



MINUTES AVCC Committee Meeting

7.30pm 25th March 2015

1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Roland, Tony, Jadwyn, Madeleine, Lisa, Cindy, Bridget, Mattie. Jo, Rachel, Julia Luke, Kelvin</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Sarah-Jane, Luke, Jay</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes</b>          These Minutes have been prepared as a result of combined efforts by those present. Due to time constraints some items were addressed earlier than indicated on the Agenda.</p>	
(7.1)	<p><b>Community issues:</b>   <i>WW100 event: My Country: Right or Wrong</i>          This will take place on 9-10 May. The seminar component will be held on Saturday and will be followed by a shared (fish and chip) meal. A walk around significant Aro Valley locations will take place on Sunday. Publicity material has been produced and posters and DLE flyers were available to take with us. The first registration for the seminar has been received and Jo will manage further registrations.  <b>ACTION:</b> Jay is to put the advertising material on the website and Committee members are to put up posters and flyers and publicise the event where they can.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Co-ordinator Topics</b>   <i>AVCC Fair</i>          Kelvin reported on our hugely successful Fair. He especially thanked the Green Room workers and Cindy for her amazing stall management. Projected income from the stalls was circa \$3,000 and funding from the WCC was \$2,000. However, he noted that the generator costs were expensive and still to be confirmed. There was a good mix of stalls on the day. The Arolympics had been very well received with Aro Street the winner on the day. Kevin suggested it would be helpful to stagger arrival times for stall holders wanting to set up in the park with a view to avoiding bottle necks.          Kelvin, Lisa and Rachel will work on the formal report back to the WCC.   <i>Main Grant</i>          Roland advised that the WCC were keenly pursuing AVCC's report for our main Council grant. Lisa and Kelvin will investigate this with a view to completing funding reports for the Fair, FunLab and the main WCC grant.   <i>School Holiday Programme</i>          Registrations are trickling in. We noted that Kelvin needed handover to Jo regarding the registrations and running of the SHP.           Very warm thanks were offered to Kelvin for his work over the last two years. Kelvin's ability to bring people together has made a huge contribution to our community. In reply, Kelvin spoke of the fun times he had had and the great people he had met.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Organising ourselves</b>   <b>1. Reconfiguring Staff Roles:</b>          Roland reported back on the two job descriptions that had been prepared. He asked that we appoint a sub-committee to manage employment issues and nominated Rachel and Lisa as committee members.</p>	

**DECISION:** That Rachel and Lisa join Roland on the Employment Sub-Committee.

The process for hiring new people is that we will advertise in the VV, on websites and by posters. The two positions are Community Developer and Community Co-ordinator and are offered at between \$23-\$25 per hour for up to 20 hours. The proposed timeframe is to advertise quickly with interviews being conducted in mid April. It was hoped that we would have recommendations to present to our next meeting.

We are extremely grateful that Jo and Lesley have agreed to hold the fort in the interim.

**2. Financial Report:**

Rachel presented her reports for January and February.

**APPROVED:** The financial reports for January and February were approved.

**3. Christmas Trees:**

Rachel and Jadwyn confirmed that the Christmas Tree project had been completed and that the School and Pre-school had been paid. The new tree supplier had worked out really well and preliminary discussions for this year are under way. Banner advertising was being evaluated. Also, the suitability of the Bunker remains an issue. We noted that the fate of the Bunker needed to be considered as part of the wider site development.

**DECISION:** Site Development including the Bunker should be included as an agenda item for our next meeting.

**4. Website/E-list:**

No report.

**5. School:**

Tony reported on Te Aro School seeking a review of its recent Decile 10 rating. There has been an 80% return rate from parents with a required response target of 90%. The Committee asked what it could do to support the School in its application. Tony will let us know if anything comes to mind.

Tony advised that the sausage sizzle at the Fair had done well.

**6. Pre-School:**

Hilary has now finished at the pre-school and Sacha is Chair. The Pre-school also did well at the Fair. We will check that pre-school parents receive information on the ESOL classes.

**7. Community Issues**

**2. Planning issues:**

Unfortunately, AVCC's interim injunction application to the High Court to prevent demolition of the Bakehouse was unsuccessful. AVCC's lawyer, Tom Bennion, had advised that AVCC had a better than even chance of success, but we struck a reactionary High Court judge who was critical of AVCC's standing to bring the application and our arguments. The Judge declined to issue an Interim Injunction.

The consequences of this decision are threefold: firstly, the WCC has had its questionable decision-making process endorsed; secondly, there is nothing that we can do prevent the demolition of the Bakehouse building which may occur in early May; and, AVCC may be liable for costs in relation to the Application.

**DECISION:** A sub-group will form to look at alternative actions regarding the Bakehouse

**3. Closure of Patels**

Patels were advised two weeks ago that their lease for their premises on Aro Street will not be renewed. The end date for their lease is 2 July 2015. Apparently, the building owners are not interested in discussing their decision with the Patels despite the Patels offer to pay for repairs or purchase the building outright. We agreed to discuss this with our networks with a view to establishing what is at issue and opening a dialogue between the parties.

**4. Remembering Pam Whittington**

We discussed a more permanent memorial to Pam, perhaps by naming our community hall after her. This will be included in our site development discussions.

The meeting closed at 9pm.