

Minutes of Meeting - Summary

Moorabool Wind Farm Community Reference Group

Attendees:

Christopher Carroll CC
Rose De la cruz RDLC
Helen Kennedy HK
Alastair Smith AS
Karen Marsh KM
Mark Conlon MC
David Hookey DH
Matt Muldoon MM
Rob Croxford RC
Lee Gleeson LG
Ann Hardwick AH
John Fish JF
Maureen Fish MF

Apologies:

Joy Geoghegan JG

Date: Tuesday 16/05/2017

Venue: Mechanics Institute, Ballan, Green Room

Purpose: Meeting No 1

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>CC welcomed everyone to the group. Housekeeping – refreshments available/toilet location. Please complete both sign in sheets.</p> <p>Personal Introductions</p>

2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from Joy Geoghegan.</p>
3	<p>Role/Purpose of the Committee</p>
4	<p>Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests</p>
5	<p>Meeting Day/Time Frequency</p>
6	<p>Meeting Venue</p> <p>RC suggested that a bigger space than the Green Room would be required if members of the public are to attend.</p> <p>CC asked if everyone was happy with every meeting at The Mechanics Institute – large enough space if there is a public meeting?</p> <p>KM suggested the Mount Wallace Hall, maybe alternate meetings between the 2 venues.</p> <p>CC suggested that we can decided on a venue depending on where members of the public wishing to attend are coming from</p> <p>A suitably warm venue was requested.</p>
7	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>CC read through each aspect of the Code of Conduct which had been circulated and opened it up to comment.</p> <p>MC asked if minutes would be public and recommended that they were only circulated to the group.</p> <p>KM suggested that a summary could be posted online, with full minutes being circulated to the group.</p> <p>RC suggested that we need to put decisions to a vote if no consensus can be reached.</p> <p>Who can vote? What is a quorum? Need further investigation of the operation of other committees and circulated prior to next meeting.</p> <p>MC asked is the fund for Moorabool Shire, how far does it extend?</p>

	<p>AS suggested that it should include all communities surrounding the wind farm.</p> <p>MM asked when the funds will be available? As indicated at the start of operation when the WF was generating income.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Project Update</p> <p>AS talked to the presentation provided in the information packs and illustrated specific locations using the large-scale maps provided.</p> <p>Questions that arose during the update:</p> <p>KM asked if the specific turbines are used elsewhere?</p> <p>MM asked if GW had approval for the higher tip height?</p> <p>KM asked is lighting intended now or in the future?</p> <p>KM asked if all other considerations had been taken into account to allow for the greater tip height, such as environmental issues.</p> <p>MC asked if the batching plant was on Wells property and if that would be the main focus of activity?</p> <p>JF asked if the towers were Steel or concrete?</p> <p>MC suggested that Ballan Meredith Road is not in the best condition.</p> <p>MC indicated we need to be aware of Meredith Music Festival and the road use.</p> <p>KM raised concerns regarding Kangaroos and injured wildlife – enforce a speed limit possibly?</p> <p>KM asked what will powerlines look like?</p> <p>JF asked if similar to Mt Mercer?</p> <p>JF indicated that this is a very neat and tidy powerline</p> <p>RC expressed concern of the condition roads will be left in and that any offsite quarry material will be exhausted for council use. Post construction – lack of clarity around the enforcement provisions once operational. GW have taken an excellent first step in liaising with engineering dept. and putting a deed in place for the cost of road repairs.</p> <p>MM asked about noise flicker – who tests it?</p> <p>MC asked what impacts will be seen in terms of tv and mobile reception?</p> <p>KM asked if mitigation measures would not be allowed by those who have signed the PA?</p> <p>RC asked how do we enforce or determine how to enforce it – expensive impacts for MSC possibly.</p> <p>MM – first port of call maybe GW – if you don't do anything that neighbour rings council, shire bearing cost of it.</p>

9	General Business LG suggested a presentation on a big screen – to be able to see examples of sizes etc MC asked about water on site. LG asked if information could be sent to the CRG earlier so that they were aware of what is going on.
10	Date of Next Meeting HK to send out advice on how often we need to meet in terms of what information we have. Pencil in end of July and this can be confirmed – not open to the public at this stage.