



MINUTES
ARO VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
Date: 15 June 2016, 7:30pm
Location: Hall
ARO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Luke Allen (Co-chair), Roland Sapsford (co-chair), Hilary Unwin (Secretary), Rachel Griffiths (Treasurer), Jo Mackay, Sacha Green, Lisa Thompson, Lexi Goodman, Jay Buzenberg, Krissy Cloutman, Daniel Brown

Apologies: Phil Edgar, Jo Brien, Karen McIntyre

Opening Round

Minutes from May 2016 meeting are in progress.

Guests

Teresa Gianos from the WCC and Sgt Matthew Mackenzie (Mac) of the Community Policing Team spoke to us regarding vehicle crime in the Valley. Theft, vandalism and damage to cars in Aro Valley are amongst the highest rates in the city. This was in part due to the Valley's proximity to the city and that many cars were parked roadside. Mac advised that the University had employed security guards to assist with issues relating to its student population and that the University could be contacted regarding concerns about student behaviour. Mac and Teresa noted that it was important that any crimes and incidents be logged with Police as this led to better allocation of resources, building profiles of crime types and the Police ability to address hotspots and repeated patterns.

Staff Report and Related Topics

The AVCC staff report was tabled and spoken to by Krissy and Lexi who noted it had been a busy month with lots of one off events booked and several regular new bookings.

Action Points

Mural projects: Our funding applications were declined by the WCC for these projects. Other avenues of funding are being considered with WCC officers and Krissy recommended seeking contributions from local sponsors.

Pot Luck Dinners: Lexi advised that the first of these will be held on Saturday and is an Indian potluck. It is hoped that a variety of ethnic treats will be offered at other nights over upcoming months.

Valley Voice: Tim will handover to Lexi who will run the next edition of the Valley Voice. Luke will also attend this meeting. Consideration of resources such as software and display racks will be considered at a later date. Thanks to Lexi for taking this on.

Community Noticeboards: We discussed approaching the WCC to provide public noticeboards such as those in use in Northland.

AGM: We decided to invite Danyl Mclauchlan as a guest speaker at the AGM.

Heater for the Hall: We agreed that a new heater was required for the Hall

DECISION: That we approved the purchase of a heater up to the value of \$250 + GST. Heating is an ongoing issue in the Hall and we agreed that it was probably time for a servicing of the heat pumps. More permanent solutions including insulation of the Hall would be considered as part of the site development project. Replacing the curtains may be considered sooner. An approach will be made to the Sustainability Trust for an assessment of our needs in this regard.

- ACTION:** Krissy to contact WCC re noticeboards.
- ACTION:** Lexi to invite Danyl to the AGM
- ACTION:** Krissy to purchase new heater.

Community Issues

Action Points

Hilary reported back on discussions with members of the Vogelhorn community regarding their community upgrade and revitalisation project. Their project involved a six month consultation period culminating in a final meeting at which a concept plan was presented. Consultation meetings were held on Sunday afternoons and food and drinks were available. This promoted a participatory environment. Vogelhorn used external advisors and outside facilitation which promoted strong engagement from community members. An average of 30 people attended the consultation meetings and approximately 100 attended the final meeting. Encouraging volunteers led to community ownership of the project and a wide variety of contributions. Hilary advised that our

next step is to define our consultation plan and engage the specialists we need to achieve this and that Vogelmorn's process was an excellent template for us to follow.

Luke said that meeting with WCC officers regarding the possibility of wrapping up more of the precinct site in the plan was also taking place. Recognition of the precinct neighbours including the social housing was important in developing plans for the area, as it provided the opportunity to draw in the wider community. Other considerations included the heritage of the area, engagement with the school as a significant stakeholder and that resource consents would be required for the project.

WASTED GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was very successful. A highlight was seeing the passion of the WCC officers involved in managing waste in our community. The Meeting created a list of possible follow up actions. We discussed adopting some of the ideas suggested as part of Plastic Free July campaign which would provide an excellent opportunity to raise awareness in the wake of Wasted. In particular, we were enthusiastic about minimising plastic bags and encouraging alternatives to using plastic.

ACTION: Krissy, Lexi, Jo and Hilary to form a small and perfectly formed group and develop Aro Valley participation in Plastic Free July.

Organising Ourselves

Action Points

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Rachel presented and spoke to the April and May reports. Happily, all is tracking as expected, it is business as usual and nothing of note to be considered.

DECISION: That the Financial Reports for April and May be accepted.

SCHOOL REPORT

We welcomed Daniel Brown from Te Aro School as an observer at our meeting. Daniel advised that volunteers were sought for the School's Matariki celebrations and anyone interested could call the school office for more information

PRE-SCHOOL REPORT

Sacha advised that the Pre-School Matariki night had been very successful. The pre-school still faced significant challenges including the outdoor area, drainage, safety matting and the sandpit re-design. Fundraising options were being investigated for the sandpit redesign. More information and costings would be available shortly. There had also been an issue with the gate and a double gate entry was needed to ensure children's safety.

AGM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

BUSINESS PLAN AND MOU

Many thanks to Jo who had prepared our response document.

DECISION: That we forward the proposed document to the Pre-School for consideration.

DECISION: That Luke and Roland were delegated to progress the Plan and MoU and sign off if no further comments were received within 5 days.

CORRESPONDENCE

We discussed establishing email contact addresses which could become the portal for communications from community members. This would be a way of ensuring we had received messages and a way of advising the author/s of our procedure for responding to emails.

COMPOST

The compost at the end of Epuni Street has not been maintained and issues are arising with rats. Kai o Te Aro had established and run the site for many years but have asked us for help in sorting it out. Thanks to Daniel who advised he has been helping turn the compost.

We discussed what needed to be done and developed a two-fold strategy: firstly, meet with KoTA to see what is required and hire a person who can address the immediate problems and get the system back up and running. Secondly, we will look at a more long term solution with KoTA and other resources as the composting is an ongoing project.

DECISION: We employ a suitable person to address the immediate issues and refurbish the Epuni Street compost site.

ACTION: Sacha to distribute documents to Pre-School.

ACTION: Luke and Roland to follow-up.

ACTION: Roland to contact Kai o Te Aro as discussed.

Meeting Closed	
The meeting closed at 9.15pm.	