



CLEAN ENERGY FOR ETERNITY INC ABN 39 545 573 281

**MINUTES OF AGM HELD AT 14 CANNING ST BEGA
MONDAY APRIL 10 2016 at 5.30 PM**

Present

Warren Yates (Chair), Prue Kelly, John Seckold, Judy Yates, Matthew Nott

Apologies

Kate Greenwood, Pete Gorton, Christina Kirsch

Welcome

The meeting was chaired by Warren Yates who welcomed members present

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

Minutes taken as read. Moved that they be adopted as a true record. Moved Prue Kelly , seconded Matthew Nott. Carried. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

Business Arising

There was no business arising.

President's Report

The President presented the attached report.

Secretary's Report

The secretary tabled the attached report

Moved Matthew Nott, seconded John Seckold that the secretaries report be accepted. Carried

Treasurer's report and financial statements

The treasurers report took the form of the attached financial statements and auditor's report . Moved that the report be adopted. Moved Warren Yates, seconded Prue Kelly. Carried.

Northern Beaches Chapter Report

The Northern Beaches chapter has met monthly over the last year, its main project being the ongoing development of ClearSky Solar Investments which now has \$1.6 million invested across 15 sites totalling 1.1 MW. There are sites in NSW, Qld, Vic, SA and WA. A number of projects are in the pipeline including Hillgrove House in Bega and Imlay House in Pambula. ClearSky was represented in a number of panel discussions at the recent Cpmunity Energy Conference held in Melbourne.

Election of Office Bearers

The chair declared all positions vacant and reported that only one nomination had been received for each office bearer. As required by the constitution nominations were in writing with two members and with the signed consent of the nominee.

He duly declared the following office bearers nominated:

PRESIDENT Matthew Louis Nott

SECRETARY Prudence Christina Kelly

TREASURER Kenneth Warren Yates

The chair noted that with the re-election of all three office bearers the bank signatories could remain unchanged with any two to sign. Moved Matthew Nott, seconded Pete Gorton. Carried

Other Business

Public Fund Committee

Moved Matthew Nott, seconded Prue Kelly that the Public Fund Management Committee remain unchanged as Matthew Nott, Prue Kelly and Warren Yates

Solar PV Funding Committee

To comply with the MOU with BVSC, it is necessary for CEFE to formalise a Solar PV Funding Committee. This committee will decide on projects to be funded by revenue generated by the TCSF.

The following members were elected to the committee

Matthew Nott

Prue Kelly

Derek Povel

The committee is required to have one BVSC representative. We have been advised by BVSC that the representative will be Daniel Murphy.

Summary of Financial Affairs

Moved Prue Kelly, seconded Warren Yates that the Public Officer be authorised to submit the Annual Summary of Financial Affairs (Form A12) tabled at the meeting to the Office of Fair Trading

Other business

The meeting agreed that CEFE should develop a short list of possible projects - and the individuals and groups with whom we could collaborate to bring to fruition those projects – that would make the best use of the TCSF revenue source that will continue until the end of 2020. Projects that will be investigated –

- Evans Park
- Soccer club

- Bega High School – we have a number of contacts and the Tathra School project launch would be a good ‘demonstrator’ for the High School and the project could be launched at the Tathra school PV system official opening.
- Lions Club. Could put panels on individual units or have an embedded network. The latter would have greater cost savings for residents but would be more complex to manage

CEFE will continue its collaboration with the SafeRide committee with the expectation that the project will be well established by the time the MOU with BVSC expires on 31 Dec 2020. Prue Kelly is a member of the steering committee.

Resolved not to proceed with a solar + battery bulk buy given the complexity and rapid change in technologies available and pricing.

Meeting ended at 6.15 pm



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2016/17

CEFE were approached by a former Tathra resident and current Professor of Geography at Otago University, Dunedin NZ to capture the 10year history of CEFE on film. We enthusiastically responded and spent several weeks co-ordinating key CEFE members and those who have been significantly involved with CEFE since inception, including Dr Mike Kelly. We have been advised that the film is not quite finished for various reasons but will be, and we hope to launch it later this year.

CEFE has written a letter of support to the Evans Park Committee for construction of an amenities block on site at Kalaru, as requested by Committee member, Adam Wiggins. We have also offered to fund a small (eg, 1kW) rooftop solar system to power toilets and sensor lighting. This building is adjacent to the proposed Tathra Bega Safe Ride.

Following the great success of IMAGINE at Tathra, BVSC was most enthusiastic to have CEFE help with INSPIRE at Bermagui and IGNITE at Merimbula. I made contact with several enthusiastic residents in Bermagui but was advised by Council that infrastructure at Bermagui Treatment Plant needed upgrade and funds were unavailable following the extreme weather event which hit the Far South Coast in May/June 2016 causing severe damage to road and buildings in the Shire. The Merimbula project has also been put on hold until further notice.

In 2016 I represented CEFE at two conferences in Sydney - the MicroGrid Conference on 28th April and the Australian Energy Summit on July 28. CEFE is recognised and well respected within the Australian renewable energy community, as is ClearSky Investments – the not for profit community energy organisation and impact investor created by CEFE in 2015.

April 2016: CEFE/BVSC's joint venture project, the Tathra Community Solar Farm, received a Highly Commended award in the Local Government Awards for Excellence in Environmental Leadership and Sustainability, so congratulations to BVSC for having the foresight to support our IMAGINE proposal. From March 2015 to December 2017 CEFE has received a total of \$9,449.41 (from May 26/16 only) net proceeds from the solar farm for other solar projects.

CEFE continued our support of the 2016 Tathra Enduro, now in its 7th year. Enduro founding member Matthew Nott MC'd the presentations and he and I booked and chaperoned 12 musicians/groups who played in the bush for more than 1.5 hours to win substantial prizemoney donated to CEFE. Winners were the Japanese Drummers, Tim Holt on modern recorder, and the Clarke brother-and-sister vocal/guitar duo.

CEFE has hosted public Eden-Monaro Candidates Forums since 2006. booked our 2016 Forum for June 22 in Bermagui and ultimately joined forces with National Trust (FSC), National Parks Association (FSC) and Great Southern Forests who were planning a similar event for the same day at the Bermagui Community Centre. Despite a very wet and windy night, 120 residents attended to hear presentations by all the Candidates except Eden-Monaro incumbent, Dr Peter Hendy, who had a prior engagement.

Tathra Public School's 17kW solar project, estimated at \$22,000, is progressing well. CEFE arranged a fundraiser with Professor Will Steffan at the School in late June, helped organise a fundraising dance in October and together with proceeds from the solar farm and Tathra Enduro, we have donated just over \$11,000 to the School for this installation. School Principal Lisa Freedman has

applied to the Dept of Education for the remaining 50% of the cost. We are aiming for installation by June 30, 2017.

CEFE have supported the 1 Million Women “No plastic bags” program since inception and congratulate local co-ordinator Dorte Planert and all the wonderful volunteers who have made more than 1,400 bags from recycled fabrics and distributed them to retailers and shoppers throughout the Shire and on the Monaro.

In summary, the last 12 months have been productive for CEFE. We’ve done a lot of research on possible RE projects and RE products (eg, battery storage), and we are looking forward to developing these in 2017/18.

President Matthew Nott, Treasurer & Public Officer Warren Yates and I have worked together as a very strong Executive team since 2013. I sincerely thank them for their continuing dedication and support, and also thank those loyal long-term members who are always willing to give their time and expertise when called upon. My role is diverse and inspiring, and I’m looking forward to helping create another brilliant year for CEFE in 2017/18.

Prue Kelly

April 10, 2017.