

Minutes MC meeting 9th August 2023

Chair: Andi

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Present: Tricia, Tony, Stephen, Fiona, Francis, Liz

Visiting: Kirrily, Paul R., Bruce

Apologies: Dirk

Actions for follow up in RED

Guests:

1. Kirrily requested update re Lot 9 and shared impact that ongoing issues with owner of the site has on Ben, her and their business. Shared timeline of MC with approval for container ending in September. Explained limited tools that CC has to address/force the issue.
2. Paul R. presenting complaint about freely roaming pet rabbits of Elle R.. He had personal conversations and wanted to escalate it as problem has not stopped, recently rabbits and guinea pigs were still seen roaming freely and impacting plantings of common land and other private Lot owners. Neighbourhood group coordinators didn't think it was in their job description, therefore presentation to MC. Requested firm action. Bruce added general information about potential risk of rabbits running free and possibly coming in contact with wild rabbits. At the moment, rabbits seem to be at a manageable number in the village, but this balance could tip easily.

Agreed action: Andi to talk to Ellen and share complaint and destructive impact of rabbits on the village. Ellen needs to guarantee that rabbits and guinea pigs are securely contained. MC will follow up the conversation with a letter to formalise this request.

3. Acceptance of minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by AAEV MC members via Band

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- New lease agreement with Village Greens
Andi has sent another email. Next step might be to draft new agreement and send out to VG. This will happen after AGM. **Andi to follow up.**
- Andi had conversation with villager that wrote letter asking for clarification why wood resource of village was not sold to owner of LOT9 for building purpose. Villager was ok with response that MC decided to keep it for future village use but still thought it would be fair to gift some to owner of LOT 9 as acknowledgement for efforts towards village. MC acknowledged this but was of opinion that keeping wood as village resource was important and volunteering can not be expected to create 'payment' for reasons of equity amongst volunteers
- **Tricia to organise guest speaker re home sharing after AGM and after conversation with Rajan re his ideas about home sharing platform**

- Dirk created BDC Band and many villagers have joined the BAND. The Band is more for education purpose than for the assessment of BDC applications. Will monitor how it works, engagement so far definitely lively

5. Presiding Officer's report

- Quick review of pre AGM forum. General feeling that forum went well and certain topics got clarified (eg 'bouldeirng wall' topic is actually 'mural' topic)
- Attendance was good

6. Treasurer's report

- Budget was presented at pre AGM forum without any issues
- Other discussion points will be addressed after AGM (eg terms of employment of paid staff; pay rates; etc ...)

7. Secretary's report

Dublin good, Belfast good, London good, Paris good, Athens good. Hot, but good. Loved his trip.

8. New Business

- Energy Strategy Project:
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MC approves to enter the agreement between AAEV Community Cooperation and Circular Energy Group and take special resolution to the AGM on Sunday 27th August to vote on the project and provide formal community approval.

The forum gave clear indication that community is in favour of this project and supports the signing of relevant contracts. The resolution at the AGM will provide formal approval to do so

- AGM agenda:
In addition to standard items on agenda, the following resolutions will go the AGM:
- The above mentioned approval for signed agreement between AAEC CC and Circular Energy Group on the terms as set out in the negotiated contract
- Change of by-law re use of PVC for above ground use
- Putting a temporary hold on any landscaping projects on LOT 145 (with understanding that there are ongoing conversations re development of affordable housing project)

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9. Group coordinator's reports

- Works
Cobble shaking will be happening tomorrow (let your imagination roam freely)

Uni SA will be on site to test our bodily waste for microplastics

10 light bollards vandalised

Works coming in within budget (or just over). Feeling budget pressure and need for budget increase

- Common Land

No report

- Pago

No report

- Arts

- BDC

Applications for LOT 11 and a carport currently considered

- NEB

Annual report will be presented at AGM

- Pests

No report

- Energy Group

See above – terms of contract have been re-negotiated to include indexation of lease fee paid to village and removal of battery after 15 years if we don't want to keep it

- Forest on the Farm

All planting is done! Fingers crossed for happy growing form here!

10. Any other business

No other business

Meeting closed at: 21.30