

**Planning & Strategy Committee
16 November 2017**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Thursday 16 November 2017 in Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown commencing at 10.08am.

Present

Councillor MacLeod (Deputy Chair), Councillors McRobie, MacDonald and Smith

In Attendance

Mr Tony Avery (General Manager Planning & Strategy), Mr Ian Bayliss (Planning Policy Manager), Mr Luke Place (Policy Planner), Ms Shelley Dawson (Senior Governance Advisor)

Apologies

There were apologies from Councillors Hill and Miller.

On the motion of Councillors MacDonald and McRobie it was resolved that the apologies be received

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters on the table.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and MacDonald it was resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on 31 August 2017 be accepted.

1. Landmarks Whenua Tohunga - Otago Region

Consideration was given to a report that identified six sites for consideration and possible recommendation for the Landmarks Whenua Tohunga initiative. Heritage New Zealand (HNZ) sought feedback from the Queenstown Lakes District Council on the district's historical and culturally significant places. Only sites located within the Council boundaries were considered. The suggested sites included:

1. The Edith Cavell Bridge
2. Queenstown Town Centre Historic Precincts
3. The Arrowtown Historic Precinct and Chinese Village
4. The Bullendale Dynamo
5. The