

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting - Arrowtown Tennis Club Room  
Thursday 28th May 2020 7.00pm  
Minutes

**Present:** Noel Beggs, Susan Rowley, Dave Harding-Shaw, Sara Clark, Daniel Sim, Peter Robinson, Nick Fifield, Jean Britton, Councillor Heath Copeland.

**Apologies:** Nicolet Spice ( Peter/ Dave )

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown there were no meetings in March and April but Noel had emailed a discussion document to committee members in April.

**Matters Arising:** The emergency response plan and secretary position. Both to be discussed under General.

**Inwards Correspondence:**

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- QLDC – Alert Level 2 measures re volunteer work on Parks and Reserves ( Passed on to Jean )
- QLDC – Annual Plan Hearing confirmation
- QLDC – Olive Leaf, Submitters Pre-circulated Expert Evidence
- QLDC – Covid19 Venue requirements/protocol
- QLDC – Climate Change Action Plan Update
- APBA – re ORC Planning Process, invitation to interested parties (to circulate to committee)
- ORC – Rabbit Control Assets (Alexandra) – Sell or retain feedback invited
- Federation of Ratepayer Associations of NZ – Funding request, and notice of AGM
- Raymond Blair (Ireland) – request for historical Arrowtown information (re Jenkins) – referred to museum and historic society
- Andrew Buckland – request for written approval re DOC fishing concession on Arrow River  
Discussed and questioned why? Andrew to clarify and respond – nothing to date
- Civil Defence – notice of Brazilian flight for distribution to community – extremely late notice so not achieved.
- Aurora Energy – pre-consultation notice on proposed investment plan
- QLDC - Recovery Plan - Michelle Morss

**Outwards Correspondence:**

- Member newsletter – as circulated for pre comment before sending.

**Treasurers Report:** Financial report for May attached. ( Dave / Jean)

Money received in cash from Warm Homes Trust totaling \$7856.10 to be deposited in AVA Clean Air account.  
Peter inquired as to why Doc invoiced AVA for costs of wilding removal. Dave explained that AVA held the funds for the project in the Wilding trust account.

**Councillor's Report:** As attached. Discussions included under General.

**Website and Communication:** Haley contacted Noel regarding an article for the Loop and advised that it would probably be put out monthly rather than fortnightly in the future.

**Wilding Trees:** As attached.

Dave advised that the Community Housing Trust has given approval for a nursery for the regeneration of plants for restoration of the areas where wilding pines had been removed. Committee Members all agreed this was a great idea.

**Clean Air:** As attached.

Susan explained that she was still waiting on information from NIWA to complete her report to her satisfaction.  
A submission on the proposal for National air quality standards needed to be prepared and Susan suggested that she ask Jon Newson and Marion Poore for advice.

**Tracks & Signage:** Dave advised that children making bike tracks and ramps were creating a mess in the Bush Creek area. He has talked to Anton Schmidt, who is involved with the bike trails, regarding these activities.

**Libraries:** Sara advised that the Arrowtown library was open on reduced hours. 12 noon - 4 pm at present.

**Reserves:** Jean and her two helpers renewed the plants in the Arrowtown Horticulture Society boxes in the CBD when Level 2 started but parks and reserves areas were out of bounds for volunteers until further notice.

**APBA:** Nick thought the river area by Bush Creek and along behind the skate board park could be landscaped to be more attractive and user friendly. He thought it may be a Government 'shovel ready project.' ORC restriction and consent would apply as changing the course of the creek might be necessary. Stepping stones put down to cross the creek have been used for reinforcement for a dam made by children during the holidays. Noel suggest APBA & AVA get together and contact

ORC regarding a landscape plan for the area.

Committee reports accepted: ( Susan / Jean )

**General:** Noel had included repairs to the historic Butler's wall in the AVA submission to QLDC's annual plan. It had been deemed unsafe and the pathway had been closed. New wooden steps had been constructed down to Butler's Green. Lots of ideas were put forward by members regarding fixing the problem, including closing the road.

Correct procedure regarding a speed limit in Buckingham Street had to be followed as there had been legal problems when the temporary 40 kph restrictions had been introduced to all of Arrowtown.

The large 40 kph signs outside town were to be changed to a smaller version after many complaints had been made.

Employment issues in the area were discussed at length including why so many had lost their jobs from well established businesses. There were 7500 registered for unemployment aid, 272 of those were Arrowtown based. Noel to prepare a response to the QLDC Recovery Plan correspondence.

Sara said she was interested in becoming involved with the emergency response plan. This had been proposed prior to COVID-19 lockdown by the Kelvin Heights community group at the QLDC Small Communities meeting and there was positive feedback from QLDC and the community representatives. This had been followed by a letter from Zoe Pierce and Ika Willet. Jean advised that it would be discussed in length at the next QLDC Small Communities meeting.

