



Project:	Silverton Wind Farm
Meeting No:	9
Date:	Thursday 25 July 2013
Venue and Time:	Silverton Youth Hall 6pm – 8pm
Document:	Meeting notes and actions
Chair/Facilitator:	Kath Elliott (KE)
Minutes:	Rosa Han (RH), AGL
AGL representatives:	Neil Cooke (NC) Manager, Power Development Helena Orel (HO) Manager, Community Engagement Evan Carless (EC) Acting Head of Generation Development
Committee Members:	Cynthia Langford, Purnamoota Station
	Kevin White, Historic Daydream Mine
	Phillip Blore, Belmont Station
	John Taplin, Secretary Silverton Village Committee
	Rod Grenfell, Local resident
	Albert Woodroffe, Silverton Committee, Horizon Galleries
	Helen Murray, Local resident
	Naomi Schmidt, Eldee Station
	Cameron Koch, Silver City Minerals
	Dave Gallagher, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Steve Radford, Consolidated Mining and Civil (arrived later)
Apologies	Maureen O'Donnell, Traditional Owner
	Peter Price, Silverton Committee/ Silverton Hotel
	Marion Browne, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Joanne O'Donnell, Broken Hill Land Council
	Tiff Brown, Department of Primary Industries, Catchments & Lands
Community observers in attendance:	Approximately 15 including Southern Cross TV, Barrier Daily Truth and ABC radio

Meeting Minutes

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Kath Elliott (KE) opened the meeting at 6:00pm and welcomed members of the Silverton Community Consultative Committee (SCCC) and observers in attendance.</p> <p>KE introduced the following AGL representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evan Carless (EC) – acting as the Head of Generation Development as Nigel Bean has been seconded to another role. • Helena Orel (HO) - the Community Engagement Manager who has permanently replaced Amanda Shaw. • Simon Youl (SY) – graduate engineer. <p>KE provided an overview of the agenda and noted that the discussion around the update on membership will be moved to Item 5. The minutes from the June 2013 meeting were discussed and adopted by the committee with no changes required.</p>	
<p>2. Project status update, Neil Cooke</p> <p>NC discussed the recent announcement about the deferment of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor for the Silverton Wind Farm project. He noted that this was due to the ongoing uncertainty around the 2020 Renewable Energy Target (RET) and that AGL was disappointed that this has happened. He noted that the status of the project will be reviewed in 2014.</p> <p>NC also noted that AGL will be continuing with the Environmental Assessment on the bypass road and the sand and rock quarries on site. He said that AGL will be requesting an extension from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) on the project approval.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q1. How long will the modification to the date be?</p> <p>A1. NC answered this will be up to 2 years</p> <p>Q2. Is there any indication of what the RET may be after the election?</p> <p>A2. EC answered that at this point in time AGL will need to see what happens with the upcoming election and in 2014 we will be in a position to review the status with the EPC contractor.</p>	

KE noted that Southern Cross TV were present at the meeting and had asked to take video footage without sound of the meeting. The CCC members and observers had no objections to this.

Q3. Are all of AGL's other development wind farm projects on hold as well?

A3. NC answered that the other wind farm projects in AGL's pipeline are not as advanced as the Silverton Wind Farm project and will continue to be developed.

Q4. Depending on the outcome of the election, is it possible that all the other wind farm projects will be put on hold?

A4. The other wind farm projects are currently being progressed towards receiving project approval and are not on hold.

Q5. What is AGL going to do about the expiry date of the lease agreement in place with Crown Lands?

A5. AGL will be in discussions with Crown Lands to request for an extension.

EC clarified a couple of points that were raised in relation to the EPC deferral. He explained that AGL will be reviewing their position on the Silverton Wind Farm project in 2014 and the 2 year extension is for the development proposal.

3. Discussion around health and wind farms

KE confirmed that the CCC members had received the new CD containing Simon Chapman's presentation on health and wind farm to the Coopers Gap CCC.

