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Meeting	Silverton Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee (CCC-033)	
Venue	Silverton Municipal Chambers	
Time	4:30pm to 5:30pm	
Date	19 September 2019	
Chair	Kath Elliot (KE)	
Attendees	Phillip Blore (PB), Belmont Station	Colin Hill (CH) Operations Integration Engineer, AGL
	Cynthia Langford (CL), Pumamoota Station	Mieka White (MW), AGL Community Relations Manager
	Robert Wilson (RW), Local resident	Richard Armstrong, AGL Asset Leader
	Peter Price (PP), Silverton Village Committee	Samantha Mar (SM), Asset Performance Analyst, Renewables, AGL
	Rod Grenfell (RG), Local resident	Ines McLeod (IM), Silverton Village Committee
	Kevin White (KW), Historic Daydream Mine	Patsy Price, (PP2), Local resident
	Helen Murray (HM), Silverton Village Committee	Bob Watson (BW) Local resident
	Petah Devine (PD) Local resident	
Apologies	Naomi Schmidt (NS), Eldee Station	Marion Brown (MB) Broken Hill Council
	Adam Mackett (AM) Project Director, AGL	



Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	
1.33.01	Chair opened the Silverton Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.033 (CCC-033). Acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.	All
2	Previous Minutes	
2.33.01	Minutes from Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.032 (CCC-032) were discussed and the CCC were requested to provide any amendments to ensure that they are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no changes to the minutes and they were accepted.	Note
3	Introduced new AGL representatives	
3.33.01	The Chair introduced new AGL representatives including Colin Hill, Operations Integrations Engineer, Richard Armstrong is the new AGL Operations Asset Leader for the Silverton Wind Farm. Richard will be assisted by Samantha Mar who is the Asset Performance Analyst.	Note
4	Project Update	
4.33.01	CH presented the project update on Silverton Wind Farm. At present all 58 wind turbines at the wind farm have been constructed and commissioned	
4.33.02	Action items were addressed with the group: RG has been contacted by AGL in relation to erecting a fence along Daydream Mine Road near the Umberumberka pipeline access. This works has been completed.	Note
4.33.03	MW gave an update on the progress of installing a new small cell mobile phone tower in partnership with Telstra. As the site has been accepted into the government's Black Spot program we are hopeful that it will be installed soon. The tower will definitely be installed by June 2020. PP expressed concern about the range of the tower as the subcontractors informed him that the range would only be up to 200 meters. This range was not what was agreed and MW offered to follow up with Telstra to ensure that the range covers a majority of the Silverton community as originally agreed.	Action
4.33.04	MW informed the meeting that the vegetation screening is well underway. A number of properties have received trees and AGL have been very impressed with the work that has been completed by Pots n Plants. Pots n Plants have an obligation to keep trees alive for 6 months but residents are asked to help water trees. Residents have 3 years from the beginning of construction (May 2017) to request vegetation screening in writing.	Note

4.33.05	CH gave further explanation on the additional wind turbine locations in the project approval that were not constructed. He explained that it is usual practice in a planning approval to seek approval for a design that is larger than is required. AGL is concentrating on completing the current 58 turbines. Once the current build is completed then additional turbines will be reviewed however there have been no suggestion that AGL will build any more turbines. CL asked what the deadline for deciding if additional turbines will be built. CH promised to find out what the deadline is for Silverton.	Action
4.33.06	CH informed the group that the current status of the Silverton Wind Farm is that all 58 turbines have been constructed and are commissioned. We are running at full capacity in the evenings. Most of the construction has been completed.	Note
4.33.07	AEMO is currently progressing PSCAD modelling due diligence to enable increased day-time generation, which will be subject to the AEMO commissioning plan and any network constraints.	Note
4.33.08	KW asked why one day two weeks prior to the CCC Meeting none of the turbines were working. CH explained that it was due to a network upgrade and AEMO were enforcing pre-contingently constraining assets to reduce the load on the network.	Note
4.33.09	KW asked when the RMS were taking ownership of the Day Dream Mine Road. CH will check with RMS what the proposed schedule is for them to take over management of the condition of the road.	Action
4.33.10	CL asked about a company that is monitoring the eagle population, Biosys. CL asked how often they will visiting the site. She mentioned that she found their requests for information quite onerous. CH offered to discuss with Biosys and GE the regularity of the information gathering from lease holders.	Action
4.33.11	CATCON has done a significant amount of rehabilitation work on the site. Most of this work is now complete. We are waiting for rain to plant a lot of seed. IM asked whether Mulga was planned for planting. AGL to check what plants are planned for the area.	Action
4.33.12	CH informed the meeting that an audit has been completed on the wind farm in terms of traffic management to ensure that the roads were safe for use.	Note
4.33.13	There is now the operate and maintain building that is a little bit more secluded and the old construction site has been removed and rehabilitated.	Note

