

FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Monday 10th of February 2025

Date and Venue	Monday 10th of February 2025 Blayney Community Centre 6:02 – 6:44 pm
Attendees:	Mr Ian Rogan (IR) (Chair) Mr Andrew Muir (MD) (Blayney Shire Council) Mr Kim Masters (KM) (Host landowner) Ms Rachael Young (RY) (Community member) Mr. Joshua Fitzgerald (JF) (Iberdrola Australia) Mr. Ryan Ellis (RE) (Iberdrola Australia)
Apologies	Mr John Plantinga (JP) (Neighbour) Mr Angus Waddell (AW) (Neighbour)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by the Chair.

Ian Rogan welcomed members and noted apologies.

2. Apologies

Mr Angus Waddell
Mr John Plantinga

3. Endorsement of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was endorsed. No additional items added.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from 6th of September 2024 were formally adopted. KM moved the motion seconded by RY.

5. Business Arising

Actions were reviewed, the three open actions from last meeting were closed see attached page for list of actions.

Action 51 - JF presented information on the decommissioning of the project, noting that funds are not kept in trust and the Conditions of Consent, and the Landowners leases are the method for managing decommissioning.

Action 49/50 - IR discussed an email from Mark Dicker regarding the VPA / Community Benefit Fund. Cr Pryce Jones resigning from council and Angus Waddell joining the committee.

6. Committee Issues and Updates [Chair]

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7. Project Update

JF provided project update.

- The project has sent the OEMP and Intention to commence operations to the DPIE awaiting approvals. We expect this will occur in the next month. JF gave an overview of what operations will look like and the requirements.
- Rehab works continuing
- Errowanbang Rd pavement works are in the planning phase.
- Overview of RFS Visit and actions put in place.
- Overview of the squirrel glider event and the group hosted a discussion of Habitat Innovation. Link to Video : [IBE031D60 - IBERDROLA AUSTRALIA PROTECTS THE SQUIRREL GLIDER AT FLYERS CREEK](#)
- Overview of weed management across site and within the forestry corridor. Discussions about sticky nightshade and its management. As the weed is to be eradicated the current method is cutting, bagging and painting the roots with herbicide.

Community Benefit Funds provided from Iberdrola to Council to date (Updated Post Meeting):

Contribution period	Community Benefit Fund	Road Maintenance	Council Administration	Total	Date paid
17 March 2022 to 30 June 2022	17,976.66	13,073.93	3,922.18	34,972.77	8/04/2022
Recalculation of above period	-	-	-	383.27	
1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	31,952.72	23,238.34	6,971.50	62,162.56	5/07/2022
1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023	33,907.00	24,659.64	7,397.89	65,964.53	19/01/2023
1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023	33,907.00	24,659.64	7,397.89	65,964.53	19/07/2023
1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024	35,805.37	26,040.27	7,812.08	69,657.72	11/01/2024
1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	35,805.37	26,040.27	7,812.08	69,657.72	16/07/2024
1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025	36,860.14	26,807.37	8,042.21	71,709.72	Invoiced to be Paid
TOTALS	189,354.12	137,712.09	41,313.62	368,763.10	

8. Committee feedback from local community

KM Questioned “The Pine Wind Farm” incentives for locals living near the wind farm and if Iberdrola will consider this for the proposed Four Mile Creek Wind Farm and if it will retrospectively be put in place for Flyers Creek. JF Commented that he had already raised that question internally.

KM further commented that the forestry projects do not benefit the broader community as much as Flyers as you do not have the landowners spending at local shops.

9. Community Consultation Plan and processes

JF provided update of current proposed sponsorships.

- Blayney Women’s Soccer Club
- Blayney Netball Club
- Blayney Show
- Orange Warriors Indigenous Football Club

JF welcomed more sponsorship opportunities and RY will recommend to the Newbridge Winter Event.

10. Any Other Business

The date for the next meeting is called for **Monday 16th of June 2025.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.44 PM.

Actions

Action	Date Raised	Responsibility	Status
1. Add table to minutes showing Community Benefit Funds provided from Iberdrola to Council to date.	17/07/23	JW	Closed.
2. Recirculate CCC Terms of Reference.	17/04/23	JW	Closed 17 April 2023. IR to draft CCC Terms of Reference
3. Make contact with Blayney Shire Council to request that CCC be more involved or consulted regarding the distribution of the Community Benefit Fund/express CCC wishes for more community representation in the evaluation of submissions for funding.	17/04/23	IR	Closed
4. Add CCC Terms of Reference as a standing item to CCC agenda and minutes.	17/04/23	JW	Closed.
5. Advise whether Iberdrola has guidelines for local sponsorship for Flyers Creek.	17/04/23	JW	Closed
6. Blayney Shire Council will seek clarification of funding splits for roadworks and respond to the Committee.	24/01/23	MD	Closed. MD provided information by email on 25 January 2023
7. Iberdrola to advise the cost of the wind farm project.	24/01/23	JW	Closed. JW advised during meeting on 17 April 2023
8. Iberdrola to provide a list of sponsorship to date since construction commenced.	24/01/23	JW	Closed. JW circulated by email on 16 July 2023
9. Blayney Shire Council to investigate the possibility of a viewing platform for the project.	24/01/23	AM	Open
10. Iberdrola to advise date for commissioning wind farm	24/01/23	JW	Closed.
11. Iberdrola to advise whether drone footage could be taken for the project and added to the project website	24/01/23	JW	Closed.
12. Iberdrola to advise whether an operations Manager for Flyers Creek is being recruited.	24/01/23	JW/DW	Closed.
13. Council website be updated to include a list of all the projects funded to date with the funding amounts under the Financial Assistance Program.	11/10/22	MD	Closed.
14. Iberdrola to advise where concrete aggregate and sand is being sourced.	11/10/22	JW	Closed.

