



## **Waverley Wind Farm Community Group Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

24<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 17:00 hrs

Present:	Vicky Koubaridis	Local Community
	Maryanne Archibald	Local Community
	Stewart Reid	Tilt Renewables
	Jim Pearson	Tilt Renewables
	Peter Gibson	Higgins Contractors
	Blake Houghton	Higgins Contractors
Apologies:	Jasmine Hessell	Department of Conservation
	Rob Northcott	STDC Councillor – Patea Ward
	Leonie Matoe	Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi
	Ben Dickie	Transport Route
Next meeting:	To be Confirmed	

### **1. Presentation**

Stewart Reid presented the current status and forward plans for the project (attached)

Key points discussed:

- Early works currently underway which is road upgrades (Rangikura and Dryden) and site ecological fencing
- Site construction planned to commence October 15<sup>th</sup> as long as early works stays on schedule
- A site blessing will take place on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
- A formal sod turning ceremony with key stakeholders is planned for Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Turbines are scheduled to arrive on site in May 2020
- The wind farm is scheduled to start generating electricity in Oct 2020
- The wind farm is expected to be fully complete in Mar 2021
- Tilt have confirmed that an annual community funds of \$25,000 will be established once the wind farm is fully commissioned. This fund will remain in place for the life of the wind farm (30 years minimum).

### **2. Discussion**

Discussion points were as follows:



- The Whanganui Chronicle and South Taranaki Star were the recommended printed media to use for any messaging
- A community open day was discussed. Tilt recommended that based on prior experience that this be conducted once the wind farm has started operations. Tilt are open to having an annual open day as has been done on other sites on the World Wind Generation Day. Also discussed a wind farm completion community day on Waitangi Day 2021 (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>). Tilt to schedule a community open day once turbines have commenced operations.
- Discussion was held on informing the community of the site plans and progress. Using an empty shop front or the library for posting some information on the project was discussed. Discussion also about a rolling presentation of information on a TV, etc. Stewart Reid to investigate further.
- Another newsletter is to be printed next week. Tilt will place copies at the library and any other shops / cafes that accept to best get into the communities hands.
- Discussion on the annual community fund and how that it is best managed. Tilt's preference is that the community establish how they would like to manage the funds and their distribution. Ideally the funds should benefit a large portion of the greater community. Tilt mentioned that at other sites local groups such as the Lions Club have managed the community fund. Vicky and Maryanne will further consider and discuss within the community. There is time to establish the right process and body to manage. Tilt to provide examples of how it has been done elsewhere and the types of initiatives that have been funded.
- Discussion about the goods and services register which Tilt is keeping for expressions of interest logged through the website or telephone calls. The register is broken out into accommodation, employment seekers and goods and services. The register is being distributed to the main contractors for consideration. It was noted that the majority of the opportunities that exist are for persons with specific construction related skills.
- Discussion about further members joining the group. Ideally there should be 5-7 persons from the community on the group. Tilt will continue to advertise for interest. Vicky and Maryanne will also continue to canvas for other interested persons.

Meeting closed at 18:00 hrs.