FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITEE

FINAL Meeting Minutes Tuesday 15th January 2019

	Tuesday 15th January 2019				
Date and Venue	Blayney Community Centre				
	6:00 – 7:15pm				
Attendees:	Mr. Ian Rogan (Chair)				
	Mr. Daniel Drum (Blayney Shire Council)				
	Mr. Kim Masters (Host landowner)				
	Mr. Joe Dalzell (Neighbour)				
	Mr. John Plantinga (Neighbour)				
	Ms. Rachael Young (Neighbour)				
	Ms. Megan Richardson (Proponent – Infigen Energy)				
	Mr. Andrew Davis (Proponent – Infigen Energy)				
	Mr. Thomas Levick (Proponent – Infigen Energy)				

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Chair.

All meeting attendees introduced themselves and provided information on their role/representation on the CCC.

2. Apologies

Apology from Mark Dicker (Blayney Shire Council). Daniel Drum attending in Mark's place.

3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed.

Kim Masters (KM) requested an addition to the agenda about whether there would be a sod-turning ceremony before commencement of construction on the project.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 11th September 2018 were approved by email and were available to view on the Infigen website.

Joe Dalzell moved that the minutes were formally adopted and Kim Masters seconded this

5. Business Arising

The Chair reviewed the actions from previous meetings. These are outlined in the Actions Table at the foot of these minutes.

Joe Dalzell (JD) was asked about action from previous meeting regarding contact with local aviation club. Megan Richardson (MR) advised that she has added the Aero club to the Flyers Creek mailing list and will contact them with an update on the project.

All actions from previous meeting have been closed, no further discussion.

6. Committee Issues and Updates

The Chair noted that there was nothing specific to report.

7. Project update

MR provided an update on the progress of Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

<u>Planning Modification 4:</u> MR advised that planning modification 4 application is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment and is likely to be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) imminently. MR added that she expected that a public meeting may be held in February and would likely take place in the Blayney Community Centre.

<u>Survey Work:</u> MR updated that on site survey work for birds, flora and fauna are ongoing and that the information collected will inform the detailed design of the project and be included in the Construction Environment Management Plans.

<u>Preferred supplier:</u> MR advised that a competitive tender process has taken place for the contract to construct, operate and maintain the wind farm. She explained that the preferred contractor and turbine supplier would be appointed soon.

<u>Pre-construction minor works:</u> MR explained that Infigen will commence pre-construction minor works in mid February 2019. The works will be carried out by CPP and NACAP and expected to include:

- Investigative site survey works of the approved 33kV power line on the Errowanbang Road and of the approved access tracks, laydown areas and substation;
- Preliminary geotechnical survey of the approved wind turbine locations; and
- Establishment of site access and temporary laydown area and site survey office located off the Errowanbang Road near the intersection with Halls Road.

The information gained from pre-construction minor works will be used to inform the detailed design of the wind farm.

<u>Consultation:</u> MR advised that before pre-construction minor works are started that Infigen will place a notice in the Blayney Chronicle and send the notice to neighbouring properties within ~3km of the wind farm. MR asked if anyone knew of people who have not been given information and would like to, or the contrary. MR advised that anyone who wants information relating to the project can be added to the mailing list.

MR provided a draft notice for information and RY suggested that the contact details be personalised on the notice.

The Chair asked whether MR would be first point of contact. MR assured that she will remain the first point of contact during the pre-construction minor works.

MR answered KM's previous question about whether a sod turning ceremony would take place at Flyers Creek. MR explained that a sod turning ceremony would likely take place and would occur prior to construction of the project and not the pre-construction minor works. KM suggested that sod-turning ceremony should be held on neutral ground on the Council land located off the Errowanbang Road. DD and MR advised that Infigen and the Council will discuss it closer to the time.

8. Community Consultation Plan and processes

The Chair asked about comments on the materials provided in the meeting (project maps and contact stakeholder sheet). MR and KM discussed landownership and property changes since last meeting.

KM asked about the total budget for sponsorships as the Rural Fire Service is starting an awareness campaign – suggestions were electric signboards or updating placards in public spaces. KM provided MR with some information and MR advised that she review and let KM know if Infigen could sponsor all or part of the campaign.

9. Any Other Business

JD mentioned that some interest has grown in local activity amongst local suppliers; MR explained that there exists a database of all known local suppliers who will be contacted before construction and invited to participate in a tender process with the chosen contractor in the future. MR emphasised that she is very keen to hear from suppliers if the committee knows of any interested.

The date for the next meeting is called for Tuesday 9th or 16th April 2019 (TBC).

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Actions from previous meetings

Action		Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1.	MR to review KM RFS sponsorship request and advise if Infigen can support	18/01/19	MR	Open.
2.	MR to contact the local aviation club with project information.	18/01/19	MR	Open.
3.	JD advised that he we would pass on the contact details of a local aviation club.	11/09/18	JD	Closed. Information duly emailed 12/09 to MR.
4.	IR advised that he would contact MD to query if Council could nominate an alternate if MD was unable to attend CCC meetings and if there were particular days of the week that were preferable for future meetings.	16/05/18	IR	Closed. Daniel Drum (DD) at Blayney Shire Council appointed as MD's nominated alternative at 11/09/18 CCC meeting.
5.	MR to provide copy of average wind speed map of the project site to the CCC members.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. MR provided a printed copy of the maps to the CCC members at meeting of 11/09/18.
6.	MR to provide details of sponsorship activities related to Flyers Creek in the last 12 months.	16/05/18	MR	Closed. For details see agenda item 9 of CCC meeting minute 11/09/18.
7.	MR agreed to bring an average wind speed map of the project site to the next CCC meeting for information	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR brought maps to meeting of 16/05/18 and shared with members.
8.	MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
9.	MR to provide wirelines which were lodged with the DPE as part of planning modification 3 to JD.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued by email to JD 08/02/18
10.	MR to bring project maps in electronic form to next meeting to share with the group	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Maps brought to meeting of 16/05/18. It was agreed that MR would bring a copy to all subsequent meetings.
11.	MR agreed to speak to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the process for adding a new CCC member to the group and report back on the outcome of this discussion.	02/02/18	MR	Closed. MR reported outcome of discussions with DPE at meeting of 16/05/18.
12.	The CCC members supported this idea and requested that MD followed up with Council about the possibility of utilising this land for a viewing platform.	02/02/18	MD	Closed. MD followed up on this by email 12/02/18 advising that he has spoken to Councils Manager Operations and he has given very preliminary advice that the quarry area could be utilised as a "pull off area" and as a viewing area. Further detailed

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			information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.