



**MINUTES - DRAFT  
ARO VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
DATE: 27 July 2016**

Held at the Aro Valley Community Centre, 48 Aro Street, Aro Valley.

Start time: 7:20pm. Finish: 8:20pm.

Present: AVCC attendants, including:

Co-Chair Roland Sapsford (Roland)  
Co- Chair Luke Allen (Luke)

Secretary Hilary Unwin (Hilary)

Treasurer Rachel Griffiths (Rachel)

**Annual General Meeting Register:**

Roland Sapsford

Luke Allen

Madeline Rashbrooke

Julia Stace

Jay Buzenberg

Jo Brien

Iona Pannett

Karen MacIntyre

Kevin Marshall

Graeme Whimp

Malcolm Frazer

Jo Mackay

Tom Pettit

Nadine Dodge

Dacia Herbulock

John Waterson

Tony Allerby

Geoff Lewington

Alan Fairley

James Grant

Pasan Jayasinghe

David Wahl

Margaret Ledgerton

Heather Mackay

Anne Hall

Anne Munz

Rosanne Harland

Maria Stocker

Des Culling

Chris Carey-Smith

Cath Carey-Smith

Mary Brien

Pam Ormsby

Zeke O'Connor-Sapsford

George Daroux

Brent Efford

Brian Davies

Alastair Smith

Phil Edgar

Elizabeth Pringle

Krissy Cloutman

Celia Opie

### **Welcome by Roland**

Roland welcomed the Aro Valley whanau to the AGM, acknowledging the people that have come before us and the history of the AVCC and the Aro Valley. He introduced himself, Luke and Rachel and then described the agenda. After that he asked for apologies.

### **Apologies**

Apologies accepted: Anne Hall, Catherine Vaughan, Bob Drummond, Paul Bruce, James Shaw, Sacha Green, Martin Wilson, Nicola Young, Rob Mayo, Jackie Tutt, Alan Fairless, Jo Coughlan, Nicole Benkert, Ben Jeffares, Lisa Thompson

### **Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The draft minutes from the 2015 AGM were tabled. There were no comments.

The minutes were approved by consensus.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **Guest Speakers**

Roland introduced Danyl McLaughlan.

Danyl read a chapter of his latest book "Mysterious Mysteries of the Aro Valley" a follow up to his first book "Unspeakable Secrets of the Aro Valley".

Roland introduced Chris Carey-Smith from the Wellington Timebank.

Chris used some willing volunteers to explain how the Timebank works. "*time bank* is a reciprocity-based work trading system in which hours are the currency. With *time banking*, a person with one skill set can *bank* and trade hours of work for equal hours of work in another skill set instead of paying or being paid for services."

Timebank; builds communities, is useful for organisations, is a way for new migrants to meet people, connects people and utilises people's gifts. You can sign up via the website [www.http://wellingtontimebank.org.nz](http://wellingtontimebank.org.nz) . new members are vetted, needing a police check, an orientation session and require referees prior to acceptance.

Every week a newsletter is sent out outlining offers and requests. Although many people or organisations are in "debit" this is not an issue as the time bank balances out over time.

If enough people from the Aro Valley signed up we could have an Aro Valley hub.

### **Co-chairs Report**

Co-chairs' Report delivered by Co-chair Luke Allen.

Report received. Roland emphasised the thanks to the Community Administrator and Community Developer, who received a warm round of applause.

The report noted that the AVCC held three general meetings during the year:

- Aro to Paris (climate change) November 2015
- Community Centre Upgrade, and Inc Society Law changes - April 2016
- Wasted! (waste and recycling in the Valley) June 2016

There was also one general meeting on the AVCC constitution that didn't meet quorum.

Luke proposed that the Co-chair's report be accepted. Roland seconded this proposal.

The Co-chairs report was approved by consensus.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Report and notes received. The Treasurer's report includes the annual accounts.

The AVCC's accounts are in good shape. There is a healthy surplus for the year ahead to ameliorate against any unforeseen events.

There were no questions to the Treasurer's Report:

Madeline thanked Rachel for a "fantastic" treasurer's report. She has attended many AGM's, and was pleased to say she understood what had happened with the AVCC's finances over the year.

Graham proposed that the treasurer's report be accepted. Madeline seconded this proposal.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by consensus.

## **Staff Report**

Report received. The staff report was introduced by Luke. He thanked Krissy and Lexi again for their fantastic work over the year. He explained that the document displays all of the work done by Krissy and Lexi.

Krissy thanked the community for welcoming and supporting her in her role. She also made special mention of Yair - a daily volunteer and helper whose work is much appreciated.

## **Confirmation/Election of the AVCC Committee Members and Office Holders**

Roland introduced the Election session.

The following nominees were declared elected automatically as there were the same number of nominees as positions:

Co-chair – Luke Allen  
Co-chair - Hilary Unwin  
Treasurer – Rachel Griffiths  
Secretary - Heather Mackay

Roland explained that there were only eight people nominated for the Committee (out of a total of 10 positions). The following committee members were declared elected automatically.

1. Brent Efford
2. Jay Buzenberg
3. Jo Brien
4. Karen MacIntyre
5. Madeline Rushbrooke
6. Nicole Benkert
7. Roland Sapsford
8. Zeke O'Connor-Sapsford

Roland asked for nominations from the floor for the remaining two positions.

Chris Carey Smith nominated himself, Madeline Rashbrooke seconded his nomination. There were no other nominations and no requests for a ballot. Chris Carey-Smith was declared elected. One vacancy remains on the Committee.

The 2016 – 17 AVCC Committee is:

1. Brent Efford
2. Jay Buzenberg
3. Jo Brien
4. Karen MacIntyre
5. Madeline Rashbrooke
6. Nicole Benkert
7. Roland Sapsford
8. Zeke O'Connor-Sapsford
9. Chris Carey Smith

Graham Whimp proposed that the committee be given authority to fill any vacancies after the AGM. Rachel seconded this.

The proposal was agreed by consensus.

### **Auditor and Honorary Solicitor**

Roland explained that the Constitution required the AGM to give the Committee the authority to appoint an auditor and an honorary solicitor. Changing this would require an amendment to the Constitution. Delegating authority to the AVCC means an AGM is not required to make the appointment.

Luke asked the AVCC AGM to agree to the Committee having the authority to appoint an auditor. Rachel seconded this proposal.

The proposal was agreed by consensus.

Brent Efford asked how much it costs to have the accounts audited. The response was \$1645.00 as noted in the financial accounts. Rachel explained that the amount had gone up because of the extra work required by the new format.

Roland asked the AVCC AGM to agree to the Committee having the authority to appoint an honorary solicitor if a suitable person becomes available. Heather Mackay seconded this proposal.

The proposal was agreed by consensus.

### **Urgent General Business**

Iona said that the WCC is debating its Dog Policy on 4th August at 9.15am. At the general meeting in April 2016, the AVCC committee agreed that the community wanted to keep the dog exercise area at Polhill Gully. Iona asked if a representative could attend the meeting to support that motion. Heather Mackay agreed to represent AVCC at this meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.