

**General meeting 5pm -7pm Wednesday April 3rd 2024. -
Neighbourhood House, 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale**

Agenda – Championing your concerns with local Government

1 .- Welcome - Election of Chair John Butler-Cole was confirmed as Chair

Attendees – Committee JBC Elsa Hodge, Ros Seymour Jeanette Wagner, + 5 members – Appendix 2

2. – Apologies- Peter Jones- , Annemieke Jongsma, William and Marilyn Monfries Cosette Murphy' J E

3. Progress Report –direction and planning – John Butler-Cole

-Regret cancellation of stand at EG Field days due to JBC personal issue– all funds for stand and insurance credited

- Meeting with Mayor and GM community 3rd. April. 24 - Community Consultation and engagement – Meeting Notes to follow **Action JBC**

4. Treasurer's statement -See Appendix – 1 - Bank Statement currently liabilities NIL

5. Secretary's statement – Minutes of previous meeting 6th March- Erata- comment on sustainable timber industry to be corrected. **Action JBC**

Critical path calendar to the October EGSC council election . - Information on critical calendar for councillor candidate development is not yet available from VEC expected June, September is last available date for registration Critical path calendar to the October EGSC council election.

New member approval- Moved to 1st May Meeting **Action JBC**

6. Councillor Search – Ian Trevaskis- Farmer from Orbost-New Member-and potential councillor candidate attended the meeting. (has 2 additional potential candidates from Lakes Entrance and Bruthen in discussion)

It was suggested that we develop a list of prime attributes to be possessed by ideal candidates **Action JBC and other members.**

Advertising plans are to be developed. **Action JBC** Printed Flier design is complete

- Suggestions – Karen Neophytou offered to speak to Yeates -discuss what Yeates can provide for us.

7. Membership drive – Print Media – Suggestions – No progress It is disappointing we could not proceed with Field Days Alternatives?

9. Current special interest group update reports .

-Sustainable Timber Industry Group – NB reported that Wellington Shire had responded to questions raised in respect of rates being levied for acreage used for commercial timber plantations. No rates being paid! JBC confirmed Egrra has asked same questions of EGSC and await response.

Particular reference to proposed 1000 hectares at Bengworden- Note we should also ask EGSC what rates will be paid by commercial solar farms and timber plantations particularly council charge and fire levy to offset the imported additional fire risk.

- Solar Farms Group – watching the local development of renewable energy installations to obtain optimum solution– JBC expressed concern that approvals process under direct control of State Minister will inevitably mean reduced direct local influence. Objections need to be organized and loud both to EGSC to ensure optimum solutions are achieved.

-Friends of Libraries Group - We await council decision on Library Services expected 9th April but understand that the 'officers recommendation' is for nil reduction in service provision by Libraries

-MFG -Mine Free Glenaladale Group – JE sent researched notes on implications of centralized planning decision making to be shared at 1st May meeting.

-Metung Preservation Group – Bossie Ct and Wood St commercial development . Planning inconsistencies -

.Raymond Island -various issues to be Identified – **Action William Monfries**

10. AOB – No further business identified Meeting closed at 6.55pm

Next General Meeting – 1st May 2024

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