
Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 15 March 2021
Meeting time and location 5pm at the Hawkesdale CFA Headquarters

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Present

Cr Damian Gleeson
Cr James Purcell
Anne-Maree Huglin, HADDAC Community Representative
Maxine Keane, Community Representative
John Bos, Community Representative
George Swarbrick, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner Wind Farms), Global Power Generation (GPG)
Nathan Micallef, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Berrybank Wind Farm), GPG

Guillermo Alonso Castro, Technical Manager, GPG (Guest, via video link)
Haridian Fuentes Cabrera, Community Engagement and Economic Development, GPG (Observer, via video link)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Nil.

4. Election of Chairperson

Cr Purcell nominated Cr Gleeson for the position of Chairperson. Seconded by John Bos. There being no further nominations, Cr Gleeson was elected as Chairperson. **CARRIED**

Introduction to Committee Procedure

Council gave an overview of the CEC administrative process. Summary of key points:

- Council's Wind Farm CECs are Advisory Committees of Council. CECs are established by Moyne Shire Council as an engagement tool to enhance the information flow about a wind farm project between community members, the developer and Council. CECs do not have a decision making role or delegated authority, and are not required as part of a wind farm's permit process.
- The Committee will consider a guest attending a meeting if it will be relevant to Committee business. A guest will not be considered as a Committee member.
- Meeting minutes will be a summary of key points, not a transcript of who said what. The minutes will record actions from the meeting, and Committee resolutions made.

- Community representatives are the conduit to be used for other members of the public to submit questions or have items raised at CEC meetings.
- It is preferred that questions or items are submitted by members to the CEC's Responsible Officer as early as possible prior to the next meeting. The Responsible Officer will then forward these to all of the CEC members.

ACTION: Council will email the CEC more detailed information regarding declaring a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Council will arrange for 6 copies of the CEC's unconfirmed minutes to be placed at the Hawkesdale Post Office.

5. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

6. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Not applicable.

7. Business arising from previous Minutes

Not applicable.

8. Correspondence Incoming

All via email:

15 March: From Neil Blain regarding suggested changes to the draft Charter.

15 March: From Neil Blain - Questions on notice for Moyne Shire:

1. Will GPG representatives be meeting with Moyne Shire councillors, Moyne CEO or Mayor, or Moyne planning staff during their current trip to the area?
Response: No.
2. Have GPG representatives been invited to the councillor workshop tomorrow (tues 16 march 2021)? What will be discussed?
Response: No.
3. Does Moyne Shire believe that a few hours notice before the CEC is adequate time for community reps to organise questions from their respective communities about the 2 projects to put to GPG management in tonight's CEC meetings?

Response: No, it was not ideal to add a guest so close to the meeting time. In this instance Council deemed that additional technical information about the project status would be of benefit to the CEC members. Notice of the meeting date was given to members several weeks ago, and encouraged questions on notice to be submitted prior to the meeting.

15 March: Questions on notice for GPG from John Bos:

1. Has GPG offered the Moyne Shire Council any payments, grants or other financially beneficial incentives to date or will do in the future?

Response: GPG has in the past discussed with Council a proposal for a voluntary agreement whereby Council would administer GPG community funding for community based projects. Council declined this proposal.

GPG has a neighbour agreement process for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm. The details of neighbour agreements is confidential.

2. Have any Moyne Shire councillors been offered incentives, grants, payment or promise of payment of any kind from GPG?

Response: No.

3. Has GPG had meetings, or will have meetings with the shire and or councillors during this visit?

Response: No.

4. Will the outcomes/minutes of these meetings be available for the broader community?

Council's response: When unconfirmed and confirmed minutes are provided to the CEC members they can pass those on to the broader community members as they wish.

Copies of CEC minutes are available from Council on request.

5. Recently, GPG offered the community of Hawkesdale funding for projects. What was the scope of the funding?

GPG response: GPG has committed to provide community funding via a grants program during the operational stage of the Hawkesdale Wind Farm. GPG is exploring the option of providing additional funding for community projects during the construction stage of the wind farm.

