

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting 7 pm – Thursday 26 August 2021

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm (Meeting over Zoom due to Level 4 restrictions)

Present: Susan Rowley (Chair), Heath Copeland, Nick Fifield, Dave Harding-Shaw, Graeme Morrison, Sara Clark, Nicolet Spice, Ben Teele and Maria Burnett (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies: No apologies.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of previous meeting moved by Dave and Nick.

Matters arising:

- Ward Representation Review
- Freedom Camping Consultation
<https://letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/freedom-camping-in-the-district>

Inwards Correspondence:

ORC:

- Response to LTP Submission fwd Committee
- Regional Public Transport Plan Otago Final Report fwd Committee

QLDC:

- Representation Review Submission recvd
- Mayor's acknowledgement of 10 Yr Plan Submission with summary of decisions fwd Committee
- Offer of tickets to preview screening Dorothy Browns of S2E1 One Lane Bridge fwd Committee

APBA:

- Advising Regenerative Tourism Forum on visitor economy 5 Aug fwd Committee Peter/Maria/Nicolette. Not much to report. Unsure of their intentions yet but aware more meetings are planned.
- Requesting copy SoF Report as 'much overlap' with Regenerative Tourism Forum
- Invitation to AGM fwd Committee
- Prelim notice SUCFree Arrowtown movement – more details to follow

Other:

- Esther Whitehead – Climate Hui 3 August fwd Committee/Peter R attending
- Noel Beggs – Mahu Whenua MOU – AVA not being consulted - discussion with Dave
- Graeme M – Arrowtown Choppers outline for July-Sept fwd Committee
- Rob Wardle/Mark Williams QTT re proposed Big Hill alternative cycle tracks
- Dave HS – update on Big Hill Track concern fwd Committee
- DOC – Conservation Save the Date 9 September Kiwi Birdlife Park fwd Committee

- Euni Borrie – Wakatipu Community Funding/Arwtn PTA re letter of support for new playground – fwd Committee & met with EB
- Euni Borrie – thank you for letter of support
- Otago Emergency Management – media release fwd Committee
- Graeme M – article for The Loop August
- Hayley Delpot – proof for The Loop page
- Karl Walker – Save the Date for Beech Party Sunday 10 October
- Rachel Brown – Arrowtown Primary parent support group re Petition QLDC Road Safety – replied ‘on hold’ as we are already engaged with this issue. Rachel also approached Sara, Nicolet and Heath directly. Decided we will keep Rachel updated with any new information.

Outwards Correspondence:

QLDC: Jamie Lamb re incorrect posting of Rep Review online – apology and correction recvd

Other:

- Arrowtown Bowling Club – promoting Representation Review submissions
- Hayley Delpot – Loop report
- Euni Borrie – letter of support for redevelopment of school adventure playground
- Committee – draft of Rep Review Submission
- David Clarke – re ODT article – Tewa Banks housing development ‘challenging zoning’ – reply that we should follow this up

Moved by Sara that Correspondence is correct and seconded by Nicolet.

Treasurer’s Report

- As circulated

This month’s report straightforward.

Noted by Dave that final annual account will be done soon, just waiting for a couple signatures. If lockdown extended in announcement tomorrow, Susan may be required to do online signature.

Dave moved and Susan seconded that Treasurer’s Report correct. Carried.

Councillor’s Report:

Items for discussion from Council this month:

Representation Review - 302 submissions, 49 from Arrowtown, mostly from Upper Clutha though. The hearing proved mostly positive for Arrowtown. The arguments ‘for’ Arrowtown keeping ward tended to be strong, and arguments ‘against’ tended to have no basis. If Arrowtown was to go to an expanded area for the ward, the process is that Council can only make minor changes as per submissions received or have to return to the consultation.

Tomorrow, about 25 submitters from Upper Clutha, hoping they will just talk about community boards.

Freedom Camping in the Queenstown Lakes District – Submissions on draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021 open until Friday 3 September. Now open for formal submission. Side note that the carpark down by White Chapel has been vandalised (grass torn up by vehicles).

Decided that AVA to leave this open to individual submissions rather than AVA take a stance.

Jopp Street Development - requests for design review since a potential fault in housing positioning has been discovered.

Committee reports

Clean Air:

- Hui Gore 23 September 10:00 – 3:00pm TBC

Tracks:

- There was a meeting regarding access to the Macetown road called by Walking access. Again, AVA were not consulted, APBA suggested this was an error at the meeting and I have gone back to Walking Access and QE11 also raising that view and making it clear we are not happy.
- Coronet Forest, further local bike consultation and update given to council but not yet able to get in front of bike club committee. Looking to do so in the next month pending lockdowns.

Wilding Control:

Following last month's meeting, work was completed on the face of German Hill above the Macetown Road. There is a small strip left which is badly goat mangled, and so will need to be aerially sprayed. There is also a small strip on Coronet Peak side which would be sprayed at the same time, as it is too bluffy to be reached by ground crews.

Tobin's Face will be targeted with a mixture of skid hopping (ground crews dropped in by helicopter) and lancing (targeting individual trees) to sweep from Crown Range Road. Ground crew will also look to clear any regrowth along the river track from Whitechapel.

DOC is currently working on contacting Butel Park Association to remove trees from the shared space.

Following the completion of these works, the only portion left will be the larch above Bush Creek heading up towards German Hill. Due to visual sensitivity and monocrop of larch of this face, there will need to be some consideration about approach and possible replanting. But fortunately, larch is slightly less invasive than Douglas fir. This also borders the suggested gateway to Mahu Whenua project, so is likely to involve multiple parties (see proposed bike trail as an example).

Success of plantings will be assessed in Spring on Tobin's Face and along the river track.

General Business:

- Newsletter for early September – Due approximately 10th September. Confirmed by Nicolet that she can do this.
- Sara can do The Loop - Topic suggestions:
 - More information about the submissions (encourage community to participate and share opinion);
 - Clean air; and
 - Lockdown.

- Museum – Susan to double check with museum that their AGM was not the same night.
- AGM – date/speaker – Thurs 28 October. Suggestions for guest speaker:
 - Alexa Forbes to discuss Clean Air and transport issues;
 - Choppers about tree felling (to present plan and discuss what will happen around more visible faces surrounding Arrowtown), combined with Willy from Trails Trust.

Majority in support of the later suggestion (choppers and Trails Trust). If we don't discuss Clean Air at AGM, Susan suggests we find another way to engage community with Arrowtown Clean Air issues for remainder of year.

- Anything for Website? Everyone to consider items for website from their own area of expertise that may be appropriate for website.
- Any upcoming consultations? Freedom Camping draft Bylaw closes 3 September
- CBD - Funding through NZTA hasn't come out yet

Meeting ended at 8:10pm Meeting cut short due to Free Zoom meetings capped at 40 minutes.

Next Meeting: Thursday 23 September, 7pm, Community Rooms