



**Silverton Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee  
Inaugural Meeting**

**Thursday 12 July 2012 – 6pm – 8pm  
Silverton Municipal Hall, Silverton**

**Minutes**

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Community Consultative Committee:

Kath Elliott – GHD, Chair

Neil Cooke – AGL, Manager Power Development

Cynthia Langford, Purnamoota Station

Helen Murray, Local resident

Peter Price, Silverton Committee/ Silverton Hotel

Kevin White, Historic Daydream Mine

John Taplin, Secretary Silverton Village Committee

Philip Blore, Belmont Station

Albert Woodroffe, Silverton Committee, Horizon Galleries

Cameron Koch, Silver City Minerals

Rod Grenfell – Local Resident

Dave Gallagher – Councillor Broken Hill City Council

Anne Bransdon, Broken Hill Chamber of Commerce

(Birgit Porter – GHD, Minute Taker)

Guests:

Scott Thomas – AGL, General Manager Business Customers and Power Development.

Bruce Bennett – AGL, Manager Connection and Access

Apologies:

Naomi Schmidt, Eldee Station



Observing:

Approximately 16 persons were observing the meeting

3 media representatives (two from ABC Broken Hill, one from Barrier Daily Truth)

## **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Kath Elliott opened the meeting at 6.05pm and welcomed members of the Silverton Community Consultative Committee (SCCC) and members of the public observing the community.

Scott Thomas, AGL General Manager welcomed the members of the SCCC and extended thanks to members for participating in the SCCC. Scott stressed the importance that AGL placed on the SCCC as an integral part in the planning and delivery of the Silverton Wind Farm

Kath Elliott discussed the ground rules for the meeting and then invited each member of the SCCC to introduce themselves and why they had nominated to be on the CCC.

## **2. Proposed Framework and Objectives for the SCCC**

Kath Elliott asked the question of the CCC if the group could identify any important stakeholders that weren't around the table and should be. A question was raised if there was an Indigenous Representative.

AGL advised that no nomination had been received from an Indigenous representation and informed the CCC that AGL had spoken to this group to provide a Project Update so they were up to date on the project. It was recommended that AGL may need to make a personal approach to a suitable indigenous representative to gain their interest in becoming a member of the SCCC.

Agreed:

*SCCC to provide AGL with some names of suitable representatives to speak further with regarding the SCCC.*

The SCCC requested that AGL advise members of any issues or concerns before speaking to the media – there was agreement that there should be 'no surprises'. This is in accordance with point 5 under the 'Aims and Objectives' of the Terms of Reference.

There was a general discussion on the frequency of the meetings given the Project timeframes. The issue on ongoing membership, meeting frequency etc. was also raised given the 3-4 year timeframe of the project.



Agreed:

*It was agreed that the final point under 'Role of the SCCC' – "to review and evaluate the effectiveness of the CCC every 12 months to ensure it is meeting the expectations of the community" would adequately address this concern.*

Agreed:

*It was agreed to delete point 12 under 'Protocols' – "The media will not be invited to attend meetings without the consent of both the SCCC and Silverton Wind Farm Project".*

The issue of alternates was discussed and it was the general consensus of the SCCC that it would not be appropriate for alternates to attend on behalf of a member. The only exception would be Broken Hill City Council who would alternate between two members.

Agreed:

*It was agreed not to hold meetings in school holidays.*

A detailed discussion ensued on the SCCC member's views and ideas for issues or concerns they would like to see included on future agendas. The following topic/issues were agreed:

1. Overview of Project Timeframe clearly identifying the role of the SCCC in specific stages
2. Identification of local issues/knowledge to be included in the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Tender (RFT) documentation
3. Site Selection
4. Visual and Noise Impacts
5. Siltation Control, Run Off Management – Design & Control
6. Hallett Visit – to be discussed later in the meeting

AGL raised the issue of sourcing sand locally. It was raised that Consultants SKM were undertaking a 'Floodplain Study' which would make recommendations that may influence if sand can be sourced locally.

Agreed:

*AGL to obtain a copy of the SKM report that is due to be finalised at the end of July 2012.*

The distribution of the minutes and placing on AGL website was discussed.

Agreed:

*The minutes of the SCCC will be distributed by email to members. Members will have three (3) working days to raise any concerns they have with minutes. The minutes will then be placed on the AGL website for general information.*



Agreed:

*It was agreed that Kath Elliott, GHD would continue to chair the SCCC.*

### **3. Project Update**

Neil Cooke gave the SCCC an update on the Silverton Wind Farm.

Key points included:

- The original timing estimate to gain an 'Offer to Connect' from TransGrid was optimistic and it is now likely to take between 12-18 months to secure.
- It is anticipated that AGL will award one contract for construction of the Wind Farm – this may be awarded to one company or it may be a Joint Venture

### **4. Community Update**

Members of the community observing the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions of the AGL Project Team.

The following questions were raised:

1. Will the SCCC be given updated by the Contractor, once they are appointed.

Yes they will provide updates and presentations to the SCCC

2. What are the timeframes now the solar project has also come on line?

Scott Thomas advised the SCCC that yes AGL had been awarded a flagship project in Broken Hill/ Nyngan. Associated with this project are key milestones dates as outlined as part of the Federal Government funding. The timing of projects is always slightly fluid however AGL are committed to construction of the Silverton Wind Farm.

3. What if the renewable energy tariffs were withdrawn by the Government?

Yes this would make the project very challenging to build. However, there is bi-partisan support for the Renewable Energy Target.

## 5. Hallett Visit



There was discussion on the itinerary, dates and timing of a visit to Hallett Wind Farm. The draft itinerary was presented to the SCCC and discussed. The itinerary included:

- A minimum of 2 days (including travel from Silverton)

Day 1 (flexible dependant on arrival time)

- Start with a lunch in Burra information centre
- Wind Farm presentation & introduce Naomi Builder
- Tour Hallett Hill Wind Farm & meet with landowner Bill Gephardt
- Return group to accommodation, good opportunity for tour group to hold discussions with Inn owners about wind farm impacts on business

Day 2

- Depart Burra for tour of other wind farms (Hallett Wind Farm & Bluff Wind Farm)
- Stop in at Hallett general store for discussion with owners
- Hallett Wind Farm tour including discussions with some of the technicians
- Bluff Wind Farm tour
- Wind up tour around midday to allow ample time to return to Silverton

Agreed:

- *AGL will host the visit and organise a coach to transport members*
- *Agreed that the trip would be overnight and 2 days in duration*
- *Dates – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September – subject to AGL confirmation with Manager South Australian Wind Farms*
- *The trip is open to other interest members of the Silverton community however will be limited to the number of seats available on the coach*
- *AGL to confirm how many places will be available for the trip*

## 6. Ongoing Meeting Schedule

23 August 2012	SCCC Meeting
11 & 12 September 2012	Hallett Site Visit
27 September 2012	Propose this meeting is brought

	forward to 12 <sup>th</sup> September (or 11 <sup>th</sup> September) due to school holidays.
25 October 2012	SCCC Meeting
22 November 2012	SCCC Meeting

All meetings will be held in Municipal Hall or the Youth Centre and the Silverton Trust will provide the use of a microphone / PA system.

All meetings will be held at 6pm – 8pm.

## **7. Other Business**

SCCC members were urged to send any questions for AGL to be addressed at the SCCC as early as possible.

Recommended that AGL meet with the Traffic Management Committee at BHCC - Councillor Gallagher to provide AGL will details. It was raised that the SCCC should not be excluded from any discussions with BHCC.

## **8. Next Meeting and close**

Members were thanked for attending the meeting. The next meeting will be at 6 pm on Thursday 23 August 2012 at the Silverton Youth Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm