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Meeting Silverton Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee (CCC-035) Venue Silverton Municipal Chambers **Time** 5.00pm EST **Date** 24 February 2021 Chair Kath Elliott (KE) **Attendees** Cynthia Langford (CL), Purnamoota Station Adam Mackett (AM) Project Director, AGL Kevin White (KW), Historic Daydream Mine Marina Draper (MD), AGL Community Relations Manager Peter Price (PP), Silverton Village Committee Richard Armstrong (RA) AGL Asset Leader Helen Murray (HM), Silverton Village Committee Samantha Mar (SM), Asset Performance Analyst, Renewables, AGL Bob Watson (BW) Local resident **Apologies** Phillip Blore (PB), Belmont Station Darriea Turley, Mayor, Broken Hill Council

Marion Brown (MB) Broken Hill Council



Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	
1.35.01	Chair opened the Silverton Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.035 (CCC-035). Acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.	All
	Chair outlined covid safe measures for all to follow.	
2	Previous Minutes	
2.35.01	Minutes from Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.034 (CCC-034) 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. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.	Note
2.35.01	Actions arising – Operational noise report was for development approval, mono pole is completed now, and all other action items are closed out.	
3	Project Update	
3.35.01	AM gave the committee an overview of the changes within AGL and the new name for the division being Major Projects. Advised he was now officially handing over to Samantha Mar and Richard Armstrong to undertake operational management of the site.	Note
3.35.02	KE thanked AM on behalf of the committee for his diligence and open and transparent communication at all meetings. The committee were grateful for his significant efforts to educate and inform and all wished him well.	Note
3.35.03	Advised that operation noise report provided to members was for the development approval.	Note
3.35.04	SM advised that the capacity factor of the SWF was one of the best in Australia. AGL is now looking at battery technology.	Note
	Q. When do you use the electricity storage in the battery?	
	A. Challenge is having it there when you need it. Would be used when the network goes down for short periods.	
	Q: What is the typical battery life?	
	A: 20-25 years, however some components may need to be replaced in the meantime. Batteries are modular.	
	Q. Will there still be an interconnector	
	A. Yes, this allows for power to flow through states such as NSW and SA, and may assist in power pricing and usage in future.	



3.35.05 Provisional Facility period

RA advised that SWF was in the defect period now for 24 months for defect liability and 5 years for latent defect liability.

Q: Were there some blades replaced?

A: Yes. Dust has been getting into the turbines and there have been additional, thicker filters installed to stop the dust from entering the base of the towers.

Advised that a shut-down would occur in Mid-March which is part of the SWF regular maintenance program. This will include a 700 tonne crane coming to the SWF.

Comment: a crane recently came through town rather than going down the Daydream Mine Rd. In future the community needs to be advised if this is going to happen and not sure it is within the Traffic Management Plan guidelines.

A: AGL agreed that his would not happen again as the consent does not permit it unless in an emergency .

Action: AGL to ensure this does not happen again.

3.35.07 Bushfire and emergency preparedness overview

RA gave an overview of how the windfarm is in a state of preparedness for emergency and bushfire.

Q: Is lightning strike a worry?

A: Yes, although we have lightning protection. If ilightning hits a blade it goes straight to the ground and there is an earth grid around the base of each tower. There are also tall poles around the compound with surge protection.

4.35.01 Silverton Community Fund

MD informed the meeting that this year AGL had funded two community projects:

1.The Silverton Village Committee for a 6KW Rooftop Solar Installation for the Silverton School Camp Building on Burke Street.

2. The Broken Hill Historical Society for an upgrade the fencing and toilet and lighting facilities at the Silverton Goal Museum.

MD asked members when the best time would be to open applications for next round of funding. Members agreed that they should be open in March from 1 -29 March 2021.

Note

Action: AGL to open funding round

5.35.01 Community engagement

MD advised that all water thanks and solar panels had been installed.

The Telstra monopole was installed.

Note



5.35.02	Members advised that the service is patchy and asked AGL to write to Telstra to see if performance could be improved. Members expressed their thanks that AGL had supported this valuable initiative.	Action AGL to contact Telstra Note
6.35.01	Topics of Interest	
	AM gave an overview of the generation profile of the windfarm	
7.35.01	Other Business	AGL to send a send contact details for
	HM requested a rejected blade for tourism purposes.	
	AGL advised that all had been repaired and none had been written off.	
7.35.02	Environmental Questions	GE to HM.
	Q. Do you rehabilitate the vegetation seasonally?	
	A: We have collected seed and retained topsoil with the seed bank contained within it. Have ripped ground to encourage water holding and have seeded when raining.	
	Q. Are you counting bird strikes?	Note
	A: Yes, monitoring bird strikes	
	Q. Any bird or bat strike	
	A. One bat which was assessed by the Australian Museum, and found not to be endangered species.	
	AGL also monitors an eagle's nest site.	
8.35.01	Next meeting 25 August at 4pm	Note