

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Thursday 7 November 2019 commencing at 1.00pm

Present:

Mayor Boulton; Councillors Clark, Copland, Gladding, Lewers, MacDonald, Miller, Shaw and Smith

In attendance:

Mr Mike Theelen (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Mr Stewart Burns (General Manager, Finance, Legal and Regulatory), Mr Peter Hansby (General Manager, Property and Infrastructure), Ms Laura Gledhill (Contracts Manager, Maintenance and Operations), Mr Ulrich Glasner (Chief Engineer), Mr Brandon Ducharme (Infrastructure Development Engineer) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); one member of the media and 11 members of the public

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

Councillor Ferguson and Councillor MacLeod were on approved leave of absence.

The following request for leave of absence was made:

- Councillor Miller: 20 February-20 March 2020

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor MacDonald it was resolved that the Council approve the request for leave of absence.

Declaration by new Queenstown-Wakatipu Ward Councillor Mr Glyn Lewers

Councillor Glyn Lewers read the declaration as a Councillor as required by Schedule 7, Clause 14 of the Local Government Act 2002, witnessed by the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Lewers to the Council table and extended best wishes to him for the remainder of the current Council triennium.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

The Mayor stated that he had a conflict of interest in relation to the public excluded item concerning the Cardrona Wastewater Scheme. His conflict was as Chair of the Wayfare Group, which was the parent company of the Cardrona Ski Field and this entity was a major stakeholder in the Cardrona Wastewater Scheme. He advised that Councillor Smith, as Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and as a Councillor from the Wānaka Ward, would chair the meeting for this item.

Special Announcements

Mr Mayor referred to the shortness of tenure of AJ Mason as a member of the Council. He stated that he was personally sorry that Mr Mason was not part of the Council going forward and he expressed thanks for Mr Mason's contribution during his time spent as a Councillor.

Public Forum

1. Pierre Marston (Extinction Rebellion, Queenstown)

Mr Marston stated that the role of those in government was to work genuinely for the good of people and to serve their best interests. Queenstown Airport was very important to the community but everyone would suffer if climate change could not be slowed. He urged the Council to remove the existing proxy vote allocated to the Mayor and give control of the airport back to Council.

2. Cath Gilmour

Ms Gilmour spoke as a representative of a group 'We Love Wakatipu'. A vast majority of the community had indicated via submissions that they were vehemently opposed to the expansion of noise boundaries at Queenstown Airport and this represented the clear community guidance that the Council sought. She considered that it was up to the community to decide how much growth was acceptable at Queenstown Airport and she had already observed a threat to the social licence for tourism in this community. The Council needed to revoke the resolution giving the Mayor a proxy vote for all Board meetings. It also needed to agree to objectives in the Statement of Intent that would achieve the objectives sought by the community, particularly as promises had been made during the election campaign that members would listen to the community and approve no extension of the airport noise boundaries.

3. Kirsty Sharpe (We Love Wakatipu member)

Mrs Sharpe hoped that all members would honour their election promises to maintain the present noise boundaries. She had also been heartened to hear promises that members would respect community's wishes. She believed the Christchurch Airport Statement of Intent was a good model because it reflected the wishes of the community and she understood that the Mayor had prepared that SOI.

The Mayor advised that whilst he had written the original SOI, he had not prepared the particular version to which Mrs Sharpe was referring.

4. Sally Stockdale (We Love Wakatipu member; Member of Frankton Community Association; Life member of Kelvin Peninsula Community Association)

Ms Stockdale expressed thanks to those members who had taken a stance during the election campaign for no expansion of the airport noise boundaries. She observed that only the Mayor had not made a statement and it was curious that the Council had agreed to appoint the Mayor as its proxy at Board meetings for the next three years. She asked whether the Mayor would take the message about no expansion of the noise boundaries to Board meetings. She asked for this resolution to be rescinded and the proxy decision to be reconsidered.

The Mayor advised that the Public Forum was not a question and answer opportunity but he took on board the comments.

