

Minutes of Meeting - Summary

Moorabool Wind Farm Community Reference Group

Date: Tuesday 21/11/2017
Venue: Mt Wallace Hall, Mt Wallace
Purpose: Meeting No 3

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion
1	Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners
2	Apologies
3	Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests
4	Confirmation of previous minutes as of 22nd August 2017 Agreed.
5	Additional members Two new members of the CRG are required from the Elaine and Morrisons area to allow full geographical representation at the meetings. To be advertised.
6	New Chair This was discussed, and LG was nominated pending agreement of full CRG. This has been confirmed and LG has been appointed Chair of the CRG.
7	Terms of Reference These were discussed, and the document updated. This is now finalised and available on the Moorabool Wind Farm website, www.mooraboolwindfarm.com
6	Project Update Goldwind (GWA) provided a brief project update. Please see the latest project update available on the Moorabool Wind Farm website, www.mooraboolwindfarm.com

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Community Fund Guidelines

Working document presented to the meeting. This is a base for discussion to develop our own Guidelines for funding (from the annual community fund)

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Environmental sustainability.**

Example of Mordialloc Landcare trials and local agriculture trials as a possible receiver of funds. Agricultural production included/added to environmental sustainability. Discussion – more information needed for further discussion.

2. **Skills and education.**

Examples given of Ballan football & netball clubs sessions on youth suicide, coaching training, first aid courses, CFA training etc.

3. **Community spirit.**

Discussion on the meaning of community spirit and what it includes. Meeting decided to add **Infrastructure** to include upgrade of building that encourage community spirit and facilitate getting together.

4. **Health, welfare and safety.**

Meeting decide to re word to - “programs that promote public health in the shire”.

Meeting agreed to keep eligibility criteria general

Examples of ineligibility:

Discussion and agreed as follows:

1. Non-profit. Groups or individual. Meeting did not decide on whether individuals could be included or not. Will be finalised at next meeting.
2. Political affiliations (agreed)
3. Religious affiliations (agreed)
4. Private/commercial entities (agreed)
5. Irresponsible use of alcohol, cigarettes illegal drugs (agreed)
6. Government projects – discussion around whether projects involving local council are ineligible or not. Often projects involve co-operation with council (and other groups e.g. Bendigo Bank and health clinics).

Other items

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fund areas/geographical covered, how to apply, applications and timeframe, assessment process, implementation, reporting and evaluating, privacy and terms and conditions). These will be worked on next meeting. • The final document/application will be comprehensive (5-6 pages) including a budget sheet with quotes. Complexity of application may depend on amount being requested (tiered process). • CRG can request further information if required though applications and allocation of funds is aimed to be a one stage process. • Discussed the importance of accountability. Some suggestions re reporting, photos, evaluations, signage, interviews, holding last 10% of funding until final report received, etc were discussed. • Timing: The community fund will start when the MWF is exporting electricity to the grid i.e. when the last turbine is turned on.
<p>8</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>RDLC - Some Elaine residents feel it is a conflict of interest for one person to be on two CRGs of two different wind farms.</p> <p>Discussion. Meeting decided that this will not be an issue as the CRG for MWF is a large group representing the wider community and no individual will have dominant influence. The agreed aim of the CRG is to allocate funds using a fair and democratic process using consensus to benefit the whole community. The allocation of funds will be transparent and published in local media. In conclusion, the CRG is confident that the processes being put in place are strong/robust and will achieve their stated aims.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 8.05pm</p> <p>Next Meeting – 20th February, 6pm – 8pm at Mechanics Institute, Ballan.</p>