

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting Thursday 25 March 2021

Arrowtown Community Rooms (Tennis Rooms)

Minutes

Meeting commenced 7.08pm

Present: Susan Rowley (Chair), Dave Harding-Shaw, Sara Clark, Heath Copeland, Nicolet Spice, Pete Sygrove, Graeme Morrison, Nick Fifield, Daniel Sim, Heidi McLeod (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies: Peter Robinson, Ben Teele. Apologies moved by Dave, Sara seconded

Guest Speaker: Vanessa van Uden, Chairperson, Shaping our Future Steering Group

Minutes of previous meeting: No corrections. Moved Dave, Sara seconded

Matters arising:

- Small Communities Meeting now 30 March – Skype option available – Heath travelling to Wanaka and has offered ride.
- Mayor/ CEO Visit – put issues forward as per February meeting; listened to, attendees to report to committee. Susan, Heath, Dave and Daniel attended meeting. Discussions were around road safety, problem corners and speeds, storm water and clearing the sumps after the rainfall.
RE: Malaghan's Road corner—was deflected back to NZTA.
RE: Traffic calming measures (speed bumps) discussed—AVA as a group to keep applying pressure.
RE: Ladies Mile. Question raised over AVA wishing to be regarded as stakeholders so should Arrowtown residents have a say in the development? Lake Hayes Estate regard Ladies Mile as an extension of their area. There had been a meeting held by the Lake Hayes Estate group, not QLDC regarding this subject.
- Has Heath managed any Planner input re McDonnell Rd? Heath's contacts could not help - Ian Baylis was suggested, however he has now resigned. Mark Jose (neighbour of Sara) has contacted Craig (ex-planner of district plan)—Sara will follow up.
- Arrowtown Irrigation Ltd – neutral submission – refer to correspondence.
- Did anyone read the Long Term Plan? – any inputs re areas needing more spending? It's coming out in the Mountain Scene on 1st April. On the Let's Talk website- 3 components, draft, vol 1, 2, in Vol 1 there is a list of expenditure that specially mentions Arrowtown. Water solid waste, waste water, infrastructure, roading. Heath says there are good volumes of funding for Arrowtown, including funding for re-forestation of Coronet Forest. AVA must make submission to the long term plan to get funding re directed (most likely only can be moved from one funding area to another, rather than increased per se). Submissions close 19th April. Do we go to drop-in sessions? This is a 10 year review (long term plan) which happens every 3 years.
- Regular email update to members – Susan to discuss with Alison – is website being accessed? Everything is available on the website, members don't see any benefit of being a member. We did previously have a quarterly update. There is The Loop article. Suggested put the monthly article on the website, as well as emailing it to the members. Susan to discuss with Alison setting this up (approx 240 people on the email database).

- ‘Self-appointed SOF Steering Group’ – a public AGM is held wherein anyone can be nominated for election.

Guest Speaker Vanessa van Uden, Chairperson Shaping our Future Steering Group (now a board) spoke to the AVA committee:

Started in Sept 2010, to give the community more ownership of the future of the community (a community task group contributed to creating it), and a way for the community to have a voice. SOF is still the guiding document for AVA.

A group of people were set up to run SOF - Steve Henry, a natural sustainability practitioner spearheaded the group. Designed to be membership-based (free membership), elected via an election process. Not self-appointed, but questions raised over whether it has become self-appointed.

The principal undertaking of SOF is that QLDC is to receive taskforce reports with recommendations, and either accept and implement, or respond as to why they will not. There has not much been happening lately so the project was restarted in January 2021, re-establishing contacts such as AVA. Meeting to be held tomorrow (26/3/2021) to put together a submission for the Annual Plan.

Annabel Namugachi is the (paid) executive officer, consultant for the meeting.

General consensus that discussing forums and taskforces are the way forward for the future. Online forums have been discussed as a possible future initiative, allowing meetings to be held later in the evening with smaller groups in virtual rooms.

Questions raised by Susan how do we raise the SOF doc with the council to be taken seriously. Suggested to continue quoting the SOF doc with every submission presented.