ACTION: GPG will provide further information about its proposed community fund at the next CEC meeting.

6. A section of the Hawkesdale township was effectively removed from further development into the future due to its close proximity to the wind farm. This was discussed with council?

GPG response: No.

Council took this question on notice.

7. Will the entire meeting be minuted given the importance of issues being raised? If not could I have the responses in writing?

Council's response: Responses to questions on notice will be included in writing as part of the minutes of the meeting that they were discussed at.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Review of the Committee's Draft Charter

The draft Charter that had been circulated to the CEC members was discussed.

Moved by John Bos, seconded by Maxine Keane that the Committee recommends that Council adopt the Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee Charter.

CARRIED

Attachment 3 *Final draft Charter, Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee.*

10. Reports:

10.1 Global Power Generation (GPG):

Refer to **Attachment 1 'Hawkesdale Wind Farm – Project Status'**

Summary of further discussion:

- BMD is the lead construction contractor.
- The pre-construction management plans are being finalised.
- GPG is aiming for commencement of construction once the pre-construction management plans are endorsed by the Minister for Planning and the amendment application has been notified.
- Debra Dumesny reported that the next Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner Wind Farms newsletter is almost ready to be distributed to the community.
- GPG is proposing to run community information 'drop-in' sessions in early April.

ACTION: GPG will notify the CEC members once the date, times and venues are finalised.

10.2 Community Members:

Community members requested information on the status of the CEC nomination received from Liana Blake.

Council explained that the nomination will be considered at the April 6 Council meeting.

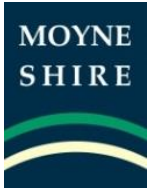
10.3 Council:

Nothing further.

11. General business

11.1 Guillermo Alonso can attend Hawkesdale Wind Farm CEC meetings as a guest for the time being.

11.2 **ACTION:** Council will ask the Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC if its meetings can commence a half-hour later.



Minutes

Next meeting – Monday 19 April 2021 at 5pm. Venue – CFA Headquarters Building, Hawkesdale.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

Minutes are to be registered in Moyne Shire's electronic document management system by the committee reporting officer immediately following the Minutes' confirmation and signing

CONFIRMED

Attachment 1.

Hawkesdale Wind Farm -- Project Status

- **Wind Farm Planning Permit:**
 - ✓ Submitted Pre-Construction Management Plans to DELWP, Council, VicRoads etc.
 - ✓ Submitted optimisation proposals and final layout to DELWP, with accompanied survey and assessment data for DELWP consideration.
 - ✓ Independent Noise Audit completed and available on our website:
<http://globalpower-generation.com.au/Home//Projects//VIC//Hawkesdale Wind Farm//Vic – Hawkesdale Project Documents//HD WF Pre-Construction Independent Noise Audit>
- **Connection application & agreements:**
 - ✓ In process to submit Connection application to AEMO.
 - ✓ Agreements on-going.

Activities on site

- **Under progress:**
 - ✓ Finalised geotechnical investigations.
 - ✓ Finalising project scheduling and access with associated landowners.

Transmission Line

AusNet Services is currently undertaking a range of surveys and geotechnical investigations to finalise in the transmission line design.

Once the design is complete an updated map with the transmission line route will be made available.

t Services is meeting with landowners to understand more about the operations of each landowner, and to discuss the line design and planned construction activities.

Further info about the projects

Additional info about the Projects is available on GPG Australia website:

- <http://globalpower-generation.com.au/>
 - Home > Projects > VIC > Ryan Corner wind farm
 - Home > Projects > VIC > Hawkesdale wind farm

New project websites are currently being developed by Ballarat-based Hstudios. We look forward to launching the websites soon.

Community Engagement Officer Appointed

GPG is pleased to welcome Debra Dumesny to the role of Community Engagement Officer for the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms. She is a local to Hawkesdale, having lived in the area for more than 30 years, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role and will be a valuable asset to the team. Debra will be dedicated to both projects with splitting her time between the communities of Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms.

Temporary Office at Hawkesdale

GPG will soon open a temporary office in Hawkesdale where our Community Engagement Officer will be available until construction offices are established at each site.

