

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting 7 pm – Thursday 29 April 2021

Arrowtown Community Rooms (Tennis Rooms)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Present: Susan Rowley (Chair), Dave Harding-Shaw, Heath Copland, Nicolet Spice, Graeme Morrison, Peter Robinson, Nick Fifield, Ben Teele, Daniel Sim, Jacqui Thomas (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Sara Clark, Pete Sygrove

Minutes of previous meeting: No corrections. Moved Ben, Seconded Peter

Matters arising:

- Member newsletters – refer to General Business
- AVA letter-head – PO Box 140 Arrowtown? Discovered this PO Box address on the AVA letterhead. Thought it was originally set up as the organisation needed a physical address? To be clarified. Not sure who set it up, or if they still have a key. Need to find out who has the key – as there may be mail stacking up in there. Susan will look into this.

Inwards Correspondence:

- QLDC Comms – Draft 10 Year Plan online questions – right on Easter.
- QLDC Samantha Marsh – Wakatipu Reforestation Trust Lunch & Learn session 12 May 12:00 – 12:30pm
Informal chat, welcome to go along, at the Nursery at Kelvin Heights.
- QLDC Jess Garrett – Small Communities Meeting postponed (again) 13 April? Fwd Sara, Nick – Heath attended it.
- Ian Longley, NIWA, Clean Air Meeting Mon 19 April 7pm Athenaeum Hall Supper Rm
- Karl Walker various Beech Party 18 April
- Jeremy Baker, Cosy Homes Trust, heads up ORC draft 10 Year Plan only monitoring next 2 years; Regional Plan-Air notified by 2025
- ComCom – Feedback Aurora Plan – Aurora collecting \$46m (7.5%) less revenue than asked for; opportunity for feedback by 10 May - largely around the amount of data Aurora is required to provide which seems excessive and possibly a waste of money- Fwd to Peter R, Committee. Peter R's discussion - Have commented that didn't want Aurora tied in knots in having to give lots more data with no real gain. Requirements are making them go further than other power boards around NZ are required to do. On a personal level more concerned about the rate of price increases - his have gone up x3 – why?
Rather just let it run, than give specific feedback on what they are asking for.
General feeling to leave it alone.
- Community Operations – report due for Lottery Environment and Heritage funding

Ben is doing this – in process.

- Heidi – Minutes March meeting; taking leave during winter; arranging fill-in
- Jacqui Thomas – accepting temporary position as Minutes Secretary (thank you!!)
- ORC Elton Crane – Draft RPTP Policies Update fwd Daniel, Committee (Regional Policy Transport Plan) – more info to come over the next few weeks.
- Alison Dench – (Web Manager) AVA Video isn't loaded yet, apparently not in right format? Nick is liaising with her. What do we want to use the video for? Is it to drive membership, or? Currently low expectations of what we want the video to achieve. To be discussed further in general business. Perhaps Nick and Susan should meet with Alison? fwd Committee, cf Jess Garrett email Small Communities Workshop
- Emergency Management Otago – Alpine Earthquake Risk Rises (fwd to Committee) "GetsReady" people will happily come and do an assessment of the town – they just need to be invited.

Action Point: Nick Fifield to get in touch with Civil Defence Emergency Response Otago to come and do an assessment of Arrowtown.

Moved by Ben, Heath seconded it.

- QLDC Let's Talk - acknowledging receipt of Submission to Draft 10 Year Plan
- Nicky Busst – new APBA (Arrowtown Promotion & Business Association) Manager introduction – Nicky & Susan working on a date to meet.
They now have permanent premises on Arrow Lane with open hours and will be running drop-in sessions.
- Louise Carney – re advertising for new Daffodil Day Co-ordinator – replied we can assist – it can go on our page.
Does anyone know anyone in the community who would be interested in being the Daffodil Day Co-ordinator? Co-ordinating orders for daffodils, delivery etc.
- Email from Noel/ Rob Wardle – tentative dates for Tracks Advisory Group Meeting May/June; Dave cc'd – Set now for 23rd June. Dave will be attending, and will bring Graeme up to speed. Graeme may also attend.

Outwards Correspondence:

- Ian Longely re meeting
- QLDC – Submission Draft 10 Year Plan
- Samantha Marsh – expressing interest for Reforestation Lunch and Learn
- Hayley Delport – Loop Article
- Heidi McLeod/ Jacqui Thomas re Minutes and Minutes Secretary
- Jeremy Baker, Cosy Homes Trust, acknowledgement of email
- Alison Dench – acknowledgement of email

- Karl Walker – congratulations on successful Beech Party

Dave moved, Ben seconded that the correspondence has been dealt with

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report of the financial activities of the Arrowtown Village Association for the period 21 Mar 2021 – 20 Apr 2021 was presented to the Committee.
(Report available on request)

Dave moved the adoption of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Daniel.

Dave also raised that QLDC are looking at new rules about what their grant money can be spent on. This is different to the current MOU. Previously there hasn't been rules about the split between spending on admin and projects. Dave looking into this with QLDC, as they have deposited the current grant funds but are now saying the split of spending has to be different than in previous MOU.

Dave is establishing a new DropBox for sharing docs between committee members. (Previous one was set up by Sarah Harris which is difficult with passwords etc now she is no longer here). Susan just checking it to make sure it is working before sending out to all committee members.

Councillor's Report:

Congratulations from Committee members to Heath on welcoming a new daughter to their family.

