

The Arrowtown Village Association Committee Meeting 7 pm – Thursday 22 July 2021

Arrowtown Community Rooms (Tennis Rooms)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:11pm.

Present: Susan Rowley (Chair), Daniel Sim, Heath Copeland, Peter Robinson, Graeme Morrison, Nicolet Spice, Maria Burnett (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies: Dave Harding-Shaw, Sara Clark, Ben Teele and Nick Fifield. Moved by Daniel Sim that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Peter Robinson.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion that the June minutes be accepted by Nicolet Spice, seconded by Graeme Morrison. Carried.

Matters arising:

- Newsletter out beginning July, next one September. Nicolet Spice to produce. Everyone to forward any appropriate information to Nicolet.
- Dave Harding-Shaw has ordered extra keys for PO Box
- Moisture Meters now at APBA office on Arrow Lane. Noted by Susan that they have not been used yet.
- Pedestrian Crossing on Adamson's Drive - still in discussion with QLDC
- Additional bus stop proposed at school on 3pm run
- Update CBD Plan – Nick

Inwards Correspondence:

ORC:

- Elton Crane ORC – have approved the RPTP but haven't taken on our transport suggestions especially note Arrowtown bus route fwd Committee
Note: A disappointing response from ORC in response to all AVA submissions. Dismissed submissions on Arrowtown Air Quality and Orbus. ORC will not be creating additional bus routes for three years. Agreement from group that we don't pursue this at the moment.

QLDC:

- Ben Greenwood bringing Polly Lambert into School Speed Zone discussion. Polly Lambert – anything not on Speed Zone Consultation Ben Greenwood to pick up in minor improvements programme if he deemed relevant – Will keep tabs on this.
- Reminder Feedback on Freedom Camping due by Friday 15 July.
- Marie Day – approval of continued annual funding of \$5,000 for next 3 years.
- Lu Morris – Regenerative Tourism events fwd Committee.
- Noting our feedback on Freedom Camping consultation fwd Committee

APBA:

- Nick Fifield – summary of CBD points to Ben Greenwood QLDC fwd Committee
- Nicky B – Update on Okos/Toitu Carbon Offsetting evening – Susan Rowley attended
- Representation Review meeting 9 July 8:45-10am fwd Dave Harding-Shaw, Nick Fifield
- Recap to meeting which Dave Harding-Shaw, Nick Fifield & Peter Robinson (as resident) attended fwd committee
- Carbon management presentation PowerPoints
- Response from Arthur's Point Comm Assoc on Rep Review fwd Committee
- AGM Wed 11 August from 5pm - Presbyterian Church – at the moment receiving nominations for funding from Long Lunch in December. This year looking for community input about which group it could go to, voting on the night.

Other:

- Karl Walker Update WCC Arrowtown fwd committee
- Nick Fifield – QLDC/CBD meeting re School Crossings
- Dave Harding/Shaw re Kiosk/ information centre across footbridge
- Mary May ALR Village meeting 12 July 10am
- John Owen – feedback on Olive Leaf item in our newsletter fwd Committee
- Noleaf Inc Society – seeking public funding assistance for Env Crt fwd Committee
- Hayley Delport – proof of article for The Loop
- Ben Teele – advising removal of Douglas Fir on Soldiers Hill this week
- Eunice Borrie re against Freedom Camping Whitechapel and Morven Ferry
- Noel Beggs – Mahu Whenua Trails Plans expressing concern re possible overlapping of walking and biking tracks Big Hill/ Sawpit Gully cf Tracks Report fwd Committee
- SoF – Transport exploration event 28/7 Wanaka 29/7 Queenstown (Shotover Country) Peter R and Daniel Sim to attend
- Committee – lots re Ward Review
- Regenerative Tourism at The Dishery in Arrowtown, Thursday 5 August, 5:30pm – Maria Burnett to attend
- Climate Hui – 3rd August, 5:30-7:30 + drinks and nibbles, Bowls Club – Peter Robinson and Petra to attend

Outwards Correspondence:

QLDC:

- Ben Greenwood, Polly, Nick, Tim Young re oversight of traffic calming/crossing point at Adamson Drive/Centennial Ave intersection
- Submission against Freedom Camping in area surrounding Arrowtown
- Submission supporting lower speed zone around school

APBA

- Various responses re Ward Review

Other:

- Hayley Delpot – Loop report
- Alison Dench - Newsletter

- Committee – various re Ward Review

Motion that the Correspondence has been read and dealt with. Moved by Daniel Sim, seconded by Graeme Morrison.

