club with project information. MR advised that this would be done as part of the pre-construction consultation associated with the Project Approval.

KM advised that he had passed on the sponsorship forms and information to the RFS for their use should they wish to apply for sponsorship from Infigen.

## **6. Committee Issues and Updates**

The Chair reported that the public meeting relating to the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) determination of the Flyers Creek Wind Farm planning modification 4 application occurred in Blayney on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. He noted that there had been only positive representations about the project made on the day.

MR added that there had been 9 positive representations made by speakers on the day and the only objections that were made to the IPC were done so via written submissions. All information relating to planning modification 4 are available to view on the website: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2019/06/flyers-creek-wind-farm-mod-4>

## **7. Project update**

MR provided an update on the progress of the Flyers Creek Wind Farm development as described below.

Planning Modification 4: MR advised that planning modification 4 was granted consent by the IPC on 22 August 2019. She explained that this was a significant milestone for the project.

Early Works Agreement: MR advised that an early works agreement has been executed with GE Renewable turbine suppliers, CPP electrical contractors and NACAP civil contractors. The early works agreement includes all work required to be undertaken prior to commencement of construction and will include:

- Survey works;
- Detailed design of the wind farm;
- Development of all construction environmental management plans required under the Project Approval; and
- Engineering, studies, design and grid modelling work.

Timeline: MR indicated that commencement of construction is anticipated to occur early to mid-2020 and is subject to all project approvals, contracts and finance being in place.

John Plantinga (JP) asked whether the 132kV and 33kV power lines associated with the project would be dangerous. MR advised that the power lines are being designed to Australian Standards.

## **8. Community Consultation Plan and processes**

The Chair asked what consultation activities were planned to occur in the near term.

MR explained that when site survey works are planned to occur on site that Infigen were notifying relevant stakeholders, involved project landowners and neighbouring landowners.

MR added that a project website currently exists which provides information on the 24-hour phone line and complaints procedure.

MR noted that there would be supplier days held prior to commencement of construction which would provide an opportunity for local suppliers to become involved in the project.

MR explained that when construction starts on the project that a local community relations officer would likely be employed to manage dissemination of information and any community related issues.

KM provided an example of how Cadia Mine provide community updates. He explained that they send community updates by text message and that works very well as a notification system.

KM suggested that Infigen may like to take a stand at the Blayney Show. MR advised that they would consider this. MR advised that Infigen are sponsoring some of the Carcoar Show this year.

## **9. Any Other Business**

The date for the next meeting is called for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (TBC).

The Chair closed the meeting at ~7:15 PM.

## Actions

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	<b>Open.</b>
2. IR to investigate further and advise if any major changes between guidance issued in 2016 and new guidance issued in 2019.	09/05/19	IR	Closed. IR provided a summary at meeting of 19/09/19 advising that there were no notable changes between the 2016 and 2019 guidance.
3. MR to review KM RFS sponsorship request and advise if Infigen can support	18/01/19	MR	Closed. MR provided sponsorship form to KM and requested that any requests for sponsorship are applied for via the form.
4. MR to contact the local aviation club with project information.	18/01/19	MR	<b>Open.</b>
5. JD advised that he we would pass on the contact details of a local aviation club.	11/09/18	JD	Closed. Information duly emailed 12/09 to MR.
6. IR advised that he would contact MD to query if Council could nominate an alternate if MD was unable to attend CCC meetings and if there were particular days of the week that were preferable for future meetings.	16/05/18	IR	Closed. Daniel Drum (DD) at Blayney Shire Council appointed as MD's nominated alternative at 11/09/18 CCC meeting.
7. MR to provide copy of average wind speed map of the project site to the CCC members.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. MR provided a printed copy of the maps to the CCC members at meeting of 11/09/18.
8. MR to provide details of sponsorship activities related to Flyers Creek in the last 12 months.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. For details see agenda item 9 of CCC meeting minute 11/09/18.
9. MR agreed to bring an average wind speed map of the project site to the next CCC meeting for information	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR brought maps to meeting of 16/05/18 and shared with members.
10. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
11. MR to provide wirelines which were lodged with the DPE as part of planning modification 3 to JD.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued by email to JD 08/02/18
12. MR to bring project maps in electronic form to next meeting to share with the group	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Maps brought to meeting of 16/05/18. It was agreed that MR would bring a copy to all subsequent meetings.

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13. MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the process for adding a new CCC member to the group and report back on the outcome of this discussion.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR reported outcome of discussions with DPE at meeting of 16/05/18.
14. 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.	02/02/18	MD	Closed. MD followed up on this by email 12/02/18 advising that he has spoken to Councils Manager Operations and he has given very preliminary advice that the quarry area could be utilised as a "pull off area" and as a viewing area. Further detailed information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.