5 Community Relations Update

5.33.01	<u>Silverton Community Fund</u> : The grant from the fund has been allocated to the Penrose Park Trust for the refurbishment of one of the tennis courts at Penrose Park. The Penrose Park Trust has folded.	Note
5.33.02	<u>Silverton Solar Program</u> : The program has been completed with 31 local properties receiving rooftop solar or freestanding solar panels.	Note

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- 5.33.03** Water Tank Program: 30 properties have had water tanks installed. Final installations to be completed over the next few weeks with the Schmidts and Heidi Blore awaiting delivery of their tanks. AGL has offered water delivery to the residences that have had trees planted but it won't be suitable for drinking. HM wanted to note that AGL has donated two 10,000L rain water tanks to the Penrose Park Trust which are very appreciated. Note
- 5.33.04** Mobile Reception Program: MW will ensure that the new phone tower to be installed by Telstra in Silverton is a wide enough range to cover most of the Silverton community. Action
- 5.33.05** Visual Impact Mitigation: AGL is continuing to work with residents to progress the delivery of visual mitigation. Planting is nearing to an end but any residents within 6km on the Silverton Wind Farm have until May 2020 to request screening. Note
- 5.33.06** AGL Community Support: MW mentioned to the meeting that she is always looking for activities or fundraisers for AGL to support in the Silverton community. Please contact her directly if you are seeking funding for a community activity. Note

6 **Topics of Interest**

- 6.33.01** Weekly generation performance: AGL demonstrated the weekly generation performance of the wind farm. The maximum generation is at night due to the current generation limitations during the day. Total generation as at 15 September was 380,625 MWh which means the Wind Farm is already powering approximately 70,500 average Australian homes (based on their annual consumption). Vast majority of generation has been in the evening. Note
- 6.33.02** Minor Incident: There was a small oil leak of approximately 200L from the gearbox of WTG32 on 29 May 2019. None of the oil made it to the hardstand or surrounding area. Note
- 6.33.03** Group Operations: Once the construction phase at the Wind Farm is complete the operations will be managed by the AGL Wind and Solar Team that will be led by RA. RA gave the meeting an introduction to himself and SM. They will manage the Broken Hill Solar Plant, Nyngan Solar Plant and the nearly complete Wind Farm at Coopers Gap. RA went through an overview of AGL's generation portfolio. BW asked how many extra turbines have been approved for Silverton Wind Farm. AGL will double check the number and report back. Action

7 **Other Business**

- 7.33.01** HM asked about the Battery Energy Storage system that was raised in the previous meeting. She has concerns about the health risks of off gas from batteries. CH pointed out that there are no current development plans in Broken Hill for a large capacity battery. If there were plans for a battery in the

area there would be plenty of notice to the community as it would have to be its own generator. Batteries are certainly good for firming the system and for quick response to faults. AGL is considering batteries in certain areas of the network and AGL is involved in a battery in in South Australia.

7.33.02 RW asked whether wind turbines are affected by dust. CH explained that there are lots of maintenance procedures that work to remove dust from the nacelle. If the filters are blocked on the nacelle an alarm will be triggered. Note

7.33.03 RG had recently attended a meeting with Central Services and there was the understanding that more than 22,000L of water would be left on the Silverton Wind Farm as that would only last 12 minutes. CH will review the emergency services plan and revert back to the meeting. Note

8 Structure of the CCC Meeting

8.33.01 The Chair pointed out that now the project is moving into the operational phase it is an opportunity to review the structure of the CCC and the frequency of the meetings. It is an opportunity to reach out to those who no longer attend to see if they still want to remain involved. Perhaps it be preferable to have a smaller and more engaged group Note

KW felt that the meetings only need to be held every 6 months.

PP agreed that a 6 monthly schedule would work well with a smaller group that has an ongoing interest.

The Chair pointed out that there are currently 18 members including members of the AGL team. She suggested that the ideal size would be 6-8 active members. This was agreed by the group with the opportunity for extraordinary meetings. Note

The Chair suggested that the meetings should remain open to the public as this is part of the terms of reference.

A letter needs to be sent from the Chair to all of the current members to thank them for their service and ask them if they would like to remain on the committee. The Terms of Reference to be reviewed in the March meeting with the view to add the rule that membership is suspended if members fail to attend 3 meetings in a row. The Chair would like the current committee to let other people in the community know that nominations are open. If more than 8 people nominate to be on the committee then the Chair will select the final committee members. Action



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Next Meeting

9.33.01

CCC Meeting No. 034 is planned to be held on Thursday 26 March 2020 at 4:30pm. Please note the meeting has since been rescheduled to Wednesday 25 March 2020 at 6.00pm.

Note