

Minutes of a meeting of the QLDC Community & Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown and via Zoom on Thursday 18 November 2021 commencing at 10.00am

Councillors Ferguson (Chair), Copland, Miller, Shaw and Whitehead

In Attendance

Dr Thunes Cloete (General Manager Community Services), Naell Crosby-Roe (Governance and Stakeholder Services Manager), Sharon Dineen (Alcohol Licensing Inspector), Anthony Hall (Regulatory Manager), Sian Swinney (Chief Licensing Inspector), and Jo Dobb (Governance Advisor)

Apologies

It was noted that Councillor Gladding was on approved leave.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Public Forum

There were no speakers in the public forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Copland and Councillor Miller the Community & Services Committee resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Shaw the Community & Services Committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. Application to Relocate Seven Class 4 Gaming Machines - Wanaka

Sharon Dineen (Alcohol Licensing Inspector) and Sian Swinney (Alcohol Licensing Inspector Team Leader) gave an overview of the report for an application made by The Lion

Foundation to relocate seven Class 4 gaming machines from Fitzpatrick's Irish Bar to Woody's Sports Bar, Wanaka.

Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub holds a Class 4 Venue Licence to operate a maximum of seven gaming machines, however chose to operate three machines when the business was open. These three machines are requested to be relocated to Woody's Sports Bar. Ms Swinney noted that Option 3 in the report was the Officer's recommendation, with Council being required to consider and meet the objectives of its Class 4 and TAB Gambling Venue Policy.

Councillor Shaw highlighted a document Councillors had received from the Pokkies Gaming Foundation titled 'Class 4 Gambling in New Zealand' which referenced QLDC as one of three Councils whose policy is due for a review. Ms Swinney confirmed this policy review will start early 2022. This will be a full review and will include public consultation, coming back to this Committee approximately mid 2022.

Councillor Whitehead raised a personal concern on the studies of electronic gaming machines. She requested that when the policy is reviewed, that the district's needs be considered in greater detail with a better understanding of funds coming from gambling machines and distributed back to the community.

Ms Swinney agreed to provide information on the number of gaming machines within the district, which she noted has decreased over the years. At the moment there is no information on QLDC's website regarding gambling however as part of the policy review, QLDC will look to integrate.

Councillor Copland asked about the possible effects to community initiatives with the reduction of income through the pub charities scheme funding. Ms Swinney confirmed that potentially there would be some form of reduction. However the establishment hasn't been using the licenced 7 machines for several years, so the loss is minimal.

On the motion of Councillor Miller and Councillor Copland it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report and**
- 2. Approve the relocation of three gaming machines only from Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub to Woody's Sports Bar.**

The meeting concluded at 10.15am.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE