

# **The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting - Held at the Arrowtown Community Rooms (Tennis Rooms)**

**Thursday 26 November 2020 at 7pm**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Susan Rowley, Dave Harding-Shaw, Daniel Sim, Peter Robinson, Nick Fifield, Nicolet Spice, Sara Clark, Graeme Robinson

**Apologies:** Peter Sygrove, Councillor Heath Copeland and Ben Teele (Daniel / Nicolet)

**Previous Meeting:** Annual General Meeting October 2020. (Nicolet / Nick)

### **Matters Arising:**

- \* Olive Leaf Building - No decision as of AVA meeting date
- \* Arrowtown awarded Most Beautiful Small Town - Previous AVA Chairman Noel Beggs suggested writing a letter to thank the lady who nominated Arrowtown. Susan to do so
- \* Drainage Issue at residential property on Centennial Ave- committee will forward correspondence to Heath Copeland to action. Susan will suggest to residents they take photos of the issue in the meantime
- \* Speakers AGM to be thanked - Susan to do so
- \* Secretary role now filled - thanks to Nicolet for inviting Heidi McLeod, and confirmation that she has accepted position
- \* Confirmation of 2020 venues for meetings - Susan confirmed this has been organised, and will distribute confirmation to all committee member
- \* Menz Shed Opening 15th November - Susan attended on behalf of AVA

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

- \* Campbell Weal - Responsible Camping Newsletter Oct 20th - No dumping hubs this year, more education. Susan suggested if there is anything the committee wish to follow up on this subject we should forward to Heath.
- \* Community Matters - Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund - Susan requested any local "wellbeing"-related causes that might qualify, to be forwarded to her
- \* Campbell Weal - Central Lakes Jobs Fair 26th Nov - Daniel attended, reported that local businesses are in desperate need for staff, e.g. kitchen hands, due to the dire shortage of employees
- \* Commerce Commission - stakeholders meeting re Aurora Energy Investment Plan. Peter attended and gave an update on this
- \* Community Operations - Ben to handle this
- \* Heidi McLeod - acceptance of the the role of new Minutes Secretary
- \* QLDC and Community Associations meeting on 15th December - Nick Fifield to attend
- \* QAC - survey - to be forwarded to Alison Dench
- \* Cath Gilmour - Upcoming Catalyst Trust Event - They Are Us (Muslim Community). Daniel may attend on behalf of AVA
- \* Fiona Mangos ORC Summer Recreation Monitoring - Nicolet to make request to local vets to post warning on Facebook regarding risks to dogs swimming at Mill Creek Shallows at Lake Hayes due to results of recent monitoring. It is also believed that signage is due to be installed at the lake shortly also.
- \* Hayley Delpert (of The Loop) also passed on correspondence to Susan regarding dogs on leads and requirement for dogs to be under voice control on local walking tracks. Committee noted there had been some discussion on social media during lockdown on

the subject. AVA to include reminder on both the above dog-related issues, reminding residents of the requirements and to be mindful of other track users, in next AVA Loop article (Sara to provide Loop article).

(Peter / Daniel)

#### **Outwards Correspondence:**

- \* Commerce commission meeting - Peter Robinson attended
- \* The Loop report introducing new AVA Committee was published

#### **Treasurers Report:** Financial Report for November attached (Susan, Nick) .

- \* Treasurer requested full name, date of birth and address of two new committee members (a Charities Commission requirement, due to committee's charitable status).

#### **Councillors Report.**

- \* APBA update
- \* CBD plan - Traffic management discussion around car parking, etc in CBD. Suggestion was made to invite a representative from the APBA to come and speak at January AVA meeting
- \* The idea of a "River Park" enhancement project in river area leading to Sawpit Gully is under discussion. APBA are engaging with council on a cohesive plan going forward, including an informal working bee tidy-up along with Arrowtown Choppers, which will consider rudimentary guiding of the creek, strategic placement of stepping stones to allow river crossing, and a channel cut through bush scrub below the skate park, to divert public away from the "boggy" area. It is being proposed to approach council for more funding support in the event of making more substantial changes

#### **Wilding Pine:**

#### **Predator Free:**

**Tracks \ signage:** Tracks report attached. Coronet forest trails, Arrowtown Tracks Group to be formed

#### **Clean Air:**

- \* Susan has received an email from Ian Longley requesting a meeting.
- \* Niwa meeting scheduled for Thursday 3rd December, 7-8pm, Bowling Club, to discuss plans for next year

#### **Aurora Energy Investment Plan**

- \* Commerce Commission stakeholders meeting re Aurora Energy Investment Plan. Peter attended and provided an update. Peter represented the AVA at public meetings on the subject. He observed strong opinions were expressed in the discussion around line power charges, and the community perception that the proposed charges are unfair. Different pricing plans are up for discussion, and the commerce commission are seeking feedback. David proposed ways the AVA could assist in ensuring the community have access to information. Submissions close on 10th Dec. Committee decided to advise people on AVA Facebook page. (Sara to put some wording together to advise the public of this). The possibility of carrying out a survey of members on pricing was raised, but it was decided there wasn't enough time to do so before 10th December.

#### **General business:**

- \* Secretary role has been filled by Heidi McLeod
- \* Deputy Chairman role - Daniel and Nick were both suggested for this position. TBC after further discussion
- \* AVA Team Building Workshop feedback - this was well enjoyed, and a useful exercise for committee members. Thanks to Nick Fifield for organising

- \* Nick Fifield proposed creating a Whats App group for AVA Committee member communication - committee member's phone numbers required for this. Committee was in favour of proceeding. Nick to organise
- \* Contact from Bruce Patton regarding the growth of broom on the hillside above the battery monument at Millbrook end of Arrowtown, asking about an agreement with AVA and DOC to maintain this area. Susan will seek advice from Noel on what the understanding was previously
- \* Daniel commented on Council's planting of trees and shrubs down the steps going down to the green, area looking attractive now. Questioned tendency of members of public parking vehicles right in front of policemen's hut, creating a visual barrier for photographs of the building, Daniel to look into this for next meeting. There appears to be a greater concentration of visitors in this area now with the construction of new businesses in this area.
- \* Loop article of around 250 words and a photo to be completed by Sara on the subject of dog regulations around public walking tracks.

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for 28th January

**Closed 8.40pm**