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15. Senior Iberdrola representatives to consult with Kim Masters ASAP regarding his concerns.	5/7/22	JW	Closed.
16. Ross Earl (RE) – Council (and Iberdrola) will circulate a list of money available under the VPA and the split of VPA funds within.	5/7/22	RE/JW	Closed.
17. Iberdrola to clarify process and oversight for distribution of VPA funds via BSC and to check VPA wording re fund distribution	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
18. JW to check date of first VPA contribution payment to BSC	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
19. CCC to ask Blayney Shire Council whether another member of staff can attend CCC meetings should the usual representatives not be available	5/04/22	JW	Closed.
20. Advise CCC of supplier open day details once confirmed	18/01/22	DW	Closed. JW issued email to all members 29/03/22 advising the supplier event Tuesday 5 April 4-6pm
21. IR to draft CCC Annual Report and circulate to the members for review and comment.	12/02/20	IR	Open. On hold due to road
22. MR to issue email to CCC members providing information on the local community engagement role.	10/11/21	MR	Closed. MR issued email to all members 10/11/21.
23. ALL members to complete the Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct forms & return to IR.	12/02/20	ALL	Closed.
24. MR to send MD an email relating to biodiversity offset for Flyers Creek Wind Farm	19/05/21	MR	Closed. MR emailed MD 24/05/21
25. MR to arrange discussion re construction certificate(s) between Infigen and BSC.	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Meeting occurred by teleconference 21/05/21.
26. MR to notify aviation club of final wind turbine coordinates prior to construction	19/05/21	MR	Closed. Notification will occur via CASA.
27. MR to circulate sponsorship form to CCC members	03/02/21	MR	Closed. MR circulated by email
28. IR to circulate CCC Guidance (2019) to CCC members.	19/09/19	IR	Closed. IR circulated by email 12/02/20

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29. IR to investigate further and advise if any major changes between guidance issued in 2016 and new guidance issued in 2019.	09/05/19	IR	Closed. IR provided a summary at meeting of 19/09/19 advising that there were no notable changes between the 2016 and 2019 guidance.
30. MR to review KM RFS sponsorship request and advise if Infigen can support	18/01/19	MR	Closed. MR provided sponsorship form to KM and requested that any requests for sponsorship are applied for via the form.
31. MR to contact the local aviation club with project information.	18/01/19	MR	Closed. JD noted on 03/02/21 that he has spoken with the local aviation club and that they are aware of the proposed wind farm and expect to be notified in due course by CASA of any new structures.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. MR to issue Infigen Community Sponsorship application form to CCC members	02/02/18	MR	Closed. Issued with draft minutes on 08/02/18
38. 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
39. 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.

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40. 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.
41. 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 information would be required prior to any formal endorsement by Council.
42. IR to send copy of Terms of Reference Update for Chairs to CCC group	22/01/2024	IR	Closed
43. KM to formally notify by email GP of the issues and his intentions raised within Section 8 of this document.	22/01/2024	KM	Closed
44. JF to send copy of Sponsorship and donations document to CCC group	22/01/2024	JF	Closed: Sent with Agenda 21/05/2024
45. IR to email endorsed Terms of Reference to the CCC group	22/01/2024	IR	Closed
46. IR to contact Joe if he would still like to be on the committee.	27/05/2024	IR	Closed – JD has relinquished his position on the CCC.
47. JF to get info for CCC on where our funds go and when the VPA policy is updated for review.	27/05/2024	JF	Closed – IR to action Further.
48. JF to contact spray contractor for spray day sheet.	27/05/2024	JF	Closed
49. IR to Contact Blayney Council for Draft Community Benefit Fund Guidelines.	06/09/2024	IR	Closed – Mark Dicker Email as reference
50. IR to Contact Angus Waddell if he would like to become a CCC member.	06/09/2024	IR	Closed – Angus joining the committee.

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51. JF to provide feedback on how decommissioning funds are managed. Are they kept in trust?	06/09/2024	JF	Closed – JF gave overview of current process with Conditions of Consent and Landowner leases.