



Waverley Wind Farm Community Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes

10th July 2019, 17:30 hrs

Present:	Mike Neho	Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi
	Ngapuri	Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi
	Leonie Matoe	Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi
	Rob Northcott	STDC Councillor – Patea Ward
	Vicky Koubaridis	Local Community
	Ben Dickie	Transport Route
	Maryanne Archibald	Local Community
	Stewart Reid	Tilt Renewables
	Jim Pearson	Tilt Renewables
	Jarrod Franklin-Browne	Higgins Contractors
	Peter Gibson	Higgins Contractors
Apologies:	Jasmine Hessel	Department of Conservation

Next meeting: To be Confirmed (suggested for September subject to project approval)

1. Role of Group

The objective of the Consultative Group will be to facilitate information flow between Tilt Renewables' and the community and will be an on-going point of contact. The function of the Consultative Group shall also include acting as a forum for relaying community concerns about the construction and on-going operation of the Waverley Wind Farm to the Tilt Renewables on-site management team, developing acceptable means of addressing (where possible) and managing those concerns, and reviewing the implementation of measures to resolve and manage community concerns.

2. Discussion

A high level overview was provided by Tilt Renewables on the current activities and planned activities should Board approval for the construction phase be granted.

- Project currently going through financial due diligence processes
- Recent on-site testing has been carried out utilising a dynamic compaction ground improvement technique. Ground improvement is required to mitigate the risk of liquification and lateral spread under the turbine foundations in an earthquake scenario.



- A business case for the construction phase is planned to be submitted to the Tilt Renewables Board on August 23rd, 2019
- Start project September 2019
- Early works are planned for mid-August. This involves fencing ecological areas on the wind farm site and upgrading the site transport route to site. The transport route will turn off the state Highway just north of the R&L Transport yard and connect to Rangikura road via the existing farm race route. Rangikura road and Dryden road will be widened to support two-way traffic flow to the site. These works are estimated to take 6 weeks and will be completed before the main site works commence.
- Transmission line construction is scheduled to commence on September 1st
- Site works are scheduled to commence on October 1st
- The total project duration is approximately 18 months
- The project will be built by Waverley Wind Farm Ltd. a wholly owned subsidiary of Tilt Renewables Ltd.
- The wind farm will utilise 31 x 4.3MW wind turbines with a 95m hub height and 160m tip height. This is the whole site built out in accordance with its resource consents (there is no further scope for subsequent stages under the resource consent).
- The total project spend is approximately \$300M
- Tilt Renewables is committed to providing opportunities in the local community to spread the benefits of the project both during the construction and operational phases of the project.
- On completion of the construction phase there will be 4-5 full time staff
- The project will have a minimum 30-year life span. Should the project be decommissioned in future the turbines will be removed
- A community fund will be established when the wind farm is commissioned and will be administered by a community-led group. Further discussions on this initiative will take place if the project is approved.

3. General Comments and Queries

Comments that were noted are as below. A number of these items will be addressed in the next community newsletter to be distributed at the end of July.

- Opportunities in connecting with main contractors were discussed. Expressions of interest for services, etc. can be lodged at:
 - www.waverleywindfarm.com or by emailing: waverleywindfarm@tiltrenewables.com
- The main contractors will be advertising for local workers that can help build the project. This will be through websites such as Seek and the local press. Opportunities for apprenticeships to also be investigated.
- Opportunities for support services provided by the local community will exist during the construction and operation phases
- A local community fund will be established once the wind farm is commissioned. At other project sites this fund was managed via a local community group (such as the Lions Club)



- Tilt Renewables is committed to supporting the community over the long term as we will be a member of the community for 30 years +. We will take an active involvement in the community through connections with Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi, local schools, organisations, clubs, etc.
- Concerns were raised about the transmission line route through Waverley township. During the planning and approval phase of the project, several proposed transmission line routes were investigated. This included the review of environmental, planning, safety and local impacts. The final route and transmission line design was granted resource consent through a publicly notified hearing process in 2017.
- A selection of a Chairperson for the group was not decided. To be addressed at the next meeting.
- Proposed that the minutes for meetings be provided on the Waverley Wind Farm website alongside other project information such as newsletters and progress reports.
- Ideas discussed about publicising local culture and history, the project and other potential initiatives to raise awareness and opportunities. Ideas include cultural signage/carvings, information boards, drop in shop, etc.
- Opportunities to highlight 21st century skills and technologies that deliver local and national benefits. Palmerston North experience has shown how an extensive local support network is now serving the industry.
- Query about what are the usual concerns. Experience from other sites show it is typically noise and visual. Traffic is also a concern during construction. All of these items will have close attention to ensure effects are mitigated and also meet all consent conditions and national standards, etc. Concerns will also be addressed through proactive communication and also engagement with this group.
- There was discussion about more persons joining the group. Experience has shown a group size of 7-10 people is optimum. A further call for members will be put in the next Newsletter and also members will canvas for anyone else that may be interested.
- It was noted that a number of people had not seen newsletter or newspaper advertisements. The newsletter was posted to all addressed within 10km of the wind farm site = 1,364 properties. The best means to get the newsletter to all in the community will be re-assessed. Ideas include the Patea/Waverley Press, Patea Community page and Waverley Facebook page
- The frequency of these meetings should be monthly if the project obtains approval and then be re-assessed by the group as things progress.
- Communication and engagement with the local community is a key to make sure things go smoothly for all!

Meeting closed at 19:00 hrs.