Items for discussion:

- Wanaka airport lease quashed by Judicial Review
Pretty embarrassing for QLDC. Discussed whether they should appeal but looking like they won't. Council needs to work out what they will do going forward. Going back to community to see what they want (and hopefully they are listened to this time.)
Public forum – most speakers on the side of not wanting development of Wanaka Airport.
- Ladies Mile Masterplan draft approved for consultation and just released for public submissions.
Should AVA put forward a submission?
Come back to this for further discussion
- QLDC LTP submissions closed - well done AVA on getting the submission in
- RFS System – Snap Send Solve
Remind people of Snap Send Solve if they have any queries / issues that Heath can help with – it's a quick / easy system to use.
A complaint was received about leaf fall – although this is to be expected at this time of year it may be a valid claim with leaf fall on some pathways creating a safety issue?

- Remind people not to dump their green waste – add to AVA social media – it's becoming a problem.
Michael Sligh on Speargrass Road will accept green waste for free – possibly we can advertise this?
- Autumn Festival – huge success, best attendance yet.
- Keep NZ Beautiful Awards open – if anyone wants to nominate Arrowtown?
- Council has infrastructure funding available for “Minor Improvements” – under \$4 million – this is a faster process – 12-18 months – and could be useful for getting smaller projects done.

Peter raised that residents are asking about a pedestrian crossing outside school and across Adamson Drive.

This has been raised before.

Probably needs some consultation – who decides what needs to be done?

Speaking to the school would be a good start – Susan happy to speak to Principal about this. Heath will also bring up at Council.

Committee reports

Clean Air: (Susan)

The NIWA meeting went ahead on 19 April with ORC and Cosy Homes Trust in attendance. Unfortunately, there was a very poor attendance from locals. Possibly due to clashes with other events.

I put it to the group that AVA are ready to assist with an action plan but gained no clear direction from the group.

My suggestion is to work with Sarah Harris, ORC, and Jeremy Baker, Cosy Homes Trust, to continue with education at the present. Sarah has about 80 (?) wood moisture meters available – how many would we like to either hire or sell?

ORC only monitoring for next 2 years, but I see they are to work on Lake Hayes water situation and wildings. Will work with our community in 2023 to develop strategy with solutions to be notified in 2025. Submissions on Long Term Plan close Sunday 9 May.

What angle do we approach from?

What action can we take/ promote in the Arrowtown Community?

We will ask for 5 wood moisture meters to be available to AVA now – not sure what this will actually achieve? Maybe this just assists education process for next winter.

General consensus that really the solution is simply phasing out wood burners. For this to happen this also links back to Aurora – people need to be confident of power supply if they are to stop using wood burners for heat source.

Heath talking to Council about Jopp Street community housing development using central heating as a test case. Development will be in the worst affected part of town.

What CAN we actually do?

- Education
- Talk to council about future planning / consents for new builds not including wood burners
- Subsidies?
- Encouraging better insulation and installation of heat pumps
- Nicolet had a flyer in her mailbox recently about some kind of subsidy – going to check who it was from and what it entailed.
- Jeremy Baker – Cosy Homes Trust – he could be a good person to talk to if we set something up about this.

There will be at least 2 more NIWA meetings over Winter. They are monitoring in the south-east corner of Arrowtown. ORC have upgraded their monitor.

Beech Party – Ben

Hugely successful, went really well, great feedback.

Agenda Items:

- Small Communities Workshop
A work in progress – more to follow – still being shaped.
Community association toolkit, workshops and information sessions.
Eg, social media.
- Newsletters/ Surveys to members
Nick & Susan to meet with Alison
Eg, on issues like Clean Air priorities.
- Submission to ORC Draft 10 Year Plan
Should AVA submit?
Clean air, public transport, waterways – are all things AVA could submit on.
Transport not such a hot topic at the moment - happy that bus service is being retained –but noted it is also worthwhile to submit on positive things, so they are retained, not just grievances.

Daniel & Peter & Heath interested in being involved in writing a submission, plus Susan to have input as Chairperson.

Deadline for submission is 9th May.

Committee members also welcome to make additional submissions independently.

Susan to send out the Clean Air guidelines / info that Jeremy Baker has provided.

D, P, H to share ideas Mon/Tues, draft submission by Wed, finalise on Friday. Send to Susan on Friday – needs to be submitted by Sunday 9th May.

No longer than 2 pages – needs to be concise.

- Commerce Commission Feedback on Aurora Plan: additional accountability measures by 10 May Decided not to submit

- Speaker for May meeting – do we want one, or better to keep meetings shorter?
 - Suggestion of David Clarke, APAG? Eg, What does APAG do? Letting people know what they're about and why it's useful for Arrowtown community?
 - ORC Councillor – Alexa Forbes – future speaker?
- The Loop article - Due 7 -10 May for 13 May edition
 - Ideas for content–
 - Dumping of green waste - Ben
 - Info on bus usage / service awareness / all the benefits of bus use - Daniel
 - Beech party – Ben
 - Moisture meters available for rent
 - Get content to Susan by Friday 7th May.
- Moisture meters – need a bond to make sure people return them - \$20?
Can Nicky have them at the ORC office on Arrow Lane?

Additional matters raised

- Peter raised concern of 'what is the role of AVA?' How are we different from other Arrowtown groups / organisations as a voice?
- Peter raised concern that Pie, Pint & Pinot was R18 – felt it should be family friendly as a Festival event. Was it officially R18? Query to the Autumn Festival organisers as to why this was restricted this year. Send Susan any thoughts / brief input and she will send a letter to Festival organisers.
- Heath will invite David Clarke to speak at next meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 27 May 7pm Community Rooms by Tennis Court

Meeting closed at 9.32pm