

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting 7 pm – Thursday 23 June 2021

Arrowtown Community Rooms (Tennis Rooms)

Minutes

Welcome to Maria Burnett, our new Minutes Secretary

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

Apologies: Peter Robinson, Sara Clark, Daniel Sim

Minutes of previous meeting: Corrections/Amendments?

- Correction that “Nicky ORC” be amended to Nicky Bust – APBA.
- Motion that the June minutes be accepted by Nicolet Simon, seconded by Ben Teele. All agreed.

Matters arising:

- Newsletter - Next newsletter is in progress, out early July. Suggested that responsibility of writing newsletter to be spread amongst committee as opposed to falling on chairperson. Dave made motion that committee to go from quarterly newsletters to bi-monthly newsletters (6 x per year), with committee members taking turns, length about 750 words. Committee members to submit to chairperson by the 10th day of month following the meeting. Meeting minutes could be used as a guide, along with updated information from committee portfolios. Seconded by Pete. Carried.
- Key for PO Box - Dave has found key to the PO Box – \$20 for 2 more. Ben moved that we get two more keys. Nick seconded this. Dave has agreed to checking PO Box once per week and will request two more keys when he is at post shop.
- Moisture Meters now at APBA office on Arrow Lane and available for bonded loan
- Pedestrian Crossing on Adamson’s Drive - Susan has met with Arrowtown School; email from DP Tim Young with issues – will discuss later in meeting
- Has AVA phone number been removed from phone book? Dave has not yet checked the phone number. He will follow this up.
- Emergency Planning meeting went well cf Nick
- Westpac signing authority – completed

Inwards Correspondence:

QLDC:

- Received Feedback on Ladies Mile Masterplan – We understand 86% of feedback was against the proposal going ahead.

- Proposed speed limit of 30km/hr in school zone consultation to begin 21 June fwd committee – Susan will ask DP Tim Young if school would like a supporting letter. Moved by Nick. General agreement.
- Reply re Arrowtown Ward Concerns letter indicating panel notice was ‘well advertised’ fwd committee
- Mike Theelen CE responding to our letter of concern over Ward Review situation fwd committee
- Arrowtown Emergency Generator for drinking water supply to be installed at Bush Creek commencing 24 June fwd committee

APBA:

- Invitation to meetings re CBD Plan - chairperson
- Invitation to information evening 30 June 5:15/30pm Carbon Offsetting fwd committee – next Wednesday. Susan and Ben will go to this.
- Request for support letter re Macetown Rd delineation – keep 4x4 off the riverbed
- APBA newsletter fwd committee
- Invitation to Brainstorming Meeting re Ward Review – Susan communicated that Peter Robinson has shown interest in attending. Nick Fifiend and will attend.

Other:

- Jacqui Thomas re resignation as Minutes Secretary - Susan Rowley passed on Jacqui's apologies for having to withdraw as Minutes Secretary due to continued travel constraints.
- Hayley Delport replying to query re advertisement on our AVA Loop page – Hayley can put an advertisement on our page if she is short of space; apologised for not letting us know as would have amended our report to suit rather than have the font and photo sizes reduced affecting impact.
- Karl Walker Choppers Update fwd committee
- Environment Court – OLCT Appeal mediation was planned for 16 June then date vacated due to OLCT finding a ‘need for new evidence’. Timetable to be submitted to Judge by 24 June fwd committee
- Another email from Olive Leaf lawyer re engagement of Ian Buchanan, Heritage Expert and Russell Bartlett QC Barrister. Ian Buchanan is not a member of ICOMOS, the professional society of conservation professionals.
- Tim Young, Arrowtown Primary school re crossing issues on Centennial Ave and Cotter Ave and problems with illegal parent parking, lack of footpaths, speeding and no support from QLDC
- Committee – lots re Ward Review

Outwards Correspondence:

QLDC:

- Ladies Mile Masterplan Feedback
- Query re oversight of Arrowtown representation on Ward Review panel
- Mike Theelen re concerns with Ward Review representation
- Parks & Recreation – supporting APBA’s request for work at Bush Creek

Keep reports 20/20 so they consistent each month?

