



Meeting	Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 38
Venue	Bell Bunya Community Centre, Maxwell Street, Bell QLD 4408
Time	1:00 pm
Date	9 September 2021
Chair	Rob Hart
Attendees	<i>Committee Members - Neil French, Bill Sparkes, Mick Cosgrove.</i>

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), John Young (AGL), Martin Mansell (AGL), Ben Lyons (AGL), Robert McGrath (AGL), Delta Sparkes, Brian McEvoy (AGL), Renee Mulholland (Independent), Han Tay (AGL), Russell Gloade, Cyril Stewart, Leslie Bryce, Wally Gooderham, Damien Vanderwalt (GE), Mick McHugh, Myolene Voller, Carmen Trebbin, Phil Trebbin

Apologies

Elizabeth Beavis (AGL)
Mathew Poulton (GE)

Item

01

Welcome

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 1pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 29 April 2021 were distributed prior to the meeting.

Confirmed that all members received copies of previous minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted.

Conflicts of interest

Rob Hart (Chair) called for any new conflicts of interest. None declared.

Rob requested update on last meetings action items.

Item 1 - AGL to provide further advice regarding the governance structure of the Community Fund

Discussed in community update



02

Project Update

John Young - AGL

John introduced Daniel Vanderwalt, replacing Carl Allcorn as Consortium Director GE. Mathew Poulton is also new to project as Project Manager for GE.

440-megawatt approval for generation has been received from Powerlink. Forecast completion date is December 2021 project will then transition to operations. Once reliability testing is complete, noise monitoring tests will be performed which will run for 24 hours a day over a 4 to 6 week period. This will be done twice, 6 months apart to capture any seasonal changes.

Feasibility study on the mobile tower has been complete, and AGL are currently assessing Telstra's approval. Estimated timeframe for assessment and construction is 14 to 16 months. Feasibility has determined there will be good coverage with indicative map of potential service area suggesting 95% of the windfarm area will be covered as well as some peripheral areas outside the windfarm.

Several locations have been identified for the tower. Telstra's cost proposal is roughly 25% more than previously indicated, so there are some additional questions for Telstra regarding before the final commitment can be made.

03

Construction Update

John Young - AGL

Niagara Road rewords were performed by council and feedback from landholders is positive.

Continued works on general maintenance through the Services Team. Questions have been asked why there are blades on the ground – reason being general upkeep and maintenance of the blades, much safer performed on the ground than at height.

Deconstruction of T10 has occurred. There will be continued movement of equipment as components are brought in to reconstruct T10 due to commence the following week. Traffic management plan is in place and they are conscience of the school bus run. Landowners are very impressed with the clean up of the deconstructed site.

04

Community Update

Ben Lyons – AGL

Action item from previous meeting regarding the committee governance with the increased value of the community fund. Recommendation is to maintain the current standard community governance model but add an additional member preferably from the Kumbia area. Committee has been through the process of publicly seeking applications for new members, so it is now at the discretion of the existing committee and AGL to bring on that member.



Just completed round eight of the community fund, with 12 projects being awarded a combined value of roughly \$26,000. Fund now moves to two rounds annually of \$50,000 each. Currently projects are capped at \$3,000 but committee may revisit that to ensure good quality projects keep being presented.

Scott Henschen from SBRC provided an update on the viewing platforms. Location has been identified at the top of Niagara Road. SBRC have gone to the community and the neighbours in that area. Issues that need to be managed, the length of stop overs, rubbish, entry and access into the site to come up with a proposal and costing for funding with the 'Works for QLD' grants.

Signage also required to direct public to utilise the viewing platform (for safety reasons) which has been incorporated into the scope of the project.

05

General Business and Q&A

Ben Lyons - Need to discuss regularity of meetings going forward as the project transitions to operations. Recommend add as an agenda item at next meeting to seek feedback and discuss ongoing committee structure in 2022.

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Next Meeting and Close

Meeting closed 1:40pm

Next meeting:
Thursday, 2nd December 2021
Location Cooranga North Memorial Hall
4pm

Item	Action	Date	Who
1	Discuss structure and regularity of community committee meetings in 2022 as the project transitions into operations.	2 nd December 2021	Ben Lyons