Treasurer's Report

- As circulated
- Charity return is due December

Susan moved adoption of Treasurer's Report in Dave Harding-Shaw's absence. Nicolet Spice seconded. Carried.

Councillor's Report:

Health Copeland apologises for not circulating July report.

Ward Review:

- Great result at Council meeting – hope to have Arrowtown Councillor for next three years (Stay of Execution period).
- Heath will push to extend next review to six years.
- Recommendation now stands unless there's strong submission against it from the Consultation.
- Consultation submissions period closes on the 06/08/2021 at 5pm.

Freedom Camping:

- Submission period closed last week (20th July).
- The Freedom Camping Act specifically states a District cannot prohibit Freedom Camping. Instead, the District must create a bylaw which gives reasoning why Freedom Camping should not be allowed in certain areas but must offer some suggestions for locations where Freedom Camping would be appropriate within District.
- The NZ Motorhome Association called for judicial review for infringing rights in Freedom Camping Act so this time, Council working hard to ensure this doesn't happen again.
- QLDC have suggested multiple sites, including Morven Ferry (maximum 4 vehicles at one time). Communities have disapproved. Looks unlikely that Morven Ferry will be named a Freedom Camping location.

Ladies Mile Master Plan Update:

- Plan up for adoption next week. Jim Boult has produced an opinion piece against it. Heath Copeland is unsure where Council sits on it prior to meeting.
- Developments also occurring at Kawarau Heights and Laurel Hills (public may not be aware).

Committee reports

Wilding Control:

Works have restarted after the end of the financial year (June 2021) focused on Bush Creek and above the Arrow. Landowner permission for a small block of private land above Bush Creek Road was granted to remove the wildings on that block. Still trying to get a response from Butel Park Association to deal with trees on their block of land below. Trees on Soldier's Hill are being removed this week (19th July), and will likely be almost done by meeting. Consideration around replanting will be done via RSA and APAG, with a 2014 plan to be updated with appropriate species. Further improvement works to the hill may be considered around things like wheelchair access, stone gateway, etc. Ben

- Concern from some locals in regard to tree removal in the village and surrounding areas. Generally agreed there is generational emotional attachment to certain trees.
- Discussion of location of tree removal and type of trees (locals don't want all trees to be removed).
- Graeme Morrison - No tree removal planned in village or clearing on the hill face in front of the village (due to visual effect). Will be tree removal on Tobin's Face and by Butel (waiting for permission). Douglas Firs to be removed – have already started on track towards Macetown. Will be regeneration with beech trees. The Pines that are located on Council property within the village will be removed i.e., Wilcox Reserve. Current trial with Oaks etc. on Tobin's to determine if this will work, allowing removal of the Sycamores.

Clean Air:

From Ian Longley, NIWA - We now have nearly 3 months of detailed data from 6 homes which is providing significant insight into how polluted air enters and moves around houses. Despite the homes spanning a range of airtightness we are seeing smoke enter all of them just as easily. Each of these 6 homes will be receiving an air cleaner in the next few weeks.

- After an unintended delay, monitoring in 11 newly recruited homes will begin very soon
- NIWA – Currently keep losing data and you can't access it (only data from 2019 available)
- Regional Air Quality Stakeholder Hui - Thursday 30 September in Gore (Zoom available) – All stakeholders in Otago will be in attendance. Good opportunity to send message that Arrowtown has been let down by ORC with managing air quality.
- Discussion of options for dealing with Clean Air issue in Arrowtown.
 - Health Copeland – pointed out cost for all removing wood burners and putting in good electrical system about \$15,000,000. Susan pointed out this may not be a good tactic because many Arrowtown houses not insulated well enough for that to be practical. Instead, phase-out tactic may be better, banning solid fuel burners in new homes (will need new Bylaw). Ian Longley considered short phase out vs long-phase out and short-phase out will have significant financial burden on community.
 - Susan Rowley pointed out that we should possibly wait until new plan comes out before following up with ORC.
 - Heath offered to follow up with Council on whether new builds in Arrowtown can have a solid fuel burner
 - There is an issue with air quality affecting all housing. Peter Robinson noted that in a highly insulated one year old house CO₂ levels in bedrooms of up to 3000ppm are being recorded in the NIWA measurements, owing to very low ventilation

rates. Anything over 1800 to 2000ppm is likely to lead to head aches. Opening a window in the morning for an hour can reduce the CO₂ levels to 1000ppm. However, if a log burner is started during this time, it only takes half an hour for the particulate levels in the room to rise from 5 to 10 µg/m³ to 20 to 50 µg/m³ and it will take 24 hours to reduce by 2/3. The permitted limit outside is 3 exceedances of a 24 hour average particulate level of 25 µg/m³ over a year. The key point to note is that this suggests so long as there are any log burners around in Arrowtown indoor air quality in even well insulated houses that do not have log burners is likely to be adversely affected. At present regulations are applied to outdoor air only but the NIWA study is highlighting the problem with indoor air quality. This reinforces the case for a ban sooner rather than later.