Noel thanked Jean for taking the minutes of the May meeting after Charlotte Newson was unable to take on the position of minutes secretary. He emphasised the need for a permanent secretary as he was no longer able to cope with running the meetings and taking the minutes as he had done for the last 6 months.. Sara said her daughter Sophie had expressed an interest. Sophie to be invited to attend the June meeting. ( Susan / Daniel )

Susan noted that Olive Leaf had not been mentioned. She advised that the hearing would not be held until COVID-19 reached level 1. Noel will be speaking on behalf of AVA and as she will be involved with her personal submission she would like another member to take over her Shaping Our Future position. Nick volunteered.

Dave will check the defibrillators around town on a regular basis in the absence of Wayne Hull. Others would help if required.

Meeting closed at 8 40 pm.

## **The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting**

**7 pm – Thursday 28 May 2020 (Location: Arrowtown (tennis) Club Rooms, Centennial Ave)**

### **Agenda**

#### **Guest Speaker:**

**Apologies:** Nicolet Spice, Jean Britten (note, Jean has kindly volunteered to miss meeting so we keep within our 10 people max level, per Level 2 requirements.... Please any other apologies in ASAP so that Jean has option of attending)

**Minutes of previous meeting.** April 2020 email discussion document (Covid19) (as circulated, or AVA website)

#### **Matters arising:**

##### **Inwards Correspondence:**

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- QLDC – Alert Level 2 measures re volunteer work on Parks and Reserves
  - N/A to AVA meetings, clarified and confirmed
- QLDC – Annual Plan Hearing confirmation
  - 29 April 1:15pm via Zoom
- QLDC – Olive Leaf, Submitters Pre-circulated Expert Evidence
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##### **Outwards Correspondence:**

- Member newsletter – as circulated for pre comment, then sent

**Treasurer's Report:** as attached

**Councilor's Report:** as attached

#### **Committee reports**

#### **Website and Membership Communication:**

#### **Wilding Pine Control:**

#### **Tracks/Signage:**

**Clean Air:** as attached

**Reserves:**

**Other:** APBA, Village Access, Library etc if any relevant updates/discussion required

**Agenda Items:**

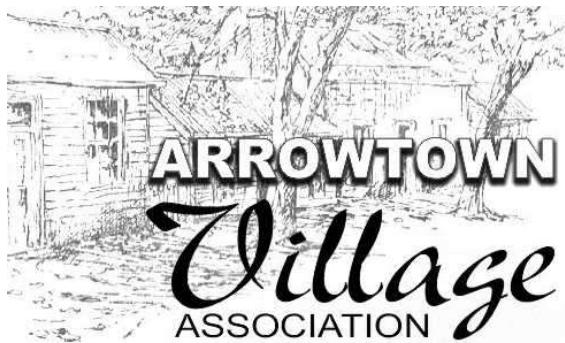
**Next Meeting:**

25 June 2020

## AVA Meeting – 28 May 2020

### Councillors Report

- Covid 19
  - Lockdown level 3 & 4 for 50 days
  - Currently in level 2, slightly less restrictive and majority of the economy is back online (80%)
- Strategic Recovery Plan
  - QLDC is working hard on the recovery strategy
  - Biggest issue is welfare – 7,500 residents registered for welfare support (food vouchers, accommodation, other living expenses)
  - Huge support from volunteers
  - Foreign workers on VISAs now out of work will be a difficult problem to resolve (lobbying central government for support)
  - Diversify the economy
- Economic Contraction
  - The unknown is what the “new normal” will look like for our district
  - Ngai Tahu announcement to mothball all tourism assets for two years
  - Other big tourism operators due to announce redundancies
  - Ski season to go ahead
  - How does the decrease in visitors flow through to other industries (hospitality, F&B, construction)
- Airport SOI
  - SOI was adopted during lockdown, with the intention that it was a void document and we will get a new draft for approval in October
  - Unknown times for QAC
  - Range of reactions both for and against the airport being closed.
- Coronet Forest
  - Harvest restarted under level 2
- Butlers Green Stairs
  - Butlers Green wall has been deemed too dangerous to allow pedestrians to walk under it, new stairs have been commissioned



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**Registered Charitable Trust**  
- No. – CC39594 –

**Treasurers report of the financial activities of the Arrowtown Village Association for the period 21 April 2020 – 20 May 2020.**

Expenses paid -      \$19,945.28 – DOC for Wilding Control  
                          \$1,748.00 – Reforestation tools  
                          \$126.50 – The Loop