APBA

- Request to host Moisture meters - affirmed
- Various responses re Ward Review

Other:

- Noel Beggs – request to represent AVA at OLCT Mediation - affirmed
- Environment Court – confirming attendance at Mediation
- Hayley Delpot – Loop report; query re advert on our page
- Westpac Bank - additional docs needed for change in signatory
- Alison Dench – moisture meter advice to post
- Committee – various re Ward Review

Moved that the Correspondence has been read and dealt with: Dave, second Nick; all agreed

Treasurer’s Report:

As circulated

Ben – Lotteries have requested a more formalised financial statement than bank statements from Westpac. End of financial year is June. Once the annual summary is provided from the account for the AVA accounts (now on Xero) for the financial year ending June 2020, a copy to be sent to Ben for Lotteries requirements. Noted that future funds deposited into the account for specific projects will be tabled separately by treasurer in a spreadsheet to keep track. This can be backed up with bank statements as needed. Dave moved. Second Ben. Carried.

Councillor’s Report: Heath also joining by WhatsApp call later in meeting

- Representation Review – recommendation to come to Council meeting on 30th June to go out for public consultation. AVA needs a representative to appear at public forum at the meeting on the 30th to speak to why the recommendation should be rethought and why Arrowtown needs representation.
- CBD plan – meeting with Ben Greenwood to discuss options and way forward (Susan, Daniel and Nick have been part of the CBD subcommittee that have met a couple of times and can share the progress)
- New councillor elected – Esther Whitehead

Committee reports

Clean Air:

- Moisture Meters now available to the community at APBA office on Arrow Lane
- Time to engage with Cosy Homes Trust re steps forward - Susan to email Jeremy Baker (Cosy Homes Trust) and Susan will email Ian Longley to follow up offer to trial some filters for chimney flues for community.
- Discussion on council bylaws – In some other places, council have set bylaws preventing open fires and only ultra-low emission wood-burners can be installed. In order to get QLDC/ORC support in this matter, need QLDC/ ORC to set bylaws that it is not a 'permitted' activity to put wood-burners in new homes. This matter to be passed to Peter R to respond.
- Issue of coal-burning in the district – Despite burning of coal banned in Arrowtown, it is still happening. Issue that it is still allowed in rest of district so coal accessible from shops in Queenstown etc. Suggestion by Dave that we need bylaw for entire district.

Tracks:

- Dave met with Keith Milne to add more draft tracks to the Coronet Forest map. Next step is to figure some bike spots and then review with wider group. Then need to present to QMTBC committee meeting to get them onside too. They had met with their past president, but as he is no longer involved need to ensure the current group are aware of us and what we're doing. Pete McNally elected as new QMTBC president.

General Business:

- QLDC Chief Executive response to discussion items at March Mayoral meeting carried over from last meeting – Jim Boulton, Mike Theelen
- Infrastructure/traffic/roading
- Butler Green – going to put sign near the white fence.
 - Tobin's Track – Signs with speed limits top and bottom of Tobin's Track. Do we want to respond to Ben Greenwood who advised about the speed limits there? General agreement that there is not much else we can do as there are signs at top and bottom, saying it's a shared road and to respect other users etc. Agreed that road conditions slow people down. Going to keep an eye on this and will bring back to community if concern raised.
 - Pedestrian crossings – There is a pedestrian crossing close to school on Centennial Avenue but not Adamson Drive (closest would be the Foursquare). Nick will deal with this and add this request in with matters from Correspondence when addressing the CBD issues.
- CBD Plan update – Nick Fifield had meeting with Nick Greenwood.

