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Meeting **Coopers Gap Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee (CCC-040)**

Venue Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North

Time 3.00pm EST

Date 24 May 2022

Chair Keith Campbell (KC)

Attendees David Magill, (Senior Manager, Government and Community Relations, AGL), Lachlan Sturt (Community Relations Manager, AGL, Neil French, Wally Gooderham, Anne Gooerham (CWA), Michelle Davis, Jade Wenham, Alice Sharp, Finlay Sharp, Craig Knight, John Young (AGL), Cr Scott Henschen (SBRC), Myolene Voller (Community Grants Panel), Sebastian Curtis, (Business Trainee WDRC), Lidewij Koene (Economic Development Manager WDRC), Owen Boushel (Tilt Renewables), Han Tay (Project Director AGL)

Apologies Mick Cosgrove, Bill and Dell Sparks, Andrew O'Connor

Item	Discussion	Action
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1 **Welcome**

1.40.01 **KC** opened the Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.040 (CCC-040). All

KC welcomed all attendees noted apologies.

Previous Minutes

2.40.02 Minutes from the Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.039 (CCC-039) held on 21 December 2021 were distributed prior to this meeting. Note

As there was no further discussion from those Minutes, KC sought endorsement as a true and correct record of that meeting

Moved: Neil French

Seconded: Findlay Sharp

Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and accurate record.

2	Project Update	
2.40.01	Forecast Completion: HT	Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concluding final works - Heavy crane works completed - Another new issue has arisen with gear boxes for which we are seeking replacements. There are global logistics issues with acquiring parts at this time - Expecting an August/ September 2022 completion 	
2.40.02	Works Underway:	Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the end of construction and gear box replacements, final testing will be conducted. 	
2.40.03	Tilt Renewables:	Note
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AGL and Power Renewables Australia have purchased TILT, which is now the entity operating Coopers Gap Windfarm - Owen Boushel (Manager Tilt Renewables) advised that nothing changes for Coopers Gap and emphasised the importance of developing a long term relationship with community and a consistency of approach - Tilt Renewables has projects right across Australia and a map of those Projects can be found on their website. See https://www.tiltrenewables.com/assets-and-projects/ - KC introduced David Magill, Senior Manager, Government and Community Relations for AGL, who advised that the demerger of AGL is scheduled to be voted on by shareholders on June 15, 2022 and that the demerger will need 75% of shareholders to vote in favour of the demerger. If this is not voted for, the company may informally divide into two business units under one banner. After the demerger, Coopers Gap Windfarm will still be AGL branded and the community should see little change. <p>Tilt Renewables (previously known as Powering Australian Renewables) is owned 20% by AGL, 40% by the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) and 40% by the Future Fund- Australia's Sovereign Wealth Fund.</p>	
2.40.04	Viewing Platform:	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 3 to 4 year timeframe is required to develop a tourism opportunity - SBRC supports this concept - Issue has been to find a suitable location - SBRC is seeking WDRC support for the Project and AGL support to provide interpretive signage - Grey nomads/ tourists access properties when the opportunity arises so combination locks have been fitted to gates - It is accepted that a viewing 'platform' is a place to stop and view the towers and then have room to turn around safely - Cr Henschen advised that there is also an opportunity to develop a Wind Farm Trail with the new wind farms soon to come online in WDRC and SBRC areas. - Key issues for this Project are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expectations of the public when the term " <i>Viewing Platform</i>" is used - Rubbish - Safety at the site - Access on and off the Bunya Highway, and 	

- Access for site work vehicles
- The “*Viewing Platform*’ will not be a structure but a “pad’, it will not have any facilities such as toilets
- A Site has been identified site on Niagara Road
- Budget: 8 months ago SBRC costed the project at \$60,000 but it is expected that the cost would now be much more than that
- Suggestion from the floor: use a decommissioned blade for demonstration purposes

Actions to progress this matter:

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| - Cr Henschen to take this matter to 11 th July 2022 SBRC General Meeting | Cr Henschen |
| - Retitle the Project “ <i>Viewing and Turn Around Area</i> ” | |
| - Lidewij Koene (WDRRC) to raise the issue and seek budgetary support from WDRRC | Leonie Koene |
| - Both Councils to discuss and seek highway signage to ensure safety of tourists and property owners | |
| - AGL: if a blade becomes available Cooper Gap CCC is to be notified and discussions initiated about how that can be safely displayed for educative purposes | HT |

3. Construction Update

3.40 01 Covered in the above discussions

4 Community Update

4.40.01 Community Funding:

LS convened the latest panel which allocated \$47,116 to organisations across the footprint area. Two funding rounds are held each year. Funds available for community funding will increase to \$100,000 per annum Note

List of successful recipients from the latest Funding Round: Cooranga North Rural Fire Brigade; Bell Bunya Community Centre; Bell State School; Coranga North memorial School Committee Inc; Ironpot Farmers Hall Assoc; Kumbia and District School of Arts Inc.

KC asked if the local media has been made aware of the latest funding allocation. LS will follow up.

Review of Governance and Use of Grant Writer requires further discussion by the Committee:

- Review of boundaries: NF advised that the Jandowae area will now be included in the catchment area of the new Wind Farm being developed in WDRRC. Bunya Mountains was included in the catchment area for Coopers Gap in 2021.
- Community Funding operates separately to the CCC



Mobile Phone Tower: HT

- Absolute need but delays due to Telstra restructure and inability to move project forward whilst that was occurring HT
- Telstra selected a site, but that proved to be unsuitable
- AGL is committed to assisting with this tower and HT will again pursue the matter with Telstra HT

In-home Signal Boosters: AGL have not committed to subsidising the installation costs of in-home signal boosters

- AGL needs to be connected also and AGL offered to explore Optus options but that was rejected by an earlier meeting

Outcome: Meeting determined that it was better to wait for the Telstra tower to gain broad coverage for the community

Action: HT will follow up with Telstra and seek support from SBRC and WDRC if that is required. HT

5 General Business and Q&A

5.40.01 Potholes on Niagara Road: JY

- GE will be repairing the potholes on Niagara Road within the next few weeks. JY

6 Q&A Discussion

6.40.1 DM advised that the merger decision will be made on 15th June. There will be no changes to the day to day operations of the Coopers Gap Wind Farm Note

7 Meeting Close and Next Meeting

- 7.40.01
- Meetings will now be 6 monthly All
 - LS will seek the handover date and then provide the date for next meeting
 - KC declared the meeting closed at 4.50pm
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