

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

**ConFest Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Date: **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Time: **7:30pm**

Venue: **CERES, Learning Centre Rm,1-2 Lee St, Brunswick East VIC**

Online: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

#	Item	Raised by:
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	1.1 Confirmation of Agenda: Denise Banville 1.2 Confirm Minute Keeper: Coral Larke	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>

DTE Member No.	SURNAME	FIRSTNAME	QUALIFY Voting Rights 3+	9 Mar 2017
1732	Armstrong	Corinne	4	Y
1762	Banville	Denise	5	Y
1734	Bennett	Emma	3	Y
1710	Brogan	Ellen	3	Y
1764	Carty	Peter	5	Y
571	Cruise	David	5	Y
597	Cruise	Peter	4	Y
1747	Ernst	Kathleen	2	Y
1758	Gerardi	Fulvio	3	Y
1619	Gregory	Steve	5	online
1711	Hales	Ian	5	Y
1754	Larke	Coral	4	Y
1760	Macpherson	Robin	5	online
1725	Mathews	Malcolm	5	Y
1770	Mcdonald	David	5	Y
1763	Mollet	David	4	Y
1664	Neal	Angela	2	Y
1774	Newcombe	Craig	3	Y
1685	Nissen	Lars	4	online
1751	Pinney	Bruce	4	Y
1767	Pitt	Trevor	4	Y
1745	Rasmussen	Mark	5	Y
1689	Reid	Darrell	2	Y
1744	Reid	Troy	4	Y
1131	Royal	Donald	4	Y
1731	Schwarz	Martin	5	online
1735	Shiperlee	Aaron	3	Y

1699	Tarr	Jennifer	4	online
1645	Tunney	Kristen	3	online
1766	Woodgate	Richard	4	Y
GUEST	Tippett	Peter		online
GUEST	Flynn	John		Y

<b>3</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>																																																																																
	- CC Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017 had not been sent to members and so approval will be deferred until next week																																																																																	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Tabling of ConFest Village &amp; Site Budgets for CC Approval</u></b>	<i>Ian Hales</i>																																																																																
	<p>The total budget for ConFest is \$160000 and the total of requests is over budget by \$11000. Individuals made reductions to their budgets and some budgets were not approved.</p> <p>Mark R. spoke of reducing his original budget by \$1500 and leading by example wants to encourage others to do the same where they can. Some villages have no budget including his own village which provides 3 workshop spaces for the ConFest community.</p> <p>Final site budget figures presented and approved for CC members by consensus:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>OpEx</th> <th>CapEx</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>DEPARTMENT</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Action Team</td> <td>Martin Schwarz</td> <td>897</td> <td></td> <td>897</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Crew</td> <td>Malcolm Matthews</td> <td>7,000</td> <td>3,000</td> <td>10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Wardens</td> <td>Peter Carty</td> <td>1,150</td> <td></td> <td>1,150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Aid</td> <td>Kate Shapiro</td> <td>13,500</td> <td>3,000</td> <td>16,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heavy Machinery</td> <td>Mark Rasmussen</td> <td>4,807</td> <td></td> <td>4,807</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hub Kitchen (Food &amp; Beverage)</td> <td>Greg White</td> <td>24,000</td> <td></td> <td>24,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hub Kitchen (Infrastructure)</td> <td>Richard Woodgate</td> <td></td> <td>20,000</td> <td>20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hub Kitchen (Rebuild)</td> <td>Peter Cruise</td> <td></td> <td>3,000</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Info, Décor &amp; Volunteers</td> <td>Kali Jade</td> <td>7,830</td> <td></td> <td>7,830</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure (Cooking Circles)</td> <td>Shardae Reed</td> <td>851</td> <td></td> <td>851</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure (Setup)</td> <td>Martin Schwarz</td> <td>12,400</td> <td></td> <td>12,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure (Sullage)</td> <td>Martin Schwarz</td> <td>537</td> <td></td> <td>537</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure (Toilets)</td> <td>Martin Schwarz</td> <td>8,318</td> <td></td> <td>8,318</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure (Tools)</td> <td>Martin Schwarz</td> <td>1,123</td> <td></td> <td>1,123</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Applicant	OpEx	CapEx	Total	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>					Action Team	Martin Schwarz	897		897	Fire Crew	Malcolm Matthews	7,000	3,000	10,000	Fire Wardens	Peter Carty	1,150		1,150	First Aid	Kate Shapiro	13,500	3,000	16,500	Heavy Machinery	Mark Rasmussen	4,807		4,807	Hub Kitchen (Food & Beverage)	Greg White	24,000		24,000	Hub Kitchen (Infrastructure)	Richard Woodgate		20,000	20,000	Hub Kitchen (Rebuild)	Peter Cruise		3,000		Info, Décor & Volunteers	Kali Jade	7,830		7,830	Infrastructure (Cooking Circles)	Shardae Reed	851		851	Infrastructure (Setup)	Martin Schwarz	12,400		12,400	Infrastructure (Sullage)	Martin Schwarz	537		537	Infrastructure (Toilets)	Martin Schwarz	8,318		8,318	Infrastructure (Tools)	Martin Schwarz	1,123		1,123	
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Market	Corinne Armstrong	1,000	1,000
Site Ops (Fire Wardens)	Peter Carty	2,465	2,465
Site Ops (Lights)	Peter Carty	140	140
Site Ops (Radios)	Peter Carty	6,050	6,050
Site Ops (Rangers)	Peter Carty	150	150
Site Ops (Sat phone hire)	Peter Carty	300	300
Site Ops (Plumbing Parts)	Peter Carty	500	500
Ticketing	Robin MacPherson	8,800	8,800
Traffic Mgmt (Barriers, etc.)	Emma Bennett	1,200	1,200
Traffic Mgmt (Trolley Wheels)	Emma Bennett	1,916	1,916
Well Being	Murray Ross	900	900
<b>VILLAGE</b>			
Arts	Peter Cruise	8,050	8,050
Bliss	Darrell Reid	2,100	2,100
Cause Camp	Coral Larke	978	978
Doing It Ourselves	Susan Scholem	500	500
Drumming	Kylie Bayens	3,450	3,450
Family/Awesome	David Mollett	5,552	5,552
Fire (Twirling) Circle	Taisha Reed	3,613	3,613
Green Space	Craig Necombe	590	590
Gypsy	Kristen Tunny	1,098	1,098
Open Stage	Jon Drews	3,500	3,500
Permaculture (Village)	Aaron Shipperlee	4,522	4,522
Permaculture (Booklet)	Aaron Shipperlee	1,846	1,846
Permaculture (Kitchen)	Mikoto Araki	3,700	3,700
Poly-Space	Alison Mayer	180	180
Rainbow	Bernie Slagtmann	2,240	2,240
Sacred Peace Circle	Daniel Banfai		

