

FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
FINAL Meeting Minutes 11th September 2018

Date and Venue	Tuesday 11 th September 2018 Blayney Shire Council Community Centre, 6pm
Attendees:	Ian Rogan (Chair) Kim Masters (Host landowner) Joe Dalzell (Neighbour) Rachael Young (Neighbour & Community Energy Representative) Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council) Daniel Drum (Blayney Shire Council) Rod Masters (Host landowner – attended as observer) Charlie Knox (Local Neighbour – attended as observer) Helen Knox (Local Neighbour – attended as observer) Megan Richardson (Proponent–Infigen Energy)

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

The Chair outlined the observer protocol for those people in attendance at the meeting as observers.

All meeting attendees introduced themselves and provided information on their role/representation on the CCC.

2. Apologies

Apology from John Plantinga (Neighbour).

3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 16th May 2018 were approved by email and were available to view on the Infigen website.

Joe Dalzell (JD) moved that the minutes were formally adopted and Kim Masters (KM) 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.

6. Committee Issues and Update

The Chair noted that there had been some local news coverage on the local radio about Flyers Creek Wind Farm development and a group from Orange (Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange – ECCO) had spoken in support of the project.

KM noted that Infigen had run a site visit for involved project landowners to the Bodangora Wind Farm near Wellington which is currently under construction.

The Chair noted that the second round of community funding amounting to \$25,000 was currently being distributed at Bodangora Wind Farm and was being well received by local community groups.

MD advised that the community funds that would be provided by Flyers Creek Wind Farm would be distributed from a central Blayney Shire Council fund.

7. CCC Members

The Chair asked if any community members had any specific queries they would like to raise.

A query was raised regarding aviation and concerns about how the turbines would be marked and visible to aviators.

MR advised that the details of the final locations of meteorological masts and wind turbines would be provided to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Defence department and any local aviation clubs/operators so that they can mark the locations on their charts and include in any pre-flight plans.

JD advised that he would pass on the contact details of a local aviation club.

MR advised that it would be unlikely that the turbines would be lit because the Aviation Impact Assessment had assessed the wind farm as low risk to aviation and CASA had indicated that they do not require the turbines to be lit. MR further advised that whether turbines are lit or not is assessed on a case by case basis depending on the location of the wind farm and proposed height of the wind turbines.

DD provided an update of his role at Blayney Shire Council as Manager of Planning.

8. Project Update

MR provided an update on the progress of Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

MR advised that planning modification (4) was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in July 2018.

The modification considers:

- Increase in wind turbine envelope including tip height by 10 metres (m) from 150m to 160m; and
- Reinstatement of the 132kv grid connection line.

MR advised that the project had received approximately 58 objections and noted that several of these objections were from the same household/person in several instances and that only 19 of the 58 objections were from the local area whilst the other 39 were from other locations in NSW and some as far away as Queensland. She advised that because the planning modification application received over 25 objections, the modification application would be referred to the

Independent Planning Commission (IPC). MR noted that Infigen would provide additional information and clarifications as part of the Response to Submissions documentation and that the DPE would assess the application and write a recommendation to the IPC for their consideration.

MR advised that this will not delay the other work which is currently being progressed on the development of the project to a construction stage, noting that pre construction bird surveys would commence over the next couple of months.

9. Community Consultation Plan and Processes

MR advised that a newsletter was distributed to local neighbours in advance of the planning modification 4 application being lodged with the DPE.

MR provided an update of sponsorship activities in the last 12 months, including a donation of \$1,000 to the Carcoar Show, \$5,000 to CENREC and commitment of a contribution to the Cadia/Optus telecommunications tower project.

10. AOB

The next meeting date was proposed for 12th February 2019. It was noted that this date will be confirmed prior to the meeting taking place.

The CCC Meeting was closed by the Chair at about 7:10pm.

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Actions from previous meetings

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
7. 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
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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

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			as a viewing area. Further detailed information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.