- Personal stories of people's experience with Arrowtown Air Quality for website and more education. Does anyone know anyone with asthma/respiratory illnesses living in Arrowtown?

Tracks:

Positive response to Mana Whenua Draft Management Plan. Graeme Morrison spoke to Dave-Harding Shaw tonight before meeting. Big Hill cycle trial was to return down Macetown road and have now decided they want to go up Big Hill, which is a walking trail, cross Sawpit Gully and come down the hill face with all the trees. Concern about bikes ending up on Sawpit Gully walking track. Haven't consulted with community. AVA signatory to memorandum and have not been consulted yet. Possible solution suggested by Graeme Morrison is that Big Hill remains walking track a cycle track carries on down Coronet Peak and returns through Macetown. Graeme Morrison will discuss with Ben Teele and Dave Harding-Shaw (could be historical, archaeological reasons against it being turned into cycle trail).

Arrowtown Ward Review:

Summary from APBA/ AVA July 9 Meeting with extra notes:

- Agreed most public submissions would come from individuals to assist in getting the number of support from Arrowtown up and follow a similar style to what was discussed at the public forum
- APBA & AVA would however submit an official submission from their respective associations. David Harding Shaw to do AVA and Jimmy to do APBA
- All submissions to include the words "I support the recommendation" and list reasons why...
- We agreed that supporting the recommendation, as is, should be the first statement of the submission, but to encourage people to put up an alternative if they feel strongly about it. If you wish to suggest a change, the recommendation was an option for the Council to consider..."I propose the Arrowtown Ward is expanded to match that of the Arrowtown School zone (for example)....and then list the reasons why.
- Health Copeland made point that the submissions at QLDC meeting by Arrowtown as community were well organised, with each of the seven speakers covering an individual matter. This helped get points across clearly and no-one around table could dispute this. Special thanks to Nick Fifield for having a big part in organising this.

- Arthurs Point - Replied they weren't putting in submission themselves but were recommending people from community should for own view. Surprised they're in Kawarau, as would Kelvin Heights. May be putting in submissions to be put in with Queenstown.
- Lake Hayes Estate – no particular advantage to them to Arrowtown having own specific councillor but will look to support us.
- Submissions for Ward Review close 5pm on Friday 6 August. Health Copeland has reminded committee members to make a submission and encourage networks to do the same, whether this is in agreeance with AVA or not. Note: Of you wish to make a submission, keep Tuesday 26 August free for the Queenstown hearing date

General Business:

- CBD Plan update – Nick – Update that Hansen Car park (behind Fork & Tap) is not zoned carparking, its zoned reserve. Idea of putting gravel down on Hansen. Traffic calming/traffic around schools become interrelated. Pedestrian crossing on Adamson's Drive - was included in Speed Limit feedback. Peter Robinson submitted personal submission on this matter. Generally felt that there should be a calming/slowing measure on Centennial Avenue to slow traffic near the school where children are walking/being picked up/dropped off. Red on seal – causes to slow down. Don't think Arrowtown Community would agree to that. Suggestion by Susan Rowley that should consult with community. Plans to formalise the bus stop by Millbrook and put traffic islands in centre of road, which will have effect of traffic calming before road users enter Arrowtown.
- Speaker for August meeting – Alexa Forbes – Orbus, Air Quality? All in agreement that this not necessary for August meeting (meetings running long enough).
- The Loop article? Content due 6 – 9 Aug for 12 Aug edition. Graeme Morrison and Dave Harding-Shaw going to write something up about trails and Mana Whenua.
- Anything for Website? Everyone to consider items for website from their own area of expertise that may be appropriate for website. Personal stories re Air Quality and locals with asthma or respiratory illness.
- Any upcoming consultations? Ward Representation Review Friday 6 August. Reminder to put in submissions in support of the current recommendation.

Next Meeting: Thursday 26 August, 7pm, Community Rooms

Meeting closed 9:25pm