5. John Hilhorst

Mr Hilhorst congratulated members on their success in the recent election. He respected their commitment to serve the community, particularly as it was a time of great significance. Councillors had a unique opportunity to consider the big picture of 'who we are and who do we want to become?' He was keenly aware of the Council's statutory responsibilities to promote the well-being of communities and this needed to extend to cultural, environmental and social well-beings. Council had an immense challenge to address climate change, social inequalities and over-tourism, all of which were preminent in this district. It needed to challenge the mantra of growth and trickle because this did not work and the wellbeing of communities would require a change of direction. He considered that what Council decided to do about Queenstown Airport was its single biggest opportunity for systemic change.

6. Darryl Rogers

In response to the Council's Climate Action Plan and declaration of a climate change emergency, Mr Rogers read a poem first published in 1919 called "Said Hanrahan" by Australian bush poet John O'Brien. The poem described the cyclic nature of droughts, floods and bushfires in rural Australia. It contained the recurring words "we'll all be rooned" (=ruined).

7. Don Wallace

Mr Wallace read a poem dedicated to Councillor Glyn Lewers, which remarked on his recent election, extended best wishes to him for the triennium and detailed some of the matters he may debate over that time.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor Clark the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor Miller the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolved that the minutes of the first meeting following the triennial general election held on 24 October 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Gladding voted against the motion; Councillor Lewers abstained because he had not been present at the meeting.

1 Appointment of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Standing Committees and community appointments for 2019-22

A report from Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services) presented the Mayor’s recommendations for a structure of Standing Committees and their memberships along with other democratic structures and appointment of elected members to community positions.

Ms Miller presented the report. She highlighted some additional appointments that she had been notified of since the report’s preparation. She noted that a number of community appointments in the Upper Clutha community would be considered at the upcoming meeting of the Wānaka Community Board.

On the motion of Councillors MacDonald and Clark it was resolved that the Council:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Adopt a committee structure of the following Standing Committees: Planning and Strategy Committee, Infrastructure Committee, Community and Services Committee and Audit, Finance and Risk Committee;**
- 3. Approve the appointment of QLDC Standing Committee Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members for the triennium 2019-2022:**

Committees	
Planning and Strategy Committee	Councillor Clark (Chair) Councillor MacDonald (Deputy) Councillor Miller Councillor MacLeod Councillor Shaw Councillor Smith
Infrastructure Committee	Councillor Smith (Chair) Councillor Copland (Deputy) Councillor Clark Councillor Ferguson Councillor Gladding Councillor Lewers
Community and Services Committee	Councillor Ferguson (Chair) Councillor Miller (Deputy) Councillor Copland Councillor Gladding Councillor Lewers Councillor Shaw
Audit, Finance and Risk Committee	Councillor MacDonald (Chair) Councillor Copland Three external members

4. **Note that the Mayor is an ex officio member of all committees;**

5. **Approve further Committees, Subcommittees and Community Appointments:**

Appeals Subcommittee	Chair of Planning and Strategy Committee Any two members of the Planning and Strategy Committee
Chief Executive Performance Review Committee	Mayor Boulton Councillor MacLeod Councillor MacDonald
Governance Subcommittee	Mayor Boulton Councillor Calum MacLeod Chief Executive
Traffic and Parking Subcommittee	Chair of Community and Services Committee Chair of Infrastructure Committee General Manager Planning and Development General Manager Finance, Legal and Regulatory
Dog Control Committee	All elected members of which three may form a hearings panel
Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee	Mayor Boulton (Deputy Mayor Alternate)
Event Funding Panel	Councillor Ferguson (Chair) Councillor Clark Councillor Copland Councillor Smith General Manager Corporate Services
Elected Members Code of Conduct Committee	All elected members of the Council and an independent person to be appointed by the Council (Chair). The quorum is three, one of whom must be the independent person.
Queenstown Community Housing Trust Liaison Group	Councillor Shaw Councillor MacDonald Councillor Miller
Aspiring Arts and Culture Trust	Councillor Clark WCB Member Hadfield
Lake Wānaka Tourism	Councillor MacLeod Councillor Smith
Destination Queenstown	Councillor Clark Councillor MacDonald
Arrowtown Heritage Trust Arrowtown Heritage Advisory Panel Arrowtown Lakes District Museum	Councillor Copland

and Post Office Trust Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association	
Creative Queenstown Committee	Councillor Clark
Local Management Group – Social Services Wakatipu	Councillor Miller
Otago Conservation Board	Councillor MacDonald
Queenstown Trails Trust	Councillor Clark
Startup Queenstown Trust	Councillor Lewers
SPARC Rural Travel Fund	Councillor Ferguson
Wakatipu Interagency Group	Councillor Gladding
Wakatipu District Youth Trust	Councillor Clark
Wakatipu Heritage Trust	Councillor Ferguson Councillor MacDonald
Wakatipu Wildlife Trust	Councillor Clark
Otago Wilding Trust	Councillor Lewers
Mahu Whenua Trust (Soho Station)	Councillor Copland
Community Association Appointments: Albert Town Arrowtown Arthurs Point Cardrona Fernhill-Sunshine Bay Gibbston Frankton Glenorchy Hawea Kelvin Peninsula Kingston Lake Hayes Estate Luggate Makarora Mt Barker	Councillor Shaw Councillor Copland Councillor Ferguson WCB Member Hadfield Councillor Clark Councillor MacDonald Councillor Lewers Councillor Gladding WCB Member Battson Councillor Lewers Councillor Clark Councillor Miller Councillor MacLeod WCB Member Battson WCB Member Taylor

2 Elected Member Remuneration for 2019/20

A report from Stewart Burns (General Manager, Finance, Legal and Regulatory) detailed the process for determining elected members' remuneration and sought Council agreement on the remuneration rates for elected members of the Queenstown Lakes District Council for the period following the election to 30 June 2020 in accordance with the determination of the Remuneration Authority.

Mr Burns presented the report. He confirmed that the structure had not changed from the previous triennium and the weightings had carried through. Elected members would be paid from their date of coming into office, which by law was the date after the official results were declared.

On the motion of Councillor Clark and Councillor Copland it was resolved that the Council:

- 1. Note the contents of this report; and**
- 2. Agree the remuneration rates for councillors of the Queenstown Lakes District Council for the period following the 2019 election to 30 June 2020:**
 - Deputy Mayor (x1) \$48,316 per annum**
 - Committee Chair (x4) \$45,199 per annum**
 - Councillor (x5) \$38,965 per annum**

3 Landfill Gas – Increase to gate fee and impact on other fees and charges

A report from Laura Gledhill (Contracts Manager, Maintenance and Operations) sought agreement from Council that waste fees and charges would remain unchanged from 1 January 2020, when the additional costs associated with the landfill gas capture and destruction system came into effect.

Ms Gledhill and Mr Hansby presented the report.

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor Clark it was resolved that the Council:

- 1. Note the contents of this report, and in particular financial impact of the landfill gas capture and destruction system to the gate fee;**
- 2. Accept the recommendation that waste fees and charges for the 19/20 year are not adjusted from 1 January 2020 when the landfill gate fee increases, and that the financial impact for the 19/20 year will be offset by the already collected landfill gas levy;**
- 3. Note that the landfill gas levy of \$6.17 remitted to QLDC will be removed from 1 January 2020;**
- 4. Agree that waste fees and charges will be adjusted for the 20/21 year;**
- 5. Note the Chief Executive will make a public comment about the landfill gas capture and destruction system, and the need to increase fees and charges to recover future costs.**

4 Chief Executive's Report

A report from the Chief Executive sought agreement on the date of the next ordinary meeting of Council, noting that a full meeting schedule would be presented for Council adoption at the proposed December meeting.

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor MacDonald it was resolved that the Council:

1. Note the contents of this report; and
2. Agree that an ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council take place on Thursday, 12 December 2019 in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown beginning at 1.00pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor Smith the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Agenda items

Item 5 Cardrona Valley Waste Water Scheme Budget Reforecast

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
5. Cardrona Valley Waste Water Scheme Budget Reforecast	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations);	Section 7(2)(i)

This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting went into public excluded at 1.38 pm.

Councillor Gladding voted against the motion.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 2.00pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR

DATE