

# **AGM of the North East Valley Community Development Project**

19 June 2019, 6.00-8.15pm at the North East Valley Bowling Club, 139 North Road, North East Valley, Dunedin  
(prepared by co-secretaries: Sarah and Nolan)

## **2019 AGM Minutes:**

### **1. Present**

(sheet available for people to write their names and email addresses)

### **2. Apologies received:**

Kristen Bracey, Megan Turnbull, Lynn Vare

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting held June 2018**

### **4. Note changes to the Constitution were made**

Accepted as read with clarification about the Constitutional changes

1. Rob Thompson                      2. Lois Scott

All in favour, passed

### **5. Valley Project executive election process outlined by Tess - call for nominations from the floor.**

### **6. Report from the Executive Committee - Presented by Steve Tripp (Chair)**

Steve expressed his thanks for the experience of being on the executive and the chair of the board, he thanked staff, volunteers and board. Steve described the changes to the staffing structure. He praised the staff for their dedication and way of working. Staffed Reception, together with volunteers has also been essential for the success of the NEV Project. It was pointed out that the life blood of community led development is the people, the volunteers, and this shows health in our community. Steve finished with thanking the existing executive members for their work over this past year.

Thank you remarks were given by Tess to our Funders - all listed and appreciated.

Refer to the Chairs Report for full details.

Accepted:

1. Rob Thompson                      2. Lois Scott

All in favour, passed

### **7. Finance report**

*Presented by Fraser Hunter (Treasurer)*

Fraser led the attendees through our financial summary (profit and loss, balance sheet), as presented on the handouts on screen. Clarified was the fact that some grants don't show up until next financial year, hence not included in the entirety on the balance sheet. Finally, the proposed and expected 2019/2020 budget. Highlights included, approved grants, Allen Street income.

Fraser finished his presentation with his farewell, as he is standing down. His appreciation, ask for a replacement treasurer.

Refer to the Treasurer's report for full details.

Accepted:

1 Steve Tripp 2 Sarah Gallagher

All in favour, passed

## **8. Reports from community partners' Verbal reports (5 mins max)**

### VCW - Peter MacDonald

With the aid of slides on screen Peter shared the various projects that happen out of the Allen Street Valley Community Workspace. These include:

- The bike library
- Car conversions to electricity
- The Loom Room
- Hot Desk
- Electric Bike hire, service, conversions
- Makers space

An invitation was made for people to come along and get involved.

VCW's AGM next Tues 6pm 25<sup>th</sup> June

### NEV Community Gardens - Jenny Roxburgh

Jenny presented on the community garden (NEV) based at the NEVN primary school top fields.

This coming year, the big project (for which funding is currently being applied for) is to connect the piped water for irrigation to the site.

Approx. 25 people attend each fortnight to work on the garden

Next working day is this Sunday afternoon. Come and participate, and there is no obligation to commit long term.

Upcoming challenges include; ongoing to ensure sustainable leadership and structure that will enable continued growth

### Open VUE - Clare Cross

Have received another year of Curious Minds funding, enabling work within schools to study birds, the spread of invertebrates, birds and other wildlife from Orokonui sanctuary into the neighbouring suburbs.

Open VUE have partnered with other groups such as the community garden, Love the Lindsey, the Project and Orokonui.

Thanks was expressed to all the volunteers, over this past year.

Hopes for the future include more collaboration with residents and partners with the goal of seeing Kaka back in the valley.

#### Transition Valley TV473 - Peter Mc Donald

- 1) Part of the international Transition movement
- 2) Just recently held their 20yr anniversary
- 3) Meet monthly in member's homes
- 4) Initiatives include:
  - Caring for the community orchard (6 sites in valley on Pine Hill)
  - Continued advocacy
  - Lower speed limits for congested areas
  - Bus Co, supporting buses and public transport
  - Fruit harvests, preserving classes and pruning demonstrations
  - All produce goes to the community, and is able to be picked when ripe by community.

All are welcome to attend, 1st Monday in July at Phillipa Jamison's house at 106 Evans Street, 7pm.

#### **9. Refreshment break**

*Take a cup of tea, and come back to a seat for the discussion (and cast votes if applicable)*

#### **10. Activity**

*Facilitated by Steve Tripp. Discussion about the use of gambling funds as a funding source*

Steve outline purpose of discussion, giving the history of where this conversation has originated.

Invited up were Lois Scott (giving her 'for' option) and following this Rob Thompson (giving his 'against' opinion).

Presenting these two sides of the argument provided the audience food for thought as they break into smaller discussion groups to develop ideas and feedback on this conversation.

Anna Parker (past Community Development Worker at the Valley Project) shared her thoughts as a community fundraiser in this space regarding the wider realities and tensions that, in her view suggest we need to take all monies available and repurpose them for good.

Steve Bennett shared information about funds from gambling as a representative of the Southern Trust funding manager. Steve outlined where the funds are distributed and how.

Group discussion held for 15mins – a spokesperson from each table feedback to the group.

- 1) Group 1 – Evenly split for and against the idea.

- 2) Group 2 - Fraser spoke for his table – undecided. This group noted that funding is competitive, staff salary funding is hard to gain, no money is free from ethical implication.
- 3) Group 3 - reiterated the other tables opinions, but felt we should draw a line in the sand as a moral standpoint and suggested we only use pokey money only if absolutely necessary.

Note: One person asked if we could re-assess our position on this topic each year and this was held in agreement.

Steve thanked everyone for their respectful conversations and reiterated that this was a discussion, not a motion to instruct the Board or the Valley Project to act in a particular way.

## **11. Election of new executive members and farewell to outgoing executive members**

Tess thanks the outgoing members: Steve Tripp, Nolan Hill, Fraser, Pete Abey and Megan Turnbull.

New executive introduced by Tess.

Radha Forrest, Hinewai Broughton, Marama Smyth, Nicky Bisley

Returning Members:

Ian Telfer, Sarah Gallagher, Lois Scott, Natasha Murachver, Rob Thompson.

New Members:

Radha Forrest, Hinewai Broughton, Marama Smyth, Nicky Bisley

Accept:

1. no objections, all in favour...accepted

Lois Scott thanked all current staff for their huge efforts this year.

**Next meeting Date – day month year**

**Close of meeting - 7.50 pm**

## **TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING**

**Signed**

**Date**