- Original plan to put traffic table by the green, but Heath has said not to do that because many factors that adjoin speed etc. Council has funding (million) for Butlers Green. They are deciding what to do with it – option to tear down and fill with concrete but this is unlikely.
- Slowing traffic on Berkshire Street - Looking to slow traffic down by cobbling on exit of roundabout, pinching of street (which would remove some parks) and building up schist curb. Was a recommendation for heavy engineer solution too but not appropriate for Arrowtown.
- Slowing traffic by Butler's Green - for cobbling too.
- One-way street to Dudley's Green - been suggested but yet to be consulted. Question of whether it would be legal to remove the fencing between the car park by Dudley's green and the river side car park to create a loop system. Questioned whether increasing traffic could cause safety issues? May increase traffic but will cause less traffic on the wall itself. Need to formalise the carparking down there so people can see where they should park and where they should drive.
- Junction by fire station – earmarked for a roundabout, similar to Adamson Drive. Suggestion of some cobbling to slow traffic. Council going to move entrance to swimming pool, so from the park. Therefore makes sense to have pedestrian crossing by Montessori. Owner of house on corner is developing that area and as part of their consent, they've agreed to get rid of car parks, extend hedge, and make more pedestrian friendly.
- Hanson car park - Has been zoned/designated as a carpark since 80's when council bought. Idea is to link it to carpark by the Fork and Tap.
- Footpaths by Fire station – Plan to formalise these.
- Removal of carparks by Library Green – Will remove parks and create grass verge so more of an amenity space. Right now it is where the locals who work in Arrowtown park all day. Idea is that the Hanson Car Park will act as mitigation.
- Bike parking – Plan to maybe buy some bike parking that becomes a designated area for bike parks. Also, Jeannie (owner of the Fork and Tap) has plans to remove car parks outside the Fork and Tap and instead have bike parks.
- Arrowtown Ward Review implications – APBA meeting on Monday and Council meeting Wednesday - future submission
- Speaker for July meeting –David Clarke/ Alexa Forbes? - Leaving this open until have talked about the review.
- The Loop article? Content due 9-12 July for 15 July edition – Moved that should be about the *ward review*, from a residential aspect. Summary of what is said at the meeting. When Daniel/Dave have figured out what to say, this can be turned into an article.

Ward Review:

Phone call with Heath Copeland (WhatsApp):

- AVA submitted letter to Mike Theelen/Jim Boulton acknowledging disappointment with process to date.
- Between now and Wednesday Heath will lobby councillors why the recommendation isn't good for Arrowtown.
- Heath Moved that 2-3 AVA members, besides himself, should turn up to public forum to speak to reiterate why important for Arrowtown and why we need representation. Must be different points from each speaker. 3-minute limit.
- Realistic view – no change to recommendation prior to/during meeting, but means have consultation period to get community activated/making submissions and to make recommendation for more suitable solution. Might need to compromise (maybe a boundary shift i.e. to incorporate Lake Hayes/Shotover) but push back from all the way to Kingston.
- Heath will make a recommendation to delay the process until we come up with a better one.
- Not trying to think of a better recommendation. We're trying to make it known that we disagree and give reasons as to why
- Our arguments against removal of Arrowtown Ward:
 - Arrowtown unique, not just "special" but unique in the way we actually function –
 - Large visitor numbers
 - History of being its own borough for long time
 - Is a working town, not a suburb of Queenstown
 - Commercial concerns
 - Character of village comes from the residents
 - Residents create many events themselves (i.e. Autumn Festival). They put on events for benefit of community/visitors/domestic and international tourists.
 - Solutions in Arrowtown different to anywhere else (need councillor who can protect those values)
 - We have own community events, pre-schools, primary school, fire station

Phone call with Heath ends 8:30pm

Discussion continues regarding next steps for meeting:

- Wednesday, 1pm
- Argument from residents' perspective
- Could be centred around summary/overview of Shaping our Future.
- More arguments:
 - New Zealand's most small beautiful town 2020 – has been recognised at a national level

- We're not a subdivision, we're a small town.
- All the other subdivisions need more schools etc. but Arrowtown not growing (different needs).
- Different needs/priorities i.e. Lake Hayes Estate objection to Ladies Mile development is that should be developing out in Arrowtown instead. We need to be in a position to push back.
- We need councillor to liaise around all these events which includes parking, closing roads.

Who is going to speak?

- David Clarke (history angle from museum) and Dave, approach Daniel, Peter R has noted interest
- Nick has agreed to help.

Post-meeting

- Will have to convene meeting afterwards to discuss what we submit for our recommendation. This meeting will be separate to the monthly AVA meeting. Around 6th July to 7th August.

Next Meeting: Thursday 22 July, 7pm, Community Rooms

Meeting closed 8:40pm