

**BIALA WIND FARM  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING 6**

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Tuesday, 20 February 2018 1.00pm – 2.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Council Chambers, Gunning 123 Yass Street, Gunning
<b>Attendees:</b>	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Councillor Paul Culhane (PC), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Vince Heffernan (VH), Committee Member Paul Hewitt (PH), Committee Member (alternate for Charles Knight) Derek Powell (DP), (Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy), Applicant Representative Tim Mead (TM), (Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy), Applicant Representative Alice Patterson (AP), (Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy), Applicant Representative Elizabeth Picker (EP), (OPF Consulting), Independent Community Liaison Officer Charlie Prell (CP), (Australian Wind Alliance), Observer
<b>Apologies:</b>	Charles Knight, Committee Member John McCue, Committee Member

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES**

<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC welcomed everyone to the sixth CCC Meeting.</li> <li>• Charles Knight (CK) and John McCue noted as apologies</li> <li>• CK has resigned from the CCC</li> <li>• NC welcomed PH as the alternate committee member for CK</li> <li>• KC &amp; VH agreed to remain on the CCC</li> <li>• Thank you from Annemarie (company representative for previous wind farm owner) acknowledged</li> <li>• DP introduced Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (BJCE) and roles of attending representatives</li> </ul>
<b>2. Code of Conduct &amp; Agreement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC contacted NSW Dept. Of Planning and Environment (DPE) about the new CCC guidelines as to whether the current CCC could remain in place</li> <li>• Positive response from Nicole Brewer read to the committee</li> <li>• Advertising for vacant committee members to commence shortly</li> <li>• NC asked current members to sign Code of Conduct and Declaration Form</li> <li>• NC will notify DPE about member vacancies</li> <li>• NC request BJCE upload nomination forms to Biala Wind Farm website</li> <li>• NC explained the nomination and approval process</li> <li>• BJCE to advertise three vacant positions</li> </ul>

- PH, VH and KC signed the Declaration of Interest & Code of Conduct forms

### 3. CCC Meeting Minutes

CCC #5 Meeting Minutes were adopted

### 4. Project Update

- DP acknowledged CCC and explained BJCE background.
- DP explained BJCE purchased the Biala Wind Farm project in 2017.
- DP asked this to be referred to as BJCE instead of Newtricity Developments Biala PTY LTD.
- DP provided an update on the project, including the following:
  - Currently conducting surveys including ecology and archaeology. Also tendering construction contracts. Once contractor is selected, more specific detail on construction process will be available.
  - Visits to the majority of houses within 3km to talk through development have been undertaken.
  - Aiming to commence construction in June 2018 and finish in mid 2019.
  - Upgrades to Kiala Road and Range road scheduled to occur before then
  - Application for transmission line has been submitted and due to be determined by Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) – check JRPP website for details.
- There was general discussion about the project including turbine type, turbine height (185 metres), community benefit and method for selling the electricity generated.

### 5. Community Consultation Plan

- DP explained the importance of two-way communication between BJCE and the community throughout the life of the wind farm, but particularly leading up to and during construction.
- DP presented a draft community consultation plan for the committee to review and provide feedback on.
- Public meetings were discussed as an option for engagement.
- NC encouraged all members to provide feedback on the plan.
- NC requested EP to make a wording change on Page 6 as follows: During construction phase meetings to take place 4 times a year - once operational these can reduce to 2-3 times a year.
- The plan was adopted.
- NC asked if the CCC members would mind including their contact details on the CCC section of the Biala Wind Farm website. The committee agreed to list their details.
- Page 8 – needs to include the local groups in Gunning, e.g. the Lions Club. EP to amend plan.

### 6. General Items for Discussion

- CP was introduced and explained he is an independent observer to the CCC. He works for the Australian Wind Alliance and is a host landowner at Crookwell 2 wind farm located on Goulburn Crookwell Road.
- NC asked if BJCE would mind if he let other wind farm CCCs visit the Biala Wind Farm during or post construction. DP agreed.
- NC to circulate an email about the JRPP.



- DP asked if the members would like a tour of GRWF and GSF. PC suggested waiting until new committee members have been appointed.

**7. Next Steps and Close**

Meeting closed 2.29pm  
Next meeting date: TBC