

Minutes MC meeting 14th June 2023

Chair: Andi

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Present: Tricia, Tony, Liz, Francis, Fiona

Visiting: Ellen, Kevin

Apologies: Stephen, Dirk

Actions for follow up in RED

1. Rainbird bus and market street corner proposal by Ellen and Kevin

Ellen and Kevin presented idea to integrate Rainbird bus, little library and market street into a nature play space for children with various uses. The idea was received very positively and both have engaged with other villagers that might be interested in being part in developing the space to this purpose.

It was agreed that the next step would be to fill in form 1 (and potentially 2) to create clarity re resources, implications and potential risks. Encouraged Ellen and Kevin also to have idea ready for presentation at one of the pre-AGM forums.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Abandoned car in carpark

Stephan has removed his car – **can be removed from agenda**

- Timber pile on farm

At this stage nothing new to report. Dirk was to investigate possibility of burning it. Discussed various alternatives without any decisions made

- Framework for wwoofers

all clear now and MC and Michael happy with current set up – **can be removed from agenda**

- New lease agreement with Village Greens

Tricia and Andi contacted VG but at this stage no response. Clear intention from MC to continue to have VG on farm; VG seen as massive asset to life in and ethos of village.

Andi to contact again to set up meeting together with Tricia and VG

3. Presiding Officer's report

Report on meeting with Hugh re progress of 'water group'. John Meakin and others have installed fan at mains water pump, powered by recycled solar panel. There is optimism that this will resolve the problem of the mains pump cutting out on hot days. If not, there are alternative solutions that can be trialled.

'Water group' also working on info 'booklet' with updated document by Adrian that covers the design of the water system in the village and what it means for household use. Currently they are also creating visual materials documenting all components of different rainwater

systems for houses and they will create an audit list so people can assess their own system in their house.

4. Treasurer's report

- Budget for this year seems to be on track
- Levy increase of around 15% necessary for next year
- Will organise quote by outside provider re common land maintenance currently covered by contractors. At this stage just to understand possible budget implications, as contractors costs and upkeep of materials (tractors, mowers, etc) are the most significant costs in budget
- Brief discussion of funding request from PAGO; no final decision
- Brief discussion of potential alternatives re funding of future project (community funding activities; GoFundME, etc...)

5. Secretary's report

- Secretary on a well deserved mission to the motherland and beyond.

6. Group coordinator's reports

- Works
Mark has delayed retirement plans and will continue for another year, albeit with reduced hours. Rajan happy to pick up the extra hours.
WWTP continues to throw up some riddles here and there, but at this stage all under control
Works in general up to date
Water connection extended to Forest on the Farm project
- Common Land Group
Fruit and Nut Tree audit about to get under way
- Pago
Pago at the moment working on creation of policies and guidelines
- Arts
Very successful art and craft showcase for the village organised. 17 people attended follow up meeting, indicating that there is good energy for further projects at the moment
- BDC
Application for building on Lot 1, but they at the moment challenge council decision to have to build 5 m back from lot boundary at street
- NEB
All up-to-date apart from finalising map with locations of all burial sides. Liz working on completion of this map
- Pests
n/a
- Energy Group
No detailed update re battery project at this stage. End of the month will bring clarity
- Forest on the Farm
Planting of trees imminent

7. New Business

- Lot 9 complaint

Secretary and PO received email from owner of Lot 10 with formal complaint about ongoing issues re building on Lot 9 and conduct of owner of Lot 9. MC acknowledged complaint. Some of the issues raised are probably more in hands of council. MC will follow up re some aspects of complaint

Action:

Tricia will draft letter to Lot 9 owner re upcoming end of approval for container on Lot 9 and general state of Lot 9

Andi will draft email to owner of Lot 10, acknowledging complaint and outlining MC response

Francis will continue conversations with owners of both Lots to keep remainder of hope of positive outcome open

- Bouldering wall and shelf in Sharing Shed

Still no real clarity, both topics will be shared with Pago for consideration. Shelf on Southern wall not likely to go ahead, no real opposition. Question of bouldering wall more complex, but needs some solution to work around side walls and ceiling can be finished

- Coordinator roles within village

Only briefly mentioned at the end of meeting that previously there were more roles on MC and it could be good to have more perspectives/opinions on MC. Francis and Fiona joining is a first step. Fiona will likely take on 'village communication project' and Francis for the moment appointed as 'works secretary'. Congratulations!

8. Any other business

No other business

Meeting closed at: 22.00