Comments from CCC and observers in attendance:

An observer noted he watched Simon Chapman's presentation and also read his publication. He noted that he had done his own research and believes that Chapman has addressed most of the issues around health and wind farms. He also noted that he had been to visit one of the wind farm communities in South Australia and there are residents who are still protesting and claiming health effects. He commented that he could see no health risks associated with wind farms.

Helen Murray (HM) commented that there are two sides to the debate and believes an agreement between both sides will never be reached. She also noted that she had been to visit a wind farm community who were devastated due to the impacts. She said that she had not watched the video due to problems with her computer.

An observer provided HM the publication on health and wind farms written by Simon Chapman.

KE noted that not all members had watched the presentation.

KE commented that the discussion around health was important to have with the CCC and that this topic can be re-opened at the next meeting if the CCC agree.

David Gallagher (DG) agreed with KE that the CCC should discuss this topic once all the members had watched the presentation. He commented that he believed Simon Chapman is the only true independent expert he has seen who speaks of wind farms.

Albert Woodroffe (AW) commented that there will be a Silverton Village Committee (SVC) meeting between now and the next CCC meeting and it would be a good idea for the community to voice their concerns at the SVC meeting. This will then be reported back to the CCC.

KE asked for the members who had not watched the presentation to watch it by the next meeting in order for the topic to be on the agenda when everyone was in a position to discuss it.

4. Proposed Community Fund

KE noted that the Hallett and Coopers Gap documents had been provided to the CCC.

KE provided a summary of both documents.

Naomi Schmidt (NS) commented that one of the outcomes of the project approvals was that Silverton residents who live within 10km of the wind farm would be provided rainwater tanks and solar panels on their homes.

NC confirmed that this was correct.

NS also commented that an area the fund could be used for was in tourism and marketing the Silverton town.

Kevin White (KW) commented that he thought the discussion around the community fund should be had once there was more certainty around the project.

There were comments made about the community fund needing to be discussed at a SVC meeting prior to discussing this at the CCC.

KE clarified that the decision around the structure of the community fund lies with the CCC, not the SVC. She noted that the CCC will have a workshop session in the future to determine this and that AGL had stated that they would not be having separate discussions about the community fund with the SVC.

5. Other business

There was a discussion around the frequency of meetings. It was decided that the CCC will meet in October then they will decide at that meeting how frequently they would like to meet.

KE updated the CCC on the discussions she had with members who don't attend/rarely attend. She noted that these members were still keen to be a part of the CCC.

KE asked the CCC if they were happy to continue holding meetings in the evenings or if they would like to change the time to the afternoon, as requested by a member.

Four members voted for afternoon and five members vote for evening meetings.

It was decided that the evening meetings would remain and this issue would be discussed again at a later meeting.

KE noted that the Terms of Reference for the CCC would need to be updated to ensure it is relevant going forward. She also noted that a CCC member had raised that membership attendance will need to be revisited again. KE asked the CCC members to contact her if they were wanting to exit the CCC at this stage.

<p>NC noted that regular newsletters will be developed to update the community and CCC members on the project. This would be distributed via emails and will also be published on the website.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q1. DP&I have asked AGL for a project extension justification document. When will AGL be submitting this?</p> <p>A1. AGL is aiming to submit this by the end of August.</p> <p>Q2. As part of the extension proposal to the DP&I, what will you be submitting?</p> <p>A2. NC answered that the submission will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justification for the project 2. Community issues/ implications associated with the delay to the project. 3. Environmental changes that may have occurred as a result of increased rainfall in recent years. 4. Changes in environmental regulations between 2009 and now <p>Helena Orel (HO) noted that in order to receive feedback from the community about the deferral, a survey will be sent out shortly to members of the CCC and the community via emails and letter box drop.</p>	
<p>6. Next meeting and close</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 October from 6pm to 8pm at the Silverton Youth Hall.</p> <p>Topics that will be discussed at future meetings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community fund to be discussed further • Presentation on property value and wind farms • Presentation on electromagnetic interference (EMI) and wind farms <p>KE closed the meeting at 7.30pm</p>	