



Project:	Silverton Wind Farm
Meeting No:	Fifth Community Consultative Committee meeting
Date:	Thursday 28 February 2013
Venue and Time:	Silverton Youth Hall 6pm – 8pm
Document:	Meeting notes and actions
Chair/Facilitator:	Kath Elliott (KE)
Minutes:	Rosa Han (RH), AGL
AGL representatives:	Neil Cooke (NC) Manager, Power Development and Amanda Shaw (AS), Manager Community Engagement
Committee Members:	Helen Murray, Local resident
	Cynthia Langford, Purnamoota Station
	Kevin White, Historic Daydream Mine
	John Taplin, Secretary Silverton Village Committee
	Phillip Blore, Belmont Station
	Dennis Roach, Chamber of Commerce (replaced Anne Bransdon)
	Rod Grenfell, Local resident
Apologies	Steve Radford, Consolidated Mining and Civil
	Peter Price, Silverton Committee/ Silverton Hotel
	Naomi Schmidt, Eldee Station
	Marion Browne, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Tiff Brown, Department of Primary Industries, Catchments & Lands
	Albert Woodroffe, Silverton Committee, Horizon Galleries
	Cameron Koch, Silver City Minerals
	Dave Gallagher, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Maureen O'Donnell, Traditional Owner
	Joanne O'Donnell, Broken Hill Land Council
Community observers in attendance:	Approximately 7 and 2 media representatives

Meeting Minutes

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Kath Elliott (KE) opened the meeting at 6:00pm and welcomed members of the Silverton Community Consultative Committee (SCCC) and observers in attendance.</p> <p>KE noted that in previous meetings, there have been occasions where side conversations were taking place while others were talking and asked the members to be respectful of others when they were speaking as the hall acoustics made it difficult to hear.</p> <p>KE advised the committee that Anne Brandson has resigned from her position at the Chamber of Commerce and that Dennis Roach has replaced her. The Terms of Reference state that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce will be invited to be a member of the CCC, therefore Dennis will be the automatic replacement.</p> <p>KE noted the following apologies from the CCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Price - Albert Woodroffe - Tiff Brown - Marion Browne - Peter Gallagher - Naomi Schmidt - Cameron Koch <p>KE also noted that she had not heard from the following members in regards to their attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve Radford - Maureen O'Donnell and Joanne O'Donnell <p>KE provided an overview of the agenda and the minutes from the November meeting were discussed and adopted with no changes required.</p> <p>AS discussed the logistics of the CCC. She noted AGL understood the two key topics of interest to members were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turbine locations and 2. Traffic during the construction stage <p>AS explained that there is currently a holding pattern with these topics until the tender process progresses. She advised once the tenders are received in late April, AGL will be able to come back to the committee to discuss the potential turbine locations in more detail.</p> <p>As such, AS noted AGL will be in a position to discuss turbine locations at the May meeting.</p>	<p>KE to call the members who have not been in attendance</p>

<p>In relation to traffic management during the construction period, AS advised the traffic management plan (TMP) will be developed by the primary contractor (in conjunction with AGL). This plan will detail the steps taken to minimise any potential traffic impacts during the construction period. As the contract is expected to be awarded in approximately Q3, 2013 (subject to AGL board approval) it is likely work to start preparing the TMP will commence in approximately July or August before it is submitted for approval in approximately November. During this time, the contractor will be invited to attend a CCC meeting to discuss traffic management further with the committee to make sure the Contactor is well aware of the committee’s concerns and these concerns can be appropriately considered in the preparation of the plan.</p> <p>On a separate note, AS advised the CCC that KE no longer works for GHD and has been engaged directly by AGL to facilitate at least the first 3 meetings for 2013 to ensure consistency in the short term. AS noted that this was an opportunity to engage another facilitator who is located closer to the project than Newcastle where KE currently resides. AS recognised the committee expressed their preference in mid 2012 to have a facilitator who was not local. AS asked the committee to let her know if they had any recommendations for a new facilitator.</p>	
<p>2. Project update, Neil Cooke</p> <p>NC noted that at the last meeting, the following tenderes were shortlisted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vestas - GE - Leighton Holding and Siemens Consortium - Goldwind - Acciona <p>NC explained that Leighton’s have now partnered with Alstom and the tender close date has been extended from 29 March to 26 April. He noted that this will not alter the remaining project timeline.</p>	

NC discussed the tender visits that took place during January and February. He noted that each of the tenderers visited the site for 1-2 days and the following sites/locations were looked at:

- Broken Hill substation
- Daydream Mine Rd
- Umberumberka reservoir
- Various turbine locations that the tenderes were interested in
- Potential concrete batching plant locations
- Potential rock sites
- Two potential sand locations:
 1. Umberumberka Creek
 2. Mundi Mundi Creek.

NC also noted that the sand and rock samples have come back as viable however more work is required to seek approval to use this material. NC noted that the purpose of sourcing sand and rock on site is to reduce the number of truck movements in to and out of the site.

NC asked the committee for their preference in terms of sourcing the sand from either of the two potential locations detailed above.

A committee member noted that this would depend on conversations with the Department of Lands and their preference was for the community to benefit if the sand is sourced from the Umberumberka Creek.

AS noted that AGL will provide regular updates about the status of the approvals.

It was agreed that this topic will be raised at the next Silverton Village Committee meeting and John Taplin will report back to the CCC at the next meeting.

<p>3. Wind direction explanation, Neil Cooke</p> <p>NC addressed the question that was asked in the previous CCC meeting regarding the wind direction.</p> <p>Refer to presentation slides 5-8</p> <p>NC explained the direction and frequency of wind was taken from data that was collected between May 2007 and May 2011. He noted the most frequent wind direction was from the South-East. He noted that the wind pattern is also similar for all 12 months with higher wind speeds recorded at night time.</p> <p>One committee representative noted that wind frequency seemed to be most present at night, and voiced their concerns about the level of noise associated with the turbines operating at night when there is little background noise.</p> <p>AS noted that turbines will only spin during particular wind speed conditions and this is dependent upon the type of turbine.</p>	
<p>4. Power lines running from site</p> <p>Questions from CCC:</p> <p>Q1. How visible are they?</p> <p>A1. The lines are between approximately 35-40 metres high and it is a similar structure as the power lines that run from Victoria to the Broken Hill substation.</p> <p>There were questions relating to the specific design which NC was not able to answer as it is dependent upon the contractor, not AGL. It was noted this could be discussed further once the contract was awarded.</p> <p>A member stated that when the first power lines were installed they were quite noticeable but now he doesn't notice them at all.</p>	
<p>5. Next meeting and close</p> <p>Questions from the CCC and observers:</p> <p>Q1: Will the project still be on track with the tender extentions?</p> <p>A1: NC responded that the project planning permit is valid until 24 May 2014 and the construction (civil works) would need to commence before this date.</p> <p>Q2: Will contractors have their own security?</p> <p>A2: There will be security on site due to the amount of materials.</p>	

NC also added that OH&S and worker behaviour of contractors is treated very seriously by AGL. He gave an example of the recent site visits that took place with the tenderers and how they took the appropriate steps to ensure they operated safely. They also took extra measures to minimise the risk of fire to site by implementing a number of measures including enforcing no smoking bans. He also noted that the appropriate safety and worker behaviour guidelines will also remain in place for the life of the project.

Q3: How many ongoing jobs are currently available at the Macarthur Wind Farm?

A3: There are currently approximately 14 full time jobs at the Macarthur Wind Farm and they were employed 3-4 months before the site was operational. These jobs have also been sourced locally. It is expected that 10-12 permanent operational jobs will be created at the Silvertown Wind Farm.

Q4: Has the presentation from the last meeting been uploaded on the website?

A4: AS advised she will check the website and ensure it has been uploaded.

The logistics for the next two meetings were discussed as the March meeting fell during school holidays as well as the day before Easter and the April meeting fell on a public holiday.

It was agreed that the March meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27 March and the April meeting will not take place due to the ANZAC public holiday. Thereafter the meetings will revert to the 4th Thursday of each month, ie Thursday 23rd May, Thursday 27th June, Thursday 25th July, etc.

The following topics were agreed to be discussed in future meetings:

- Update on sand and for John Taplin to advise at the next meeting what the Silvertown Village Committee would like to achieve from the project
- Discussion on fire risk management by the Operations Manager for SA wind farms
- Benefits to community and local businesses and how AGL can best engage with local business

Meeting close.

RH to ensure project microsite is up to date