

# GLEN INNES COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (GCCC)

## Minutes of the first Committee Members Meeting

Held Wednesday 26 February 2014 at Glen Innes & District Services Club at 6.10pm

**Present:** Colin Patterson (Glen Innes Wind power), Max Elphick (Chairman), Jane Newsome, Debbie Burton, Jim Ritchie, Colin Price (Glen Innes Severn Council) and Allan Fletcher (Project Landowners rep), Minute Secretary Lynda Sully.

**Apologies:** Phillip Evans (Landscape guardian rep).

**Previous Minutes:** Nil

**Welcome:** Meeting was opened by Chairman, welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the Committee. Chairman emphasised role of the GCCC would be twofold.

**Firstly**, as set out in the draft legislation of NSW Wind Farm guidelines, to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of the Wind Farm operators, the Glen Innes community, council and other stakeholders. **Secondly**, to advise Glen Innes Wind Farm on the distribution of the \$75,000 Community Fund and to also administer the fund. The meeting this evening would cover general discussions on how the Committee would like to move forward.

### General Business

**Project Update:** Colin Patterson addressed all Committee members and advised there has been no guidelines legislated to date and everything is open for discussion. The Wind project has been approved for a number of years and Denham Capital which is a US based company is the new investor.

Construction start date will be the first quarter of 2015 with a completion date estimated to be September 2016. Submission to the Department of Planning has resulted in numbers being reduced from a 27 turbine farm to a 25 turbine farm. Documentation has not been finalised as yet, still waiting on approval. The \$ 75,000 pa Community Fund will commence when the wind farm is commissioned.

Col Price asked Colin Patterson what is the role of Denham Capital, to which Colin advised that they are providing the funding equity capital.

Colin Patterson advised he would prepare a media report on the progress of the Wind Farm and the role of the Glen Innes Community Consultation Committee. The report is to be available on website and all media outlets.

Colin Price suggests that the initial draft of the report be sent to the Committee Members before media release. Jane Newsome suggested ad for Northern Daily Leader and Max suggests all members review the report and email him with any suggested changes before its release.

All committee members agreed that meetings should be held every quarter. These will be held mid week to allow for travel for Colin Patterson. Time confirmed as 6 – 8pm and meetings to be held three monthly on the first Wednesdays of June, September, December and March. First year Meeting dates being 4/6/14, 3/9/14, 3/12/14 and 4/3/15.

Secretary to organise meetings at the New England Club.

Jim Ritchie asked about the funding of the \$ 75,000. Colin Patterson said 50% will have to be spent within 5km of wind farm as per original approval. Jane Newsome suggested to Colin Patterson that a map be issued to the committee members outlining the 5km radius. Committee felt to adhere to the 5 km radius may present some practical problems that were not considered when the decision was made by the approving Body.

An agenda will be sent to committee members prior to next meeting. Chairman requested committee members to advise him prior to the meeting if they had matters they wanted discussed at the meeting.

**Correspondence**

**Received:** Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.05pm

**Signed as a true record**



**Chairman**

**Dated: 4 June 2014**