

Community Engagement Committee

March 2020 Minutes

- Date, Location and Time:
 - Friday 6th March 2020, Wallinduc Town Hall, 9:30am
- Attendees:
 - Lesley Brown - Chairperson/Corangamite Shire Council
 - Garry Moorfield - Corangamite Shire Council
 - Nathan Micallef - GPG
 - Kim Stanley – DELWP
 - Nathan Lin - TransGrid
 - Moira Turner - Community Member
 - Shari McConachy - Community Member
 - Brendan Keating - Community Member
 - Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Apologies:
 - Mayor Owen Sharkey - Chairperson/Golden Plains Shire Council
 - Shannon Fielder – Golden Plains Shire Council
 - Helena Charles - Golden Plains Shire Council
 - Anton Viljoen – Vestas
 - Moved: Shari McConachy
- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests
 - N/A
- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - Moved: Brenda
 - Seconded: Gary
 - All in favour: Yes
- Business arising from previous minutes - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested
 - N/A
- Correspondence
 - N/A
- Project Update - Vestas
 - 14 Base and Lower Mid Sets Installed (1 set to be installed today)
 - 34 Base and Lower Mid Sets on site
 - 43 Nacelles, 30 Drivetrains, 39 Hubs and 100 Blades on site
 - 9 Top and Upper Mid Sets on Site
 - No full installs currently completed

- Project Update - TransGrid
 - On-Site Sub Station High Voltage works are all installed
 - Control building delivered and being installed
 - Switching Station High Voltage works are 80% complete
 - Transmission Line Poles have been delayed, expect arrival in May
 - Upgrade works on Padgetts Road nearing complete
- Community Update - GPG - Nathan Micallef
 - Solar Power Program
 - Awarded the services to Off-Grid Energy Australia
 - Site inspections of Community Buildings will begin soon to determine correct solar system
 - Revised EOI form has been opened as mentioned in Feb Newsletter will close in April, will need to distribute more widely through councils
 - First Community Project now complete: Lismore Water Tower
 - Opening of the Tower to be held, Wednesday 18th March at Lismore Golf Club, all welcome to attend
 - Berrybank Hall Upgrades: Contractors hired to complete works
 - Entrepreneur Incubator Program
 - This program will provide local people with support from GPG through RMIT to develop entrepreneurship initiatives.
 - Potentially we will be holding a community consultation soon to introduce the program to the local community, at this consultation we would like to determine the following:
 - The level of knowledge about entrepreneurs from the community
 - If anyone has a personal initiative, they would like to develop
 - Provide training session/s about entrepreneurs
 - Water Tanks
 - GPG has purchased and installed 3 new water tanks in the area surrounding the Wind Farm for use by the CFA during a fire emergency
- Council Update – Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils
 - Golden Plains
 - Teesdale Turtle Bend update:
 - The following has been completed: Public toilets, half-court basketball/netball, rock wall upgrade and vehicle access to paddock.
 - Power – quotes requested for installation of additional bollards
 - Car park fencing barriers – contractor appointed, and materials ordered, works to commence in near future
 - Seating – still to be completed
 - Playground equipment – further consultation required regarding items to be purchased
 - Bridge design – consultant appointed to complete load capacity testing on bridge. Outcome will determine approach to bridge.
 - Still anticipating June 2020 completion and looking to do an event or media photo opportunity for this.
 - Wind Farm Sharing Session
 - Golden Plains Shire Council organised an information sharing session between Golden Plains and Berrybank Wind Farms on Thursday 27 February in Bannockburn.
 - 14 people attended from Council, Global Power Generation Australia and WestWind Energy.
 - Discussed opportunities to work together, as well as key learnings from community consultation, communications, community benefits schemes and construction, as well as community support and complaints. It was a really worthwhile exercise.
 - Golden Plains Shire Council Community Grants Program

- Golden Plains Shire Council has just approved a new process for Council's community grants process. This will be advertised soon, and Council's Community Partnerships Officer will be back in touch with this committee to get feedback and input into the development of the Berrybank Wind Farm Grant.
 - Corangamite:
 - Community Benefits deed:
 - 2 payments received from GPG
 - 1 payment outstanding
 - Completed projects:
 - Lismore water tower project – Complete
 - Energy efficiency program: Phase 1 – Complete
 - Projects underway:
 - Energy efficiency program: Phase 2 - To be rolled out soon
 - Plumber has been appointed to complete roof at Darlington hall
 - Chairs have been purchased for Camperdown theatre
 - Project in planning:
 - Browns water holes – desert ash along river, rail replacement along bridge awaiting quote, obtaining quotes for reed beds
- DELWP Update
 - N/A
- Issues and comments identified by the community or local government representatives
 - Discussion about the condition of some of the roads that have been affected by Wind Farm Traffic
- General business
 - Nature and criteria for community grants arising out of the Voluntary Agreement/Grants Program
- Next meeting
 - May 1st