

**Traffic and Parking Subcommittee
11 February 2019**

Minutes of a meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Monday 11 February 2019 commencing at 10.00am.

Present:

Councillor Alexa Forbes (Chairperson), Councillor Scott Stevens, Mr Stewart Burns (General Manager Finance, Regulatory and Legal) and Mr Peter Hansby (General Manager, Property and Infrastructure)

In attendance:

Ms Polly Lambert (Policy and Programme Performance Manager), Ms Jendi Paterson (Consultant) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); one member of the media and one member of the public

Apologies

An apology was received from Mr Peter Hansby for lateness.

On the motion of Councillor Stevens and Mr Burns the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee resolved that the apologies be accepted.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Public Forum**1. Grant Scannell, Managing Director, Queenstown Taxis Ltd**

Mr Scannell commended the Council for taking the initiatives proposed in the agenda report because in his view, taxi stands were getting out of control and had become even more congested with the introduction of Uber.

Mr Hansby entered the meeting at 10.02am.

Mr Scannell did not believe anyone was watching what was going on with taxi stands. Uber was not regulated like proper taxis and did not have to have an on-board camera. He considered that what was proposed in the report was a step in the right direction and he fully supported it.

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On the motion of Councillor Forbes and Mr Burns the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of Mr Burns and Councillor Forbes the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2019 as a true and correct record.

1. Proposed permitting framework, conditions and fees for consultation

A report from Polly Lambert (Policy and Programme Performance Manager) detailed a new permitting framework for parking to replace the present informal structure. The report recommended that the permitting framework be adopted for public consultation in accordance with s.82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Ms Paterson clarified that under the land transport rule, small passenger service vehicles operating for up to 160 hours per week needed to have cameras on board and drivers should already be adhering to this rule, including Uber and wine tours.

Councillor Forbes asked how residential parking permits would fit into the proposed system. It was noted that as master plans were developed and the need for residential parking permits was determined, they would be fitted into the structure in line with the overriding principles. Accordingly, whilst there were currently four categories of permit proposed, this could change in the future.

At present there was no charge for permits issued to drivers aged 75+ but under the new system a \$5 administration fee was proposed which would help to cover the cost of maintaining a list of persons and vehicles. Mr Burns questioned the value of administering such a fee, suggesting that at that level it was not worthwhile collecting. It was considered however that the fee placed a value on the service and was in accordance with the permitting framework principles.

On the motion of Councillors Forbes and Stevens it was resolved that the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee

1. Note the contents of this report;

2. Confirm that the principles applying to the permitting framework to be introduced pursuant to the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 will be:

a. Parking permits should assist critical community services to carry out their various functions

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CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON

DATE