



MINUTES AVCC General Meeting
6 to 8 pm on 16 November 2020 at Aro Valley Hall
“Sustainable Living in Aro Valley”

Present:

AVCC Committee: Ingrid Downey (Co-chair), Barbara Wheeler (Co-chair), Ayse Altin-Wohlleben (secretary), Melanie Vaultier, Cameron MacKay, Phaedra Bree-Chen, George Sapsford, Jill Musgrave and Martin Wilson

Members: F. Willis, George Daroux

Note, QUORUM not achieved.

Speakers:

Alice Boulton from *Sustainable Living Skills Education* grew up on an almost self-sufficient farm in rural Wales and has lived in Karori for 16 years. She has a science degree, a training and facilitation background, and works in organisation change at NZEI Te Riu Roa, the teacher and educators' union. She's been involved in many community initiatives such as playgroups, fundraisers and a toy libraries, but now she's really enthusiastic about growing collective understanding and abilities in sustainable living. Alice is an approved facilitator of the Sustainable Living Education Trusts' future living skills adult education courses.

David Pierce from *Sustainability Trust Healthy Homes* is excited to be around a community of people who want to explore and share ideas around resilience and sustainable living. He's especially interested in energy-efficient living and his role at Sustainability Trust is to help households achieve a warm, dry, healthy home on a budget. He lives a mostly low-tech life and tends to eat his lunches out of jars.

1. Welcome by Co-chair Ingrid Downey and Karakia

2. AVCC Business:

- **Quorum was not achieved! Any business will have to be addressed at the next general meeting;**
- **Site redevelopment update by Ingrid Downey:**
 - Hall will be moved back to give more space between hall and playground
 - Building will be updated and expanded, will have an additional meeting room, an updated kitchen
 - Hall will have double glazing and better insulation and earthquake resilience
 - Tennis pavilion will not be included and not taking up any of the budget from the redevelopment, but get its own budget for making it watertight, taking out all the wood joinery to remove rot. It will be blocked off and just dry out; after a year of this, options will be looked into again;
 - site development will offer more space for gardening for community to lead.

- **Update about the Committee's work by Barbara Wheeler:**

After strategic meeting of the new Committee, the following actions have happened:

- Update of governance documents stated as one of the key points
- Applied for funding to improve productivity and safety
- Collaboration with Wellington Residence Association
- Seeds to Feeds festival to happen at Aro hall
- Instagram account *Humans of Aro Valley* is being created
- Project about safety on Aro Street is on the way
- > Interest in Te reo Maori lessons was expressed

3. Presentations on sustainable and resilient living

Alice Boulton on *Sustainable Living Skills Education*

- Free sustainability courses and learning guides on the website for councils who have joined the Trust
- Covers eight different topics: waste, water, food, gardening, energy, transport, resilience, home and buildings
- Each topic of the adult education classes could be a 2-hour learning session; communities and groups can ask for a facilitator for these workshops
- Volunteer facilitators as Alice are available; venues need to be provided; suggestion to have workshops in Aro Valley

David Pierce on *Healthy Homes*

- Healthy homes need to be warm and dry; there are several sides to this: a community and a commercial side
- Commercial side includes: insulation, heating and cooling; LED down fits, energy savers, Healthy homes standard, home and energy saver programs
- There are healthy home assessments for landlords to help them become compliant with the standards
- Community side includes: workshops in schools and programs to help to have healthy homes; Eco center and Eco shops (eg electrical waste going to recycling etc); curtain bank;

Discussion and suggested action points for AVCC

- For AVCC to be a facilitator of meetings to support tenants and landlords
- --> help landlords to create a healthy home
- --> support tenants in case of problems

Meeting closed at 7.10pm with a waiata