



Meeting	Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 39
Venue	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North
Time	4:00 pm
Date	21 December 2021
Chair	Rob Hart
Attendees	<i>Committee Members</i> - Neil French, Bill Sparkes, Mick Cosgrove, Myolene Voller

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), John Young (AGL), Ben Lyons (AGL), Robert McGrath (AGL), Minou Savann (AGL), Delta Sparkes, Renee Mulholland (Independent), Han Tay (AGL), Russell Glode, Barry Glode, Lauren Glode, Gordon Glode, Wally Gooderham, Anne Gooderham (CWA), Carmel Trebbin, Phil Trebbin, Bridget Trebbin, Jade Wenham, Blair Wenham, Jim Cuskelly, Joe Lehman, Vicki Burton, Finlay Sharp, Alice Sharp, Gwen McLoughlan (CWA), Lachlan Sturt (AGL), Liz Beavis (GE), Matthew Poulton (GE), Kath Elliott, Cheryl Cosgrove (CWA), Nev Wenham, Craig Knight, Lianne Knight, Dorelle Barber (CWA), Sheila Campbell (CWA), Darryl Ramsey, Toni Ramsey, Annie Cusack, Peter Cusack, Emily Cusack, Lucy Cusack, Bella Cusack, Sue Hogan (AGL), Nathan Brown (GE), Charlene McKenzie (CWA), Les Easterbrook, Sarah Osborne, Keith Campbell, Robert Olsen, Jo Fogarty, Todd Fogarty

Apologies

Lidewij Koene (WDRC)
Nicole Franklin (WDRC)
Lance McManus (TSBE)
Peter O'May (SBRC)
Cr Kirstie Schumacher (SBRC)
Cyril Stewart

Item

01

Welcome

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 4pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th September 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.

Last meetings action items to be discussed in community update.



02

Project Update

Han Tay - AGL

Original construction completion date was anticipated to be the end of this year. Weather events have delayed the completion date which is now expected early in the new year (2022). This will be the last community meeting under a construction phase.

Currently crews are working on the reconstruction of T10. Repairs are also underway on some damaged blades as well as finalising the yaw brake changeouts.

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Construction Update

Matthew Poulton - GE

There are a number of turbines with blades on the ground undergoing repairs at present. These are due to be reinstated early January.

All cranes are expected to be offsite early January 2022. Still to perform regulatory tests before connection to the grid, starting 29th January (3 days). This will be followed by a whole windfarm test where all units are run as part of reliability testing. Testing can take up to a couple of weeks and completion marks the end of the construction phase.

A comment was made by landholders that gates were still being left open. Matthew assured landholders that this would be addressed with staff at the next pre-start meeting. It was also noted that gate movements will reduce with the end of construction.

It was asked if there was a plan to update gates etc post construction. This has been scheduled and will be done methodically throughout the farm.

04

Community Update

Ben Lyons – AGL

The committee just completed its first round of funding under the increased fund of \$100k p/a. There were 21 applications with 18 projects funded over a large regional spread.

Action item from previous meeting regarding the governance and structure of the committee under the increased funding arrangements - the committee has introduced a new member, Myolene Voller, which provides a fair representation across the region.

Committee may look to change the governance rules that currently cap projects at \$3,000 to allow for larger projects. Also investigating the possibility of utilising a grants writer as co-contribution grants would allow funds to go a lot further for community projects.

Han provided further update on the Telstra tower. After completing a feasibility study, Telstra has recently advised that the location selected is not suitable. Telstra will return to site to locate alternate locations. There is funding allocated in the budget for the tower construction.



Finlay Sharp queried the Telstra tower and the previous suggestions that the community funds be accessed to provide mobile boosters as an alternative. Committee advised this would have to go through the application process but would be inclined to wait for confirmation on the construction of the tower.

Mick Cosgrove queried the viewing platform progress. With no South Burnett Regional Council representative in attendance, an update from SBRC on the progress to be added as an action item.

05

General Business and Q&A

It was announced that Rob Hart is resigning as Independent Chair and this will be his last meeting. Rob thanked the community for inviting him in, and especially thanked the committee and all project representatives for approaching issues with maturity and professionalism.

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Next Meeting and Close

Meeting closed 4:40pm

Next meeting:
Thursday: TBA
Location: TBA

Item	Action	Date	Who
1	Update from South Burnett Regional Council on the progress of the viewing platform.	Next meeting	Scott Henchen