

Kentbruck Green Power Hub Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes			
Location:	A1 Real-estate Portland, Board Room and Online via Teams	Date:	Thursday 24 th November 2022
		Meeting Opened:	2.03pm
Committee Members Present			
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)		
Community Representatives:	Rod Barrett (RD)		
Stakeholder Groups	John Weichert (Committee for Portland)		
Local Government Representative:	Paul Phelan (Via teams) (Director of Community Services Glenelg Shire Council) <i>[left at 2.30pm]</i>		
Neoen Representatives:	Kristina Yan, Naomi Swift, Kent Barker, Alicia Webb		
Minute Taker:	Kent Barker		
1. Welcome and Introduction			
<p>LA opened the meeting at 2.03pm and welcomed attendees to the meeting of the Kentbruck Green Power Hub Community Advisory Committee (CAC). LA introduced Alicia Webb and invited her to provide some background on herself for the information of members. To assist AW, LA asked attendees to introduce themselves and state their role on the CAC.</p>			
2. Apologies			
<p>Lisa Stiebel, Noel Johnstone, Leah Perkins and Robert Hanssen Green Triangle Forest Products (host Landowner).</p>			
3. Governance and Declarations of pecuniary or other interests			
<p>LA stated that there were no changes to her previous declarations and reminded members to update their pecuniary interest forms if needed. LA advised AW that she would send through the relevant governance forms for completion and return. Action.</p>			
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes			
<p>The last CAC was held in Portland on 11 August 2022 and the minutes from that meeting were distributed on 23/8/22 and finalised on 2/9/22. There were two action items from that meeting:</p>			

1.	Follow up option payments to Bill Wakely. Progressing. Spoken with BW, contract currently with solicitors and will be back dated.	KB	Complete.
2.	Provide update on the lifespan of a tower. Complete – 25-30 years capacity.	KB	Complete

5. Correspondence (as sent out with agenda on 24/11/22)

- o 23/8/22 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- o 2/9/22 - Email to members with the final minutes.
- o 14/11/22 – Kentbruck Green Power Hub Project Update.
- o 14/11/22 – Email to members with a Save the Date and Draft Agenda for the CAC on 24/11/22.
- o 19/11/22 – Email to CAC members with the meeting notice, agenda for 24/11/22.
- o 24/11/22 – Email to CAC members with the reminder for this meeting, including video-link.

6. Project Update

- **Project Update** – Kristina Yan (PowerPoint presentation attached)
 - o EES still to be submitted
- **Issue with Apple Jack Gum Trees along Transmission Route**
 - o 58 Apple Jacks (FFG listed) were found along Boiler Swamp Road
 - o Able to avoid with vacuum excavation or horizontal directional drilling (expensive but cost TBD)
 - o Alternative route not accepted by the community
 - o Working with DLEP on identification of trees and will present hard evidence
- **Planning** – Kristina Yan

KY provided a timeline of the project. Kentbruck needs to be approved early in 2023 in order to delivery in 2026.
- **Cultural Heritage and Gundiitj Mirring Engagement/Cultural Values Assessment**

KB met with Adam Black and the group, who are happy that they are being considered and consulted with.
- **CHMP Methodology**
- **Community Engagement**

KB informed the CAC they NEON are putting more into community sessions and the community benefit fund. Visual montages will be going up on the website soon, which shows a virtual perspective/pan around feature. **Action – send link.**

7. Questions and Answers

- JW enquired about the wind speed and whether there was capacity to have the turbines “braked”. KY responded, yes, the blades can be kept out of the wind direction and are able to be restarted quickly.
- RB asked where the Apple Jack trees were located, how many are impacted and whether offsets will be required. KY advised that offsets will be required, however, currently looking at this issue and working with a broker. There are 58 trees identified, however, horizontal drilling or vacuum excavation for trenching will limit any impact. All trees have to be protected.
- RB commented that DELP have been difficult to deal with in the past. It would be good to find enough trees for the species to be taken off the endangered list. KB said that he will speak with local farmers to obtain more information.
- JW enquired whether they were in the Cobonee with KB confirming this. Further, commenting that identification of the trees on private property has the potential of prohibiting development.
- Rob Barrett spoke of a community member that may be interested in becoming a CAC Member
- Member updates had kept members better informed and should continue. All in agreeance.

- KB & LA spoke of a possible new member from Nelson – however, the person feels he has a potential conflict with friends with different views.
- KY – format change of meetings as Lisa Andrews could no longer attend in person. – Meeting feeling was that a hybrid model does work, perhaps with LA chair from online with others including Neoen staff in the room would be preferred
- KB thanked LA for her guidance and professionalism over the last years.
- RB suggested running a competition in local schools on cultural heritage to include young people and a learning hub.
- RB asked where the closest turbine to Nelson is located. KY responded 4km.

8. General Business

Purpose of the CAC

- LA reiterated the purpose of the CAC. Raising the issue of recruiting more members on the CAC. Stating that she had telephoned three potential nominees. One has declined and she is awaiting further response from the other two. **Action – follow up potential CAC nominees.**
- LA provided positive feedback on the community updates that KB has been preparing and providing.
- KB advised that over 160 newsletters had been sent out during the last update.
- COVID has impacted the consistency in being able to consult and engage the community and the Community Advisory Committee.
- JW asked if there is a database. KB advised that there is a link on the website for potential contractors to register for employment/supply.
- LA informed attendees that this may be her last meeting as she is unable to visit the site on a quarterly basis.
- KY commented that she felt the meeting could work as a hybrid model and perhaps LA could chair online with others including Neoen staff in the room.

9. Meeting Schedule for 2023

It was agreed that CAC meetings would be held quarterly during 2023 with dates to be scheduled.

- **Action: Dates to be advised.**

Meeting Closed *3.01pm with LA thanking all members for their attendance and as it was the last meeting for 2022, wishing all a safe and happy festive season.*

ACTION ITEMS		By Whom	By When
1.	Send governance forms to AW for completion and return	LA	ASAP
2.	Send montage link to CAC members	LA	With minutes
3.	KB & LA to follow up with potential Heywood member	KB	ASAP
4.	2023 Meeting Schedule to be advised.	LA	Include as agenda item for next meeting.