Income Received - \$

Small amounts of interest only

All balances as at 20 May:

Cheque	- \$2,215.16
Predator Free Arrowtown	- \$9,968.26
ArrowNet	- \$2,919.30
Call	- \$10,579.96
Reforestation	- \$2,719.18
Arrowtown Wilding	- \$24,292.29
Sawpit Gully	- \$3,054.84
Feehly Hill	- \$9,162.80

**TOTAL - \$64,911.79**

Upcoming:

**\$23,346.82 Potential DOC Wilding**  
\$128.50 – Refund Ben PFA tunnel tracking card  
+\$181.82 GST Refund  
\$5,635 - Wilding Pine Control invoice from DOC  
\$575 – Alison Dench Mar/Apr  
GST for May/Jun due in July  
\$20 transfer to call account each month?  
Dec 31 – Charities return due for year ending 30 June 2020

**Dave Harding-Shaw**

Treasurer

Arrowtown Village Association Inc

***The Arrowtown Village Association***

The Arrowtown Village Association is the name given to the Arrowtown Residents Association (Inc). Its aims and objectives are to promote communication between the different voluntary organisations within Arrowtown and Districts and to provide a common forum for the enhancement and protection of the intrinsic values that make the town of Arrowtown unique.

**Born of Gold in 1862**

Writing this report I have not yet received a reply from NIWA with an immediate update so I may have further information at the meeting.

I am expecting that arrangements are being made for the Odin outdoor monitor and indoor sensor installations as soon as flights can be arranged. From Ian Longley's CONA Blog 12 May we can wonder:

"What happens with woodsmoke emissions during level-2 and beyond depends on whether we need to return to level-3 or 4, and on the economic fallout from lockdown. How many people who would normally be out working now be stuck at home? How many will find themselves unable to afford wood and find themselves condemned to the double risk of a cold home but no escape from their neighbour's smoke?"

These factors may need to be taken into account alongside compliancy to standards this winter.

I communicated with Sarah Harrison, ORC, a couple of weeks ago. She had no awareness of the actual features of various models of ULEBs being promoted and agreed that some research could be helpful. No further advice regarding a new quota of subsidies for 2020.

I have read the "Proposed Amendments to National Environment Standards for Air Quality". Key points are:

- Five options ranging from Status Quo(1) to Increased Regulation (3) to Stringent Regulation (5) have been proposed with 'Increased Regulation' being preferred.
- The emission standard for domestic solid fuel burners would be reduced to no more than 1.0g/kg of solid fuel. This includes all types of new, domestic solid fuel burners.
- No more than 3 exceedances in a 12 month period with breeches publicly notified
- Solid fuel burning open (domestic) fires prohibited
- Would have immediate effect once gazetted
- Reducing the use of domestic burners may *increase* the risk of illness associated with dampness and mould in households that can't afford to heat their homes with other sources of energy

It has been said that we could be expected to meet the same air quality standards as eg Auckland. My interpretation is that this could occur under Option 5 which is not the preferred option. I would recommend taking further advice before we submit on the proposal at end of July.

## **Arrowtown Wilding Project – Update Report May 2020**

- Works have continued onwards from April, with a focus in Bush Creek. Due to demand for ground crew work in other parts of the Basin, crews have only been working in the area intermittently.
- Crews should resume next week to complete the section of mature wilding conifers up Bush Creek track towards Eichardt's Flat. Subsequent work will look to tidy up the edge of trees above the Arrow on German Hill and target patches on Tobin's Face.
- As part of the Wilding Strategy, the Choppers have been discussing the possibility of establishing a community nursery in Arrowtown. Initial discussions with QLDC, the Primary School, and the Queenstown Lakes Community Affordable Housing Trust has identified a site at the Jopp Street development project. The Trust board has given, in principle, approval for a small section of a future reserve to be turned over for a nursery. This site would be located adjacent to the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway of the Arrowtown Golf Course. Before anything further is progressed, consideration and discussion need to be had with the AVA committee to determine whether such a project could fall under the AVA umbrella as a Trust. A similar community nursery is being considered in Arthur's Point, and both would work with the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust in terms of expertise, logistics, and advice. There is strong enthusiasm for the nursery concept in Arrowtown from the Scouts/Cubs/Keas and Primary School. Funds for establishing the nursery could be applied for from funders such as Central Lakes Trust and volunteer labour. Initial focus would be on propagating natives and a holding space for exotic colour trees for replanting.
- Using the remaining funds in revegetation account, spring planting of 400 exotic colour trees is planned for September. Trees will arrive in late August for planting. Same species list as 2019 planting list of colour trees. Good survival so far in last years planting but will check progress over 12-month intervals (spring).