

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

**Organising Committee  
Executive arm of DTE**

**Minutes**

Date: **15/10/2020**  
 Time: **7:30pm**  
 Venue: **Online via Zoom**  
 Online: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

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1	<b><u>Meeting Started</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																																		
	7:34pm																																			
2	<b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																																		
	Confirmation of Chairperson: Peter Tippett Confirm Minute Keeper: Vanessa Ernst																																			
3	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																																		
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4	<b><u>Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>																																		
	08/10/2020 – adjustment needed to make it clear that the 16/09/20 minutes have not been completed or confirmed yet	<i>Moved: Kathy Ernst Seconded: John Magor P.B.C.</i>																																		
	14/09/2020 – deferred until it is confirmed whether Item 8649 was P.B.M. or P.B.C.																																			

	18/06/2020 – Item 8655 was referred to the board, not deferred	<i>Moved: Robin Macpherson Seconded: Elisa Brock P.B.C.</i>
	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 8/10/2020 – Arcuri invoices not to be paid until Kathy Ernst receives email</li> </ul>	
5	<b><u>Task Check List</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
6	<b><u>Correspondence / Payments</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
7	<b><u>WH&amp;S</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
8	<b><u>Agenda Items From Previous OC Meeting</u></b>	
	<b><u>Agenda Item 12096: Funding for FCM expenses</u></b>	
	<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>	<i>Moved: Skye Fitzpatrick Seconded: Elisa Brock Not voted on</i>
	<b><u>Agenda Item 12080: AGM process</u></b>	
	<p>Agenda details: Prior to the cancelled September SGM' there was an OC organised discussion 7th September for movers of motions to answer questions, clarify ideas and address valid concerns. This appeared a brilliant new addition to GM process. However, as one mover was not present due to family commitments this opened the discussion towards her motion being discussed without her being present. The tone of the discussion as captured on audio did not appear as a fair platform for the community to make an informed voting decision. To the mover this came across as bullying by committee. Also that a past motion stipulates movers of motions be present to address their motion. IF this was informal discussion by members and not bound by past OC motions then it's been misrepresented as an "OC discussion". It was more an informal group meeting which resulted in bullying a member. There were also members of the GM committee present who participated in this discussion prior to the proposed ballot and who didn't attempt to close the discussion as invalid. This does not appear as legal process. The GM committee should remain impartial in my opinion. In order to withhold a legal process (and free from bullying folk in their absence) the GM committee needs to provide the OC with terms of reference including impartial process and confidentiality agreements prior to the activation process of the next GM structuring. Otherwise the GM committee could appear to be acting with negative bias towards certain members which results in an illegal voting platform.</p> <p>Motion: That the GM committee provide the OC with terms of reference and confidentiality agreements along with the ratification for their roles.</p> <p>AMENDED MOTION: That the General Meeting Working Group (GMWG) have a terms of reference, including role descriptions and its members be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.</p> <p>Item by: Ellen Brogan 1710</p>	<i>Moved: Ellen Brogan Seconded: Troy Reid Motion failed</i>

	<b>Agenda Item 12090: Concerned DTE share holder</b>	
	<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 share holders 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 advise it's shareholders via the members@dte.coop of the solution to meet NRAR criteria.</p> <p>Item by: Ellen Brogan 1710 and Barry Simmonds</p>	
	<b>Agenda Item 13003: New SGM Date</b>	
	<p>Agenda details:</p> <p>Motion: That the postponed September SGM is cancelled and a new SGM is scheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 5-Nov-2020 via Zoom.</p> <p>Item by: Kate Sarah</p>	<p><i>Moved: Kate Sarah</i>  <i>Seconded: Trevor Pitt</i>  <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That the SGM listed for 5th Nov 2020 be for appropriations only.</p>	<p><i>Moved: Trevor Pitt</i>  <i>Seconded: Skye Fitzpatrick</i>  <i>P.B.C.</i></p>
	<b><u>Carried Resolutions</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 13003: That the postponed September SGM is cancelled and a new SGM is scheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 5-Nov-2020 via Zoom.</li> <li>• That the SGM listed for 5th Nov 2020 be for appropriations only.</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Actions to be taken</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trevor Pitt, David Cruise, John Reid, and Kate Sarah to produce the SGM notice</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	22/10/2020 7:30pm	
	<b><u>Meeting Ended</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	10:34pm	