Maree Day is the community development rep at QLDC- Dave has established contact on AVA behalf.

Each community had 3 visits in the creation of the SOF document, they all had similar overlapping ideas. QLDC is aware of the document, however it does not sway decisions.

It is a collective guiding document. Coming up to 10 years, (30-50 years visioning) now at the stage of reviewing all of the relevant documents to see if they are still relevant. Willing to keep engaged with us, and here to assist if we need them.

AVA was offered the opportunity to review the SOF doc, it was decided that rather than put energy into redeveloping, there are still a number of matters in the document to carry out/ accomplish. We have discussed surveying the community.

Last year the funding was cut back to the SOF Committee, as there was not a submission entered to the annual plan. Since that decision was made there has been more movement from the SOF and there will be a submission this year.

Sara asked if there are many other communities have done the same thing as Arrowtown – yes, Glenorchy.

Inwards Correspondence:

- QLDC – change of Solicitor Olive Leaf – Lucy de Latour, Wynn-Williams Chch
- Gallaway Cook Allan Lawyers OLCT – Olive Leaf parties conferencing – reporting to Environment Court 30 April.
- Karl Walker – Beech Party 18 April – fwd Alison.
- Pete Sygrove – change email to petesygrove@gmail.com

- Environment Court – notice of s274 parties – 12 against, 1 in support
- Blake Hoger – Licence to Occupy Road Reserve Fork&Tap – see outwards correspondence
- Community Operations – Lottery Grant Report due 31 March – fwd Ben. We have received money from DOC – we need to file a charities return.
- Alison Dench re October/November Minutes
- QLDC – Small Communities Meeting – 30 March Skype available – fwd Sara, Nick
- ORC – Regional Public Transport Plan 2021 Info Sessions 24 March -Draft published April – can arrange alternative time to meet – fwd Committee (Daniel attending)
- NOLEAF – AGM Sunday 14 March Bowling Club – fwd Committee. Well attended and good ideas came from meeting.
- Rachel Rose – Vanessa van Uden Chairperson SOF speaker March AVA meeting
- Sara – various on Arrowtown Irrigation Company renewal of water uptake – submission?
- Kate Smith – Arrowtown Resident, home-owner – response to Facebook – protect boundary as per Shaping Our Future Report
- QLDC – Let's Talk Newsletter – fwd Committee
- ORC – Receipt of Submission on RM 20.049 Arrowtown Irrigation Ltd ORC water consultation strategic plan meeting, there were more submission than there is water available. These are all subject to flow levels.
- Commerce Commission – Invitation to attend online stakeholder briefing Aurora Plan 31 March RSVP 26 March – no time given – fwd Peter R. Peter has applied to register online.
- Alison/ Heidi re committee emails not getting to Susan and Peter from Heidi – in process.

Outwards Correspondence:

- Blake Hoger – letter in support Licence to Occupy - Susan
- The Loop article – Sara/ Susan
- ORC – neutral submission on AIL proposal – apology for discretion used Susan/ Sara/ Peter R. Learning for the AVA – Better to submit with a stance (be it neutral) than not submit at all, as it is very hard to get involved later on.
- Kate Smith – acknowledging feedback on boundary status
- QLDC – tentative dates for NIWA Clean Air meeting venue

Correspondence has been read. Moved by Dan, seconded by Pete.

Treasurer's Report: As attached

Susan query - \$45 taken from call account for tracks – We do not have a specific tracks account set up – will set one up in future. Sawpit Gully account, earmarked specifically for work on Sawpit Gully only- would like to know what the expectation is for this money. Money from donation box is put into Clean Air account (when Clean Air Trust closed)

Report moved as correct by Daniel, carried.

