

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

Organising Committee
Executive arm of DTE

Minutes

Date: **22/10/2020**
Time: **7:30pm**
Venue: **Online via Zoom**
Online: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

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1	<u>Meeting Started</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																																	
	7:39pm																																		
2	<u>Election Of Chair</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																																	
	Confirmation of Chairperson: Trevor Pitt, John Magor chairs at 8:27pm, Trevor at 8:37pm, Confirm Minute Keeper: Vanessa Ernst																																		
3	<u>Attendance</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																																	
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4	<u>Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																																	
	15/10/2020	<i>Moved: Kathy Ernst Seconded: John Magor P.B.C.</i>																																	
	14/09/2020 – Agenda Item 8649 was actually passed by majority not consensus	<i>Moved: Kathy Ernst Seconded: John Magor P.B.C.</i>																																	
5	<u>Task Check List</u>	<i>Procedural</i>																																	
	Trevor Pitt, David Cruise, John Reid, and Kate Sarah to produce the SGM notice (COMPLETED)																																		

6	<u>Correspondence / Payments</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice from Red Energy 	
7	<u>WH&S</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
8	<u>Agenda Items From Previous OC Meeting</u>	
	Agenda Item 12090: Concerned DTE share holder	
	<p>Agenda details: DTE recently received a fine from a government authority - NRAR. The agency Natural Resources Access Regulator. This was for items left on the river edge at Wooroomah property that contravened certain laws. We have already received the first set of fines \$3000. NRAR have advised the next course of action is court with related fines up to \$2m. When notified of this issue two share members offered to resolve the issue with minimal personal expenses for food and travel to Woorooma. Both share members have skills in government liaison, farming heavy machinery, in debt knowledge of the Aboriginal Heritage Overlay and time to activate a solution. A number of OC committee members acted to deter and sabotage attempts of these share members to ensure DTE Assets were maintained and compliant with the law. These acts to deter and sabotage have been documented on social media. What does the OC of DTE as executive arm of a land holding intend to do about these issues? 1. What solution does the OC intend to provide to DTE shareholders in regards to the notice from NRAR? 2. What does the OC intend to do about members who have sabotaged attempts to maintain one of its Assets as a legal obligation?</p> <p>Motion: That the OC checks off each item on the NRAR criteria and then emails members@dte.coop and members@dte.org that all criteria is met.</p> <p>Item by: Ellen Brogan 1710 and Barry Simmonds</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>WITHDRAWN</i></p>	
	OC Representative to NRAR	
	Motion: That the OC appoints Suzie Helson to be the OC representative to NRAR.	<p><i>Moved: David Cruise</i> <i>Seconded: Malcolm Matthews</i> <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	Deferral of legal action and advice allocations	
	Motion: That the OC defers payment of the money allocated for legal action and legal advice until after further appropriations have been made.	<p><i>Moved: Kathy Ernst</i> <i>Seconded: Lindy Hunt</i> <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	Agenda Item 12847: Red Energy invoice	
	<p>Agenda details: An estimated bill for Bylands electricity has been Received. Invoice viewable at http://data.dte.org.au/files/20201021_RedEnergyInvoice_7403328_1.pdf A request has been put to a member to read the meter, but this may not be completed before the bill is due.</p> <p>Motion: That the Red Energy invoice for Bylands electricity be approved for payment, up to \$273.25, and be paid directly to Red Energy.</p> <p>Item by: John Reid</p>	<p><i>Moved: Suzie Helson</i> <i>Seconded: Skye Fitzpatrick</i> <i>P.B.C.</i></p>

	Agenda Item 12096: Funding for FCM expenses	
	<p>Agenda details: Big Little Numbers has submitted Invoice # 4486 for payment. Insufficient card balance on FINCOM card to cover this amount</p> <p>Motion: That OC approves \$2,073.50 be transferred to FCM card for payment of current Bookkeeping Account</p> <p>Item by: Skye Fitzpatrick 1659</p>	<p><i>Moved: Kate Shapiro</i> <i>Seconded: Skye Fitzpatrick</i> <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	Agenda Item 12845: Consumer Affairs – Incorporated Associations	
	<p>Agenda details: At the annual general meeting, the association must present its members with the required financial statements. The members review the financial statements and decide whether to accept them as the association’s financial statements for that financial year.</p> <p>Motion: That the audited annual financial statements be provided to members at least seven days prior to the AGM.</p> <p>Item by: Ian Hales</p>	<p><i>Moved: Ian Hales</i> <i>Seconded: Kate Sarah</i> <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	<u>Carried Resolutions</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the OC appoints Suzie Helson to be the OC representative to NRAR. • That the OC defers payment of the money allocated for legal action and legal advice until after further appropriations have been made. • Item 12847: That the Red Energy invoice for Bylands electricity be approved for payment, up to \$273.25, and be paid directly to Red Energy. • Item 12096: That OC approves \$2,073.50 be transferred to FCM card for payment of current Bookkeeping Account. • Item 12845: That the audited annual financial statements be provided to members at least seven days prior to the AGM. 	
	<u>Actions to be taken</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas and fuel storage issue needs to be revisited • Lindy Hunt requested the OC review the process for paying bills and obtaining services before the OC has funds to pay for them 	
	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	29/10/2020 7:30pm	
	<u>Meeting Ended</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	10:39pm	