

MINUTES

Tuesday 17th September 2019, 10:00am

Benalla Council Offices

1. Present:

Kevin Smith, Adrian Howden, John Lloyd, Peter Maddock, Sandy Campbell, Frank Dunin, Larissa Montgomery

2. Apologies:

None received

3. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of 20th August 2019 be accepted

Moved: Kevin Smith 2nd: Adrian Howden All in favour

4. Business Arising

- 4.1. Lighthouse BP Information Session, Peter and Kevin attended. Will tap into existing approved part of solar farm, on other side of railway. Won't start construction until extension approval. Community benefit – get the feeling they are looking for 'bricks and mortar' projects.
- 4.2. Joint funding application with GVCE was unsuccessful. Was a very competitive funding stream. GVCE still keen to go ahead with solar installs which wasn't dependent on the grant and will meet with Beyond Housing to discuss.
- 4.3. Annual statement to CAV is ready to submit, Peter will complete submission.
- 4.4. Screening of '2040'. Larissa got indicative prices for BPACC. Need to wait to hear more from DELWP.

5. Correspondence

None to report.

6. Action Groups – report on action plan to implement key strategies

6.1 Waste to Energy – report from Adrian.

Adrian met with an engineer looking at processing of toxic chemicals and treated timber. Also discussed waste to energy and looking at the economics.

6.2 Community Energy Project – report from John

John and Larissa have been working on some wording to send out to contact list and seeking people to assist with the community energy project. John will circulate draft.

6.3 Energy Efficiency sessions – report from John

The heating / cooling and hot water session was held, only four people attended. Next Peter is presenting on appliances and cooking then Kevin the last session on solar and battery.

7. Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap

John drafted media release which was circulated to everyone for comment. It will appear in this weeks paper before the BSFG meeting next Thursday. Fiona Roberts from DELWP will present on the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap at the BSFG meeting and then John follow up with a quick overview of REB and the Hot Water Bulk Buy.

8. Hot Water Bulk Buy

The Hot Water Bulk Buy is ready to be launched. Indigo Power will provide \$50 for printing. Need to work on the flyer as it isn't catchy or clear enough. Kevin will see if Ian Herbert can amend. Will get prices for printing from Benalla Office Supplies and Benalla Printing.

9. Community Engagement Strategy

- 9.1. Distribution of printed materials. Will put some at Benalla West Post Office. Would be useful to have a plastic display. Peter will check prices at Benalla Office Supplies. Real Estate might be interested in having the rental pamphlet displayed.
- 9.2. Lakeside Market 28th September. Peter will check if BSG want to have combined stall and will book a site. Peter and John will set up. Sandy can help.
- 9.3. Discussion with stakeholders. Peter hasn't had a chance to speak to Tim Bowtell. Daryl Defazio had concerns about the large solar farms and what is an actual community benefit.

10. General Business

- 10.1. Community benefit from solar farm developers. Rob Carolane suggested the community groups should meet with Benalla and Wangaratta solar farm developers to discuss what community benefits should look like.
- 10.2. School Strike for Climate – Ian and Kevin are going to Albury. John is going to Shepparton. There might be strikes in Euroa and Wangaratta too but not registered on the official website yet. Benalla Youth Action Society might be interested in attending.
- 10.3. Community Energy Webinar Series and workshops. John circulated the information. Series starts on 26 September. Workshops in Melbourne.

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th October 2019, 10am