



Meeting **Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 30**

Venue Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North

Time 1:00 pm

Date 13 March 2019

Chair Rob Hart

Attendees *Committee Members* - Mick Cosgrove, Neil French, Cyril Stewart, Bill Sparkes, Tom Hoare, James Scutt, Russell Glode.

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), Cheryl Cosgrove, Finlay Sharpe, Phil Trebbin, Carmen Trebbin, Lidewij Koene (WDRC), Dafyd Martindale (SBO), Celeste Nelson, Glenn Strandquist, Judy Pickering, Val Stewart, Gayle Carroll, Bruce Gooderham, Barry Glode, Lauren Glode, Michelle Davis, Val Stewart, Delta Sparkes, Julie Entwistle, Mitchell Anderson (TSBE), Brian McEvoy (AGL), Han Tay (AGL), Clare Wilkes (AGL), Sharyn Garrett (AGL), Peter Gibson (AGL), Pete (GE CatCon), Michael Yeo (AECOM), Robbie McGrath (AGL).

Apologies Andrew O'Connor

Item

01

Welcome

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 13 December 2018 were distributed prior to the meeting.

Some members advised that they had not received the minutes. Han to follow up.

Mick Cosgrove moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded Neil French. All agreed. Carried.

02

Project Update

Brian McEvoy advised the original project timelines have been pushed out to April/May next year, due to logistics. It is anticipated that the first generation (from some turbines) should happen in May 2019.

Transport deliveries will continue until October 2019.

Brain introduced Peter Gibson. Peter has been meeting with landholders directly involved with the project, and hopes to get to know other landholders in the near future.

Peter's phone number is the same as Ray's.

It was raised that Ray had been planning to do a tour of the windfarm for interested landholders. Michael advised that a registration of interest had been started. Sharyn to follow up and co-ordinate.

Bill let Peter know that the cable pits all needed lids as soon as possible. Peter assured Bill that Catcon will have these all done as a matter of priority.

03

Construction Update

Pete from Catcon reported the 123 bases and hardstands had been completed. Two local contractors have been engaged for fencing. There are 2 crane crews on site. Catcon will maintain a presence on site until completion.

An agreement has been made with South Burnett Regional Council for additional roadworks, which will be ongoing for 6 months. Glenn asked about whether the existing sharp bends would be straightened or re-aligned as part of the works. It was agreed consultation would be beneficial. The next meeting with council to include engineers.

Mick asked about the viewing platform areas. Clare reiterated this was a council driven initiative, with safety top of mind.

Clare to phone Ros Heit from South Burnett Regional Council to get an update on the roadworks and timing, specifically details of realignment / softening of bends and what consideration has been given to any cabling that may need to be put in.

Neil said he was happy with the road so far, and that council was doing a good job.

Pete advised there are 12 turbines up, and another 30 pre-populated, they are making good progress.

Rob asked for further clarification for the project delay. It is the logistics of getting the equipment from the Port of Brisbane. Bruce talked about people complaining when they get caught behind the trucks. Brian advised that patience is required.

Jim tabled his concern regarding Cooranga North Niagra Road being impacted from increased use; it was not included in the original environmental assessment.

04

Community Update

Clare introduced a safety moment. Safety is paramount to AGL, especially on site. She asked everyone to please be safe.

Clare introduced Shary Garrett, as the new Community Relations Manager. Her details will be shared through the email list.

Round 4 of the Community Fund is now open. Application forms and submission boxes have been distributed.

An extra round of the community fund would be available at construction rates. Other ideas for a perpetual fund continues to be discussed. Clare advised that if anyone had any ideas for consideration to please email her. Discussion ensued as to ideas to increase contributions to the community fund, including through contractors.

Mick highlighted again the continued pain from the community regarding the purchase of Brian Lyons' property.

Clare provided an update regarding the mobile phone tower, she is continuing to work hard on this and progress is being made.

AGL partner with TSBE, and are sponsoring the April Enterprise Evening at Brisbane Parliament House. AGL CEO will be guest speaker.

We are looking at bringing Darren Lockyer out to site again to re-iterate safety. This trip would include school visits. Peter advised that they have another safety speaker coming on 3 April.

Clare recently attended the Bell Art Show which was a great success. Both LCR and TSBE contibuted, and this resulted in increased entries due to the increase in prize money.



05

General Business and Q&A

It was suggested a celebratory event be held when first generation is live.

Finlay Sharpe advised he has completely lost tv reception since the blades went up. Peter to arrange retesting for him.

Jim enquired as to whether there is still funding available for solar panels. Peter has a comprehensive map on eligibility.

Neil tabled that at the beginning of the project, AGL promised the local fire brigade a new shed. With safety a priority, and Cooranga North Rural Fire Brigade looking after the wind farm, he asked regarding the progress on this as he has received some quotes. Mick said that the new fire truck won't fit in the old shed, so it is a priority. For further consideration.

An update on the running action list:

- Work is continuing on the community fund.
- Due to budget limitations, \$100,000 for the community fund is unlikely; other alternatives will need to be identified.
- CWA is right to send through an invoice, with half to Kumbia as agreed.
- Successful community fund applicants are listed on the CGWF website.
- Western Downs Regional Council to confirm in writing that they are funding the restumping of Cooranga North Hall.

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Next Meeting and Close

Meeting closed 2.15pm.

Next meeting:
Wednesday, 12 June 2019
Cooranga North Hall
1.00pm to 2.30pm

Item	Action	Date	Who
1	Cable pit lids.	15 March 2019	Peter Gibson
2	Phone SBRC for update on roads	20 March 2019	Clare Wilkes
3	Organise tour for interested landholders	31 May 2019	Sharyn Garrett
4	Retest TV reception for Finlay Sharpe	31 May 2019	Peter Gibson
5	Confirmation of WDRC funding hall re-stumping	29 March 2019	Jodie Taylor