			250		250
	Tinyville	Rory McDougall	-	-	-
	Uncertainty Village	Chris Watkins	1,062		1,062
	White Gums	Rowan Classen	1,500	1,500	3,000
	Yoga Space	Dominic Gilligan	350		350
	<b>ARTS PROJECTS</b>				
	Bike Crew	Marte Kinder	500		500
	Craft Café	Kathy Ernst	2,100		2,100
	Easter Eggs Hunt	Andrew Wilkinson	500		500
	Holi Colour	Ajit Singh	2,500		2,500
	Inner Colour	Andra Boudi	650		650
	Rainbow Village	Bernie Slagtman	1,525		1,525
	Rainbow Unicorns	Emma Bennett	400		400
	Silent Disco	Paul Rosenberg	6,099		6,099
	Space Van	Adrian Jordan	-	-	-
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		Department			
		Subtotal	105,833	29,000	131,833
		Village Subtotal	45,080	1,500	46,580
		Art Project			
		Subtotal	14,274	-	14,274
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>165187</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>192,687</b>
		Budget Subtotal	168,000		
		Budget Under	2,813		
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Objections to budget and deferrals</u></b>				
	<b>Drumming:</b> Objection Ian Hales. Drummers should not be allowed fuel allowance because it is against the agreement stated on the funding application guidelines. Elle argued that drums make up their infrastructure. Peter Carty argued that they need to take more cars specifically for the drums and so the term haulage is appropriate in this case. Motion passed				

	<p><b>Permaculture booklet:</b> Emma Bennett wants directors to site the booklet prior to it being given out at the front gate. Lars said that half the number of the proposed 4000 would be better so that each car goes home with one instead of each person receiving one, this will potentially stop some of them from ending up in land fill. There was discussion if the booklet would be better as a PDF and to be sent electronically as it will save paper and align with its aims of saving the planet. Proposal: Deferred.</p> <p><b>Ticketing:</b> The \$1 unit price for a wrist band was questioned and noted that Rainbow Festival wristband costs were 4c. Further research will be done and reported back to CC. However at this point no change to Ticketing budget.</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Relationships:</b> Clap Sticks Objections: Peter Cruise Vote: 11 for, 12 against Proposal failed</p> <p><b>Leave No Trace:</b> Artwork with youth participation Objections: Peter Cruise said he should supply the art supplies because it saves money. Vote: 7 for 14 against. Proposal failed.</p> <p><b>Silent Disco:</b> Equipment will be hired instead of bought. Passed by consensus</p> <p><b>Overall Budget proposal:</b> Objections: Coral Larke. Peter Cruise did not present his budget for discussion to the group where as all other applicants who were present did. The Arts Village budget was accepted without scrutiny and this gives the impression of proposals being unfairly biased. Given the total budget came under the maximum limit by \$2813 should allow the clap sticks and leave no trace artwork proposal be reassessed. Confest Budget was passed by consensus.</p>	
6	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	
	Next Thursday 7:30pm.	