Councillor's Report:

- Long Term Plan (LTP) Draft released for public consultation. Full council meeting this month. AVA must make a submission. If anything comes to mind where we don't feel we are moving in the right direction—or if our quality of life is being restrained—we can submit to the LTP plan. Funding for pool discussed, moving the RSA gates to the other side into playground. Helps our submission for funding if we have submitted to the LTP. Pete S is going to make submission (using Noel's template and email it to Susan) email to: letstalk@qldc.govt.nz with the subject line 'Ten Year Plan submission'
- Fibre installation underway around village, and on main street.
- Additional police patrols in place due to rise in petty criminal behaviour (keying of vehicles, broken windows Buckingham Street, vandalising of school). Discuss with neighbours if there is a growth in future crime—do we need to instigate a neighbourhood -watch type of scheme? Add to Loop article.
- Autumn Festival
- Trans-Tasman bubble – Discussion on where does council stand? Mayor is keen ASAP. Queenstown, Christchurch and Auckland have been discussed as the first airports to accept direct flights.

Councillor's report accepted.

Committee reports

Tracks/Signage: Tracks Group meeting held, action points for Dave to follow up on were set. A draft name and statement have been started, an A2 map of Coronet Forest has been obtained from council, printed and laminated.

Next steps will be to setup a Facebook group with the name and statement, to try and get community notice/interest (of which there is already some coming to Dave directly).

Will meet with the different groups to make a first draft of areas/lines on the map with whiteboard marker then get together to discuss/alter/change.

Good progress made.

Clean Air: Ian Longley has been in touch re a public meeting April 19th to re-establish what the community want out of the research which is now entering its later stages – where to next and how does the community wish to take over from this. Ian is also looking for a small number of individuals in the SE area of Arrowtown where the research will be focused.

Email received indirectly via Ian Longley querying AVA's commitment to promotion of clean air in Arrowtown indicating time for action. What are some of our options?

At meeting will be NIWA, ORC councillor Alexa Forbes, Southern District Health Board and QWA.

Date for public meeting 19th April. Venue Supper Room at Athenaeum Hall.

RE: Member of public correspondence questioning the commitment of the AVA to Clean Air. Discussion: We have received good research, have the data, and now AVA feel that it's time for enforcement. Ian will be attending meeting to give examples. We have a Clean Air banking account and the Shaping our Future document so we are set up to carry this on. Time has come to make this a priority—we must have solutions.

It's currently taking a year to replace a fire with an ultra-low emission one.

One idea is a cap which goes on top of the flu as a filter, which does not require a consent.

Subsidies from ORC towards upgrading heating appliances have finished for Arrowtown. Susan suggested the possibility of setting up a trust that people could apply to for funding clean air solutions.

Sara's Idea—stickers “ I support the clean air in Arrowtown” for letterboxes.

Susan to ask ORC for moisture meters for firewood.

Motion moved that AVA will offer to officially spearhead solutions to drive the Clean Air Movement and be the advocates for the Clean Air Project.

Moved by Susan - seconded Pete S. Agreed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

- QLDC Funding Grant Application – Gets Ready? Clean Air Promotion/ Education?
- Speaker May meeting – David Clarke APAG? ORC Councillor – Alexa Forbes? Decide next meeting.
- The Loop article? Due 9 -12 April for 15th April edition. Autumn festival, keep an eye on the neighbours.
- Anything for Website?

Further discussions:

Re. Submissions:

As a group, AVA should have a template and get in the habit of submitting to each consultation point with QLDC so that we can become S274 parties if necessary. Should the subject be relating to the individual AVA committee members allocated portfolio? ...and that member has the task of filing the report?

Susan to look for template in the dropbox which can be used, formerly created by Noel.

Re. Regional Transport Meeting:

Run by Gary Melony. Main purpose was to take feedback before main submission re public transport. Arrowtown usage has dropped 50%, they will not be reducing any services. Predicting a 4 year recovery to get back up to previous usage pre-Covid. No bus lanes, so not necessarily faster. Perception discussed. Cost not a deterrent. Roll-out of proposal in June. Ideas put forward: family passes, concession cards, free night bus.

Feedback invited to go into draft transport plan? End of May

Re. Intersection Buckingham St:

Overall speed in Arrowtown has increased since 40kms. There are plans for the Buckingham St intersection: A zebra crossing is going to be painted, and a speed bump on the corner so that there is a safe zone to cross.

Next Meeting: Thursday 22 April **Note now changed to Thursday 29 April**

Meeting closed 9.30pm