



KELMSCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN (INC) MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Kelmscott Community Garden 55 River Rd Kelmscott 9.30am Saturday 2nd December 2023

Meeting declared open at 9.30 am.

Jo Harris vacated the Chair and declared all Office Bearer and Committee roles vacant.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Liz Bussell conducted the meeting.

Present: Joanne Harris, Tessa Millesse, Dianne Bateman, Carol Vandersluys, Beth Cole, Anne Fraser, Mary Doyle, Liz Bussell, Joseph Ercegovich

Apologies

Sue Cossardeaux, Tod Harris

2. Acceptance of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM of 24/9/2022 were accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings. Moved Beth Cole. Seconded Carol Vandersluys

3. Chairperson's Report

Joanne Harris made a verbal Report. Jo gave hearty thanks to all Office Bearers, the Committee and all the members who turn up every week and keep the garden in such a good condition. Jo also noted that it is now 10 years since the first meeting was held to form a group with the aim of setting up a Kelmscott Community Garden. Some of that initial group are still active members. There were 3 events of note during the year. The Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea was a great success raising \$1014 for the charity. Jo, Beth and Sophie tended a booth at the Kelmscott Agricultural Show in October. Due to a disadvantageous position, there was little community connection but we gave out all the give-away seed packets and re-connected with City of Armadale and Switch Your Thinking personnel. The open day Christmas Market held last weekend, 25/11/2023, was very challenging due to temperatures in the 40s and the consequent poor attendance. For the coming year Jo suggested we should concentrate on enjoying the success of this healthy, established community garden, rather than big demanding events. All agreed.

4. **Treasurer's Report –**

Liz Bussell presented the Treasurer's Report, which is attached to these minutes. She noted we are still in a comfortable financial position, having maintained a healthy bank balance of around 7 thousand dollars through the year. The bank balance as at 29/11/2023 was \$12,156.05, but with the shade project grant deducted (as it will be fully expended in the next 3 weeks) the net balance will be around 7 thousand dollars.

7. **Election of Committee**

All positions having been declared vacant at the start of the meeting, and no written nominations received, Liz called for nominations from the floor.

a. Chairperson: Joanne Harris accepted the nomination. Moved Anne Fraser. seconded Liz Bussell.

b. Vice Chairperson – Nomination received from Joseph Ercegovich. Moved accepted Anne Fraser, seconded Jo Harris.

c. Secretary – Nomination received from Anne Fraser. Moved accepted Jo Harris, seconded Carol Vandersluys.

d. Treasurer– Nomination of Mary Doyle, proposed Anne Fraser. Mary accepted. Seconded Jo Harris.

e. Four (4) General Committee Members –

Nominations were received from the floor by Jo Harris - Carol Vandersluys, Tessa Millesse, Beth Cole and Sue Cossardeaux. All were elected unopposed.

8. **Review of Annual Membership Fees**

Jo Harris moved that membership fees should remain the same to maintain our accessibility to all. There was unanimous agreement. Seconded Anne Fraser. Fees remain as:-

Single membership \$10
Family/Group Membership \$20
Affiliate Membership \$50
Large private bed \$80

9. **Other / Urgent Business**

a. Christmas Social combined Committee Meeting

Saturday, 16th December, 2023 at 5.00 pm

A brief Committee Meeting will be held at 5 pm, followed by social drinks and food. Sausage sizzle, BYO drinks and a sharing plate if desired

b. Veggie Bed Shade Project.

Materials have all been purchased. Work to begin 12th December and is expected to be completed by Christmas.

c. Westpac Bank Account

Previous signatories list to be deleted. Three new bank signatories will be Mary Doyle, (Elizabeth) Anne Fraser and Joanne Harris. Transactions require 2 signatories. Jo to obtain appropriate bank forms. Mary, and (Elizabeth) Anne to supply certified copies of documents for a 100 point identification.

10. **There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 10 am**