

# Meeting ALV 27 Maart 2024

Topics of discussion:

## 1. Opening

## 2. Leiden Energy Sustainability

The city centre has special rules for energy transitions due to its historic houses. We invited Chantal Spruijt, energy transition consultant (representing the municipality), to talk about the rules and options given by the municipality. These consultants are representatives of the municipality, although they are from the private sector, and they visit homes to advise on what is possible to make each house more energy efficient.

A joint heating network was discussed and it could be arranged, however, this is not yet regulated by the government.

Last year during an AVL meeting, there were questions about permits, but it is complicated to set up collective permits.

Question from the audience: "What is the first step in becoming more sustainable?"

Answer: "Having an energy consultant's advice."

Many questions from the audience mainly about less expensive solutions.

Consulting the municipality with a large group could be useful.

## 3. Approval of ALV Report

The report ALV 2023 was approved. (Which report? Finance?)

## 4. Welcoming new members

The district council presented and welcomed their new members: Noor, Juliette and Kemilly. In addition, Thomas Schmidt will be available for helping with activity-based projects.

## 5. Treasurer Sam presents Finance report

The finance report (is it available on the site?) has information about the expenses and incomes administered by the board. Following, a summary of its content and a description of the meeting's discussion:

Audit committee: Jan van Iersel and Marc van Wijnen.

Budget: loss of 199 euros, but the loss has become 861 euros. The loss is explained by fewer contributions, a budget error and 1 Pangecras less (I am not sure what that means). There is a gap of 662 euros; the equity is a bit over 900 euros.

Plan for next year: aim for a positive result, preferably more than 170 euros.

Betting on contributions; target is 70 contributors, in 2022 (2023?) there were 68. Furthermore: Extra subsidy from the Drucker Fund, cutting back on outings, doing more with the Pangecras.

The annual accounts also show a bit over 1.000 euros for the Hooglandse Kerkgracht Opera. This money was never spent, therefore it must be returned (to who?) as agreed.

Questions from the audience:

- Is it possible to collect donations door-to-door for the neighbourhood association?
- Can the old membership lists be used to approach people to donate? Answer: Apparently, the call to action isn't clear enough. Someone states that more paying members would help the association to be taken more seriously.
- Question to Sam: "Does the municipality also contribute to the neighbourhood association?" Answer: "That's right, this is not indexed, it only concerns the number of members. The EV may not exceed 2500 euros."

For collecting contributions, various proposals are mentioned:

- An email can be sent on January 1 every year.
- A payment request can be made upon arrival at the New Year's reception.
- Allow members to pay in advance for five years.
- People who come for filming projects in the neighbourhood could make a donation.

New audit committee: Jan van Iersel and Theo.

## 6. Neighbourhood vision and the role of the district council

(This session is hard to translate, I don't know how much of it we want to publish)

The neighbourhood association will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. As a celebration, we will update the district vision, which was previously formulated in 2015. The district council has defined three pillars for the new vision:

1. Identifying what is going on, also identifying what the municipality considers important and what is going on in the city.
2. Facilitating what is identified, bringing people together. Communicate what is going on.
3. Connection, not only with events like the neighbourhood drinks, but also connecting people at the municipality with local residents.

Someone from the audience mentioned a situation about the coffee roasting plant across the rusk alley. A number of residents initiated proceedings against the decisions of the environmental agency, and according to him the district should support this. This person also thinks that this is good for the expansion of the Christmas market. If the board does not know what the opinion is in the neighbourhood, a survey can be drawn up that you can use as a board.

Committee member 1: We cannot make such things happen. The board can never speak on behalf of the entire district.

Committee member 2 adds that the board does not intend to take any positions. There are different/diverse interests at play in the neighbourhood. In addition, it is the task of the municipality to carry out participation before making decisions. It is legally established that the different opinions of local residents are taken into account through a procedure.

Someone from the audience proposal indicates that more expertise is needed for some cases. Based on the pillars of 'facilitating' and 'connecting', the district council can, for example, refer to expert parties in those cases.

## **7. Collaboration in the city: consultation with district chairmen**

Collaboration between the neighbourhood association and the municipality is important. Recently, a quarterly meeting has been held with the municipality and the district chairmen. Someone from the audience said that the municipality's willingness to contribute with ideas has also increased in recent years.

Concrete example: the Municipality has asked the neighbourhood associations to provide feedback on the proposed events policy.

## **8. Status of Kaasmarkt School**

It was not possible for the foundation to realise the renovation of the Kaasmarkt school, even though the financing had been arranged. Political decision to implement the written plan has been adopted. A guideline has been written for a new proposal/offer. This offer was evaluated and issued. A committee with members from the municipality and the foundation are in discussions. One of the difficulties is that the artists who are currently there would have to temporarily leave the building. The expected start of construction is 2025. There is no clear solution about how to handle the parking spaces (Kaasmarkt and Haarlemmerstraat garage).

Someone from the audience said that the municipality is against expanding the number of resident parking spaces, but it is possible (for a limited number of people) to get on the waiting list and ultimately obtain a parking permit in a parking garage.

## **9. Closure**