



Waipipi Wind Farm Community Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes

16th December 2020, 17:00hrs – Site Visit

Present:

Vicky Koubaridis	Local Community
Mark Nicholas	Local Community
Stewart Reid	Tilt Renewables
Jim Pearson	Tilt Renewables

Apologies:

Robert Northcott	STDC Councillor – Patea Ward
Marianne Archibald	Local Community / STDC
Maria Ferris	Local Community / Patea Community Board
Steven Dowman	Local Community
Sarah Treadgold	Department of Conservation
Ben Dickie	Transport Route
Bob Hayes	Local Community

Next meeting: To be Confirmed

1. Progress Update

Stewart Reid provided an update of current activities on site:

- All site civil works have been completed apart from rehabilitation activities
- 31 foundations poured
- 31 WTGs pre-erected
- 22 WTGs fully erected
- 19 WTGs operating
- Power being exported to the Waverley substation since Nov 16th



2. Discussion Points

Discussion points were as follows:

- Conducted as site visit to turbines 07 & 08. Discussed turbines generating, technology and reinstatement / land rehabilitation activities.;
- Discussed future activities including further turbine assemblies, powering up and conclusion of works;
- Discussed Community Fund that will be established upon completion of the project (estimated March 2020) and how it will be managed. The Community Consultation Group have developed a draft structure for the fund's management and application process and will forward through to Tilt for feedback. Jim to review and discuss internally to provide feedback from other wind farm communities in relation to the process, governance, etc.;
- Discussed the wind farm viewing area and development of storyboards. Tilt are in discussions with the wind farm landowners about a location and parking area off of Dryden road. The storyboards are currently being developed and will include information on the cultural history of the area (being developed by Nga Rauru), the wind farm and technology being used. Discussions also about a second viewing area from the Patea River lookout which has been suggested. Tilt keen to develop this option as well; and
- Discussed a public open day. Tilt propose this to take place in late March upon completion of construction activities and when the weather will also be good.

Meeting closed at 18:00 hrs.

Photos



View from Patea Lookout



Site Substation