

## **Minutes of Albert Town Community Association**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Held on Sunday, 26 January 2025 at 4pm at the Albie Tavern

Meeting opened: 4pm In attendance: 20	Present: Heather Thorne (chair), Lucy Mitchell (vice-chair), Elaine Kelly (secretary), Chris Aspinall, Stu Thorne, Bruce and Alison Hebbard, Vanessa Hills, Louise Freeman, Berit Landgraf, Pavla Mertlik, Stuart MacKay, Fay Lambert, Amber Perry, Simon Telfer, Lyal Cocks, Peter Degerholm, Ed Waddington, Rod Macleod, Heather Macleod  Lyal Cocks was welcomed as QLDC rep as well as Simon Telfer who is the Chair of the Wanaka/Upper Clutha community board.
Apologies to be accepted	Deidree Donnavon, Sue Grant, Dennis Schwarz, Tania Waghorn, Rob and Gretel Wilton Moved by Alison Hebbard Seconded by Vanessa Hills Carried
Minutes from 28 January 2024, meeting true and correct	Moved by Bruce Hebbard Seconded by Stuart McKay carried
Matters arising from previous minutes	No matters arising
Chair's report	Heather Thorne: Full report attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Party in the Park was a big success thanks to Sue Grant</li><li>● New defibrillator at Four Square</li><li>● Bruce Hebbard oversaw the installation of more historical plaques.</li><li>● Early submission for replacement of Albert town bridge submitted to NZTA</li><li>● Predator trapping going well.</li><li>● Old orchard secured for use</li><li>● Telco box was decorated</li><li>● Tanya monitoring the drain</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus shelter work continues, QLDC approval needed. Lyal Cocks was thanked for his support on this.</li> <li>• Progress on shared community building is slow but Lyal continues to work on this.</li> <li>• Dangerous parking on road verges continues to be a problem despite signage.</li> <li>• Maintenance of road verges, Alison Ave, continues.</li> <li>• Sue Grant was on the committee for 12 years and her commitment will be appropriately acknowledged.</li> <li>• Lyal Cocks is very supportive of our committee and note to all, there is an election next year</li> <li>• Recognition to Lucy Mitchell for the work on the mural and Elaine for minutes of meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Heather concluded by saying what a privilege it has been to be the chair for the past four years. This was enough and her daughter's health issues impacted her availability. Vanessa Hills gave recognition to Heather for her tireless work on the committee as chair and thank her.</p> <p>Bruce thanked Stu Thorne for the huge amount of work he has done in the background.</p> <p>Heather moved to accept this report Alison Hebbard seconded Carried</p>
Financial Report	<p>Stuart MacKay presented treasurer's report. See attached report for 2024</p> <p>Certified by Ian McGregor as of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024</p> <p>Elaine Kelly asked for clarification on the difference between committee function and meeting expenses. Committee function is for</p>

	<p>the end of the year get together for the committee at a restaurant. Committee meeting expenses are those used for catering for the committee meetings.</p> <p>Simon Telfer asked what other expenses are anticipated for the bus shelter. He encouraged the committee to spend more money and asks why there is an issue doing this.</p> <p>Heather explained more funds have recently been spent on weeding and the old orchard. Additional seating has been suggested by residents are not keen to have these in front of their homes.</p> <p>Vanessa Hills added that the highway is a project that involves other parties which can slow down the progress.</p> <p>Lucy Mitchell mentioned we had earmarked spending \$8k on the bus shelter but then it was donated to us.</p> <p>Bruce Hebbard mentioned we are waiting QLDC to give approval for the installation of the shelter. Simon and Lyal said this is being worked on and should be approved at the next community board meeting.</p> <p>Another project is to finish off the path at McMurdo Park (\$9k). New committee to decide on this.</p> <p>Simon said that if we initiate projects it might be possible the project could be elevated to the council, to help get a higher priority with the parks dept.</p> <p>Heather MacLeod asked how much we should keep as a base in the bank? Heather Thorne suggested \$10k would be appropriate.</p> <p>Stuart MacKay moved the financial report be accepted Seconded by Heather Thorne Carried:</p>
Election of Officers	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Bruce Hebbard nominated Lucy Mitchell</p>

	<p>Heather Thorne seconded Carried.</p> <p><b>Vice Chairperson:</b> Supporting the Chair No nominations</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Vanessa Hills nominated Elaine Kelly Lucy seconded</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Bruce Hebbard nominated Stuart Mackay Lucy Mitchell seconded</p> <p><b>General Committee – 6 only</b> Pavla Mertlik - new Chris Aspinall - current Bruce Hebbard - current Tanya Waghorn - current Amber Perry - new Berit Landgraf - not confirmed Peter Degerholm - new</p> <p>Vanessa Hills moved to accept these individuals as committee members. Lucy Mitchell seconded Carried</p>
New Constitution	<p>Bruce did not see many differences between the old and new constitutions, the changes made to comply with the 2022 act. Some of the exceptions being the declaration of any conflicts of interest and the need to complete a form to be a member of the committee and /or to join the ATCA.</p> <p>Bruce Hebbard moved the new constitution be accepted and submitted with the application to re-register the ATCA Vanessa Hills seconded Carried</p>

General Business	<p>Heather said two projects have been suggested and asked for any others. More seating by the river Concrete wall near McMurdo park</p> <p><b>Other projects suggested:</b> Heather MacLeod suggested the swimming area at the bend in the Clutha be enhanced and made safer to use.</p> <p>Alison Hebbard mentioned the dangerous and in places steep footpath from the top of the bank to the fisherman's access (far end from the bridge) and asked for this to be looked at.</p> <p>Peter Degerholm suggested some advocacy to create better access for cyclists on the main road as it is very dangerous.</p> <p>Berit Landgraf asked that there be more planting of native trees on the bank in riverside.</p> <p>Alison Hebbard mentioned the Albert Town Bridge and the urgency of this project. Vanessa and Heather replied there hasn't been much progress. Vanessa suggested the submission be placed on the website for all to see. Amber Perry asked who we approached to support the submission. Vanessa said the Hawea community was approached but they did not reply. Simon Telfer mentioned this group has been in a new state of flux and just approved a new chairperson and suggested we reach out for a meeting. Lyal said the submission was good and there is pressure on the council to address this. NZTA has it on their list. Issue with wastewater being carried across the bridge from Hawea. Recommends we work closely with Hawea.</p> <p>Rob MacLeod said to ensure the updated traffic counts should be included in any future submissions. Lyal agreed.</p>
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	<p>Bruce Hebbard mentioned the ATCA asked for a rubbish bin near the bridge on council land on top of the bank but nothing has been done.</p> <p>Ed Waddington is chair of the Upper Clutha Historical society and asked that we collaborate on historical projects. Bruce Hebbard and he are in contact.</p> <p>Issue raised about the clash of the party in the park date and the council event taking place within three days of each other.</p> <p>Lucy reiterated Vanessa's earlier comments regarding the work that Heather has done over the past 4 years as chairperson. She mentioned her commitment to complete her master's thesis till March but said anyone could reach out to her.</p>
Close of Meeting	Meeting closed at 5.02pm