

MINUTES OF HAWEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD IN

LAKE HAWEA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON April 17th 2018.

Meeting opened at 7:30pm. Paul welcomes committee members and visitors.

PRESENT: Paul Cunningham (Chair), Sue Rutherford, John Taylor, Don Robertson, Doug Brensell, Jen Rumore, Murray Gardner, Laura Solbak, Rachel Brown, John Langley.

Also in attendance: Tim Ryan & Carmen Howell (Keep Hawea Beautiful) Helen Clarke (Wanaka Backyard Trapping Group)

APOLOGIES: Dennis Hughes, Jude Battson.

Moved that apologies be accepted. Paul/Jen **CARRIED**

Presentation by Helen Clarke (Representing Wanaka Backyard Trapping Group)

AIM: Enhancing Native wildlife on the Lake Hawea foreshore through predator control.

Helen spoke to her report. No financial assistance required, funded by Central Government, 20 DOC 200 traps donated by Derek & Gillian Crombie. Volunteers will bait and set traps within the foreshore reserve, these will be monitored regularly over the winter period. An education programme is being taken to local schools.

Presentation by Tim Ryan & Carmen Howell

AIM: Update on Keep Hawea Beautiful campaign.

Tim and Carmen spoke to current data from on-line survey and petition. The number of sections and land available in the town belt suggests that the Hawea area doesn't comply with the SHA requirement for a lack of available land. Aim to get high percentage of the Hawea district's population to participate in survey to increase the data which we will own and be in control of.

Tim referenced Rural Heritage programme in America. He recommended a 2010 document 'Putting Smart Growth to Work in Communities' by Smart Growth organisation.

Tim spoke about the benefits of longer term thinking, as in a 2050 Plan.

MOTION => Previous Minutes

"That the March 2018 minutes be taken as read and confirmed" Paul/John **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- **To: HCA From: Alison Brown** – Letter from Guardians (attached 2 documents) Request for toilet at Isthmus Track and funding for a track counter.

- **To: Paul Cunningham From: Peter Newport Southern Community Media Trust** – Notify of launch of new website. They are looking for news from communities in the district. Background link <https://mailchi.mp/3cb1b2f552b7/trust-launch-media-release?e=18722b6804>
- **To: HCA From: Barbara Chinn** – Notification that the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa accepted two proposals to:
 - alter Gladstone to **John Creek**, for the village/locality
 - alter Johns Creek to **John Creek**, for the stream.
- **To: HCA From: Rachel Brown** – Notification LINZ action at Craighburn. Rose Quirk is going to propose to LINZ to put in signs at both Craighburn and Deep Bay informing people that they are only permitted to camp if they are truly self-contained and also for no longer than 3 nights. They will then employ a contractor to visit the sites every evening until the end of April/ May to move any non-compliant vehicles on.
Rose will then report to our Local Responsible Camping Forum (next meeting scheduled end of April/ start of May) how management of this site is going and whether further action is required. Rose is keen to keep the local community informed and involved in any further decision making as to site management.
Also she is looking for a suitable local contractor available to monitor the site daily and move people on appropriately.
- **To: HCA From: Don Robertson** – Notes Don spoke to at QLDC council meeting in Wanaka on council vote on permanent chlorination. (attached – Council Meeting 23 March)
- **To HCA From: Ant Beale** – Approval for toilet at Isthmus Track site.
- **To HCA From: Rachel Brown** Summary of the priority projects that communities have asked for in council engagement sessions around the Ten Year Plan. The second document is a list of the projects enabled/included in the Draft Ten Year Plan currently out for public consultation. (Attached Pre-Engagement summary & UC Inflated Projects.)
- **To John Taylor From: Daniel Druce** – Notification of Contact employing a fisher to set a number of fyke nets (eel nets) around Lake Hawēa from about 12 April. This will continue for about one week.
- **To: HCA From: Mark English** – Request for letter of support for Hawea Cavalcade 2019.
- **To: HCA From: Errol Carr** – Copy of document Errol spoke to at the Wanaka Community Board meeting (as Agenda Item 1) a recommendation from the QLDC Property and Infrastructure Department to the QLDC Infrastructure Committee - to close the Hawea Waste Collection Depot Depot
- **To: HCA From: Keep Hawea Beautiful** – Submission to 10Year Plan

Outgoing:

- **To: QLDC From: HCA** – Submission to 10 Year Plan. (attached - Submission to 10yr plan)
- **To: Ant Beale RCP Regional Manager / Project Manager Isthmus Station From: HCA** – Proposal to install toilet Isthmus Track.
- **To: Hawea Cavalcade Committee From: HCA** Letter of support (Attached – Letter of support)

MOTION => CORRESPONDENCE

“That the incoming correspondence be received and the outward approved” Paul/Don **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL REPORT – John Taylor

For the month of April 2018

Income for March/April:

Greenwaste: Takings \$1,120.00

Expenditure March:

New Zealand Post – PO Box Contract	\$175.00
John Langley – Foreshore items and Tooling	\$510.50
John Taylor – Foreshore items (GG)	\$ 24.13

Accounts for Payment:

Agrispray and Equipment Ltd – Triumph Gel \$780.85

(In Foreshore Budget of \$2500.00)

Prior Expenditure Approval required:

Print It – Public Meeting Fliers - allowing	\$50.00
Lake Hawea Community Centre – Annual Rental – allowing	\$800.00

MOTION => FINANCIAL REPORT

“That the Financial report be received. Accounts for payment be approved” John/Paul

‘That the Agrispray invoice be approved for payment’ Jen/Murray **CARRIED**

OTHER REPORTS

GREENWASTE – No Report

THURSDAY GROUP REPORT – prepared by John Langley

We have had three working bees since the last report. The focus of activities has been in the Flora Dora area:

- a) Tidying plots adjacent to the roadside*
- b) Digging holes in preparation for planting on the Flora Dora Tce (near the outlet of the storm-water drain*
- c) Removing Lupin from the Flora Dora slope. The Lupin has got away on us and in some cases is swamping new native plantings*
- d) Removing pampas from Flora Dora Tce*

As expected many of the plants damaged in the small fire on 24 Dec 2017 are starting to recover. Nevertheless there has been some mortality; consequently we will be replacing these plants at some point.

We could still do with some additional volunteers. If HCA committee members know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to get in touch with me (021 44 2271). This would be a great way of new members to our Community getting to meet people and making a positive contribution to our environment.

GUARDIANS

- Lake Level at 1pm on 16 April 2018 = 341.688
- Guardians met on 28 March 2018.
- Don Robertson gave a short summary of some of the key points (relevant to Lake Hawea) from the comprehensive 115 page NIWA "Review of ORC's State of the Environment Monitoring Programmes - Lakes & Rivers Water Quality & Ecology" submitted in December 2017. Key points were that:
 - This is the first formal review in 10 years
 - ORC has insufficient sites to compare current conditions with ORC water plan limits or to compare urban sites with pastoral and natural sites
 - Only 9 out of more than 60 lakes in Otago have water quality sampling
 - Ongoing monthly sampling of open water in Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka and Hawea is highly recommended.
 - Sampling should be modified to ensure that the full vertical water column is included
 - Lake monitoring buoys and remote sensing should complement other sampling in Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka and Hawea
 - Nitrogen, particulate phosphorus and particulate carbon should be monitored in Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka and Hawea
 - Lakes submerged plant index (macrophyte) monitoring in Lakes Wakatipu, Wanaka and Hawea is recommended.
- **Isthmus Peak** - Further to HCA funding a portaloo at Isthmus Peak, Guardians request the HCA to consider funding a counter. Guardians have statistics of vehicles at Isthmus Peak (attached). Alison Brown, secretary for Guardians will write to HCA with this request and include the attached statistics.
- **Shaping Our Future Water Forum** - Approximately 65 in attendance including Hawea people. Groups sat around tables to workshop our collective vision for the Upper Clutha in 2060, the big issues regarding water and finished with discussions on options for solutions.
- **Freedom Camping** - Attached to this email is a document written by Guardians of Lake Hawea in 2004. It was presented to QLDC back then. Alison Brown and I will work on this with a timeframe as to what has occurred since. Responsible Camping Forum meeting is planned for early May.
- **Lake Hawea discolouration article** - Anthony Coote wrote an article asking "**Is our water quality testing of Lake Hawea proactive enough, and are any measured tolerances of deemed good quality appropriate, given climate change.**" Jane Forsyth and Don Robinson, with some input from John Taylor and Trevor Chinn responded with a rebuttal, which they are trying to have published on the same website that published the original article. (see attached response and photographs). Mr Coote apparently believes the cloudy nature of the lake at the beginning of February was the result of an algal bloom, and that this phenomenon was related to high summer temperatures and climate change. He wonders whether the phenomenon will recur in any future hot summer. Members of

the Guardians believe the lake colour changed following ex-tropical cyclone Fehi (1 February) and resulted from major sediment input from the Hunter River.

- Guardians support the name change from Gladstone to John Creek and Johns Creek to John Creek. (note Sam John Place was named after Sam John who farmed near the road)

Jude Battson

MOTION => OTHER REPORTS

“That the reports be received.” Paul/Jen **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Public Meeting** – Discussion about meeting format. Door open 9.30pm. Sailz to cater. Brief updates on community projects. Rachel to facilitate. Guest speakers confirmed: Anita Vanstone (QLDC Planner) and Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust executive officer Julie Scott. Emphasis was on the fact the meeting was for imparting information. It was suggested we:
 - Have an unofficial vote at the end of the meeting to get an idea of community feeling.
 - Establish what QLDC’s definition of community consultation is and what their criteria are for SHA.
2. **HCA submission to 10yr District Plan** – Jen accepted request to represent HCA at submission hearing in May. Tabled for next meeting.
3. **Guardians request for Counter at Isthmus Track** – Formal letter from Alison Brown accepted. John spoke to request. Vehicle count has been conducted by volunteers to date, more accurate information now required. DOC has counters as does QLDC. Resolved: Rachel will it up at the Responsible Camping Forum, May 2nd, DOC representatives will be there.
4. **Toilet at Isthmus** – Doug spoke to report on siting portaloo at track entrance. Photos distributed illustrating suitable place. Doug to get price for short term rental and cleaning. Sue to contact Ant Beale to establish its on private land not LINZ and for permission to site and remove some gravel for base. Costs need to be approved.
5. **ANZAC update** – John report that pyrotechnics were sorted, guest speaker to be confirmed.
6. **Southern Community Media Trust** – Launched last year. Rachel suggested the removal of ‘Lake’ from Lake Hawea so it represents the whole district. Jen to reply to Peter Newlands.

Other Items

7. **HCA Website** – Sue to update in the interim.
8. **Letter of Thanks** – Murray to pen letter to Barbara Chinn thanking her for work done with National Geographic to get name changes through.
9. **Secretary step-down** – Paul to approach April to fill in while Sue is away.
10. **Water tap from pump station** – Rachel suggested we request a tap be located at pump station for access to un-chlorinated water.
11. **Hawea Flat Domain Food Forest** – Jen notified committee about working bee at domain food forest.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm