

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 4 December 2023
Meeting time and location 7.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

1. Present

Cr Jordan Lockett (Chair)
Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
Brian Riordan, Community Representative
John Donohue, Community Representative
Camino Cabanillas, GPG Project Manager, Ryan Corner Wind Farm
Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer
Haridian Cabrera, GPG Community Stakeholder Engagement and Local Economic Development (Guest)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 June 2023 meeting

Moved by John Donohue, seconded by Debra Dumesny that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 9 October 2023 be accepted.

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Who	Item/Action
GPG	Provide information on whether the blades contain toxic chemicals. ✓ Turbine blades – what are they made of? • The blades are made of a form of fibreglass and resin • There is no history of illness related to the workforce associated with the manufacture or installation of wind turbine blades • Recycling of wind turbines, including blades, is advancing • <u>Naturgy</u> has partnered with another company in Spain to form GIRA Wind. They have plans awaiting approval to develop a factory dedicated to the recycling of turbine components. • An innovative process has been developed for shredding the blades ✓ Recycling and Reusing ▪ The first option is the sale of components or the complete turbines ▪ Separation of the materials ▪ Steel ▪ Wood can be reused in construction and furniture making ▪ Composite material – designing of products that can take advantage of the profile of the blades ▪ Shredding and separation of resin and fibre – this is currently being developed in conjunction with the University of Alicante (Spain)– potential use is an aggregate for concrete   

	 Further discussion: - Jacinta read out some information about Bisphenol A, a chemical found in epoxy resin. Jacinta will provide a link to the information. - GPG will follow up with Vestas about whether Bisphenol A is in the blades and whether it breaks down over time.
GPG	Consider the request to set up the Ryan Corner Community Grants Program now, rather than waiting until the wind farm becomes operational. Response: GPG has decided to bring forward the start of the Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to the commencement of operation of the wind farm. 'Commencement of operation' will follow after commissioning is completed and is when AEMO deems the wind farm to be operational. This could be around June 2024, but it will depend on the AEMO approval timeline. GPG will start the process of establishing a fund committee around May 2024. GPG noted that for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm fund committee, a member/s must declare a conflict of interest during the assessment process if there is an application from an organisation which they are involved in. GPG offered to have a separate session with the CEC early next year to go into detail about the fund and the committee establishment process.
Council	Clarify whether any companies in Moyne are offering power bill subsidies to neighbours. Response: Wind Prospect has proposed an Energy Cost Offset Plan for both the Willatook and Hexham Wind Farms if they are approved and constructed. The Golden Plains Wind Farm offers a scheme to offset energy costs for neighbours.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Dates received	Item/s	Attachment Number
11 October, 3, 9, 23 November	GPG RCWF construction updates	
26 October	GPG RCWF September newsletter	

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports:

8.1 GPG Project Update

- ✓ Delivery of turbine components continues regularly
- ✓ All (52) foundation pours have been completed
 - 20 turbines have been fully erected
 - 8 at pre install stage
- ✓ Civil contractors are demobilising from site, some of the buildings are being removed
- ✓ Maintenance of the access tracks and hard stands continues
- ✓ Batch plant has been restored
- ✓ Trenching for the underground cabling is making good progress.
Approximately 50% completed
- ✓ Permanent gates and fencing is agreed and is progressing



Work Hours

- Civil construction earthworks have now commenced to construct the access tracks and hardstands. Generally, the civil contractor will be working:
 - ✓ Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm
 - ✓ Saturday 7am to 4pm (regular)
 - ✓ Sunday 7am to 1pm (occasional as required)
- Saturday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) and Sunday works will be restricted to “managed impact” and “low impact” works as defined by the EPA guidelines.
- The purpose of weekend work is to reduce the overall construction duration, and subsequently the duration of impact on the local community.





CFA Visit



Members of the local CFA brigades attended a familiarisation tour of the wind farm.

- ✓ A lot of discussion about the site and the fire safety measures in place
- ✓ David Ferguson, CFA area commander, also attended
- ✓ They were shown all the water points and confirmed the fittings
- ✓ Members saw inside the base of a turbine



CFA Visit



David Ferguson, CFA area commander, presenting fire awareness and safety at a morning toolbox

- **Tarrone Terminal Station.**
 - ✓ Civil contractors are demobilising and removing their site compound
- **Transmission line**
 - ✓ Energisation will take place shortly
- **Ryan Corner collector sub station**
 - ✓ 132kV yard is completed except for the statcom
 - ✓ 33kV yard
 - Operations and Maintenance building being fitted out
 - Warehouse under construction, cladding and slab completed
 - Switch room being fitted out and cabled



Community Information

- ✓ **October newsletter** available
- ✓ **Construction updates** are published **weekly** on the Ryan Corner web site

Benefit Sharing

Naturgy Group

✓ Neighbour Benefit Program:

- Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, **9** have **signed** and received their payment.

✓ Community Grants Program:

- \$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually
- A committee to be formed and guidelines to be formulated
- Geographic area to be defined for eligible applications
- Types of projects that may be considered for community grants:
 - ✓ Long term community plan – contribution over more than one year
 - ✓ Individual group/club applications
 - ✓ Support of an all communities facility

Complaints Management

✓ No complaints received since the last meeting

✓ GPG are providing **periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council** about the **complaints received**. Reports to 30th September 2023 have been provided.

✓ **1 complaint remains open:**

- **Damage to property:** Acknowledged and investigated immediately. Repairs are in progress. There are delays due to restrictions of access to the property.

Summary of discussion:

- There have been no turbines erected in the past 3 weeks due to windy conditions and because the project has been awaiting the arrival of another crane.

8.2 Community Representatives:

Nothing further.

8.3 Council:

Nothing further.

9. General business

Cr Lockett thanked everyone and wished all a merry Christmas.

Next meeting – Monday 26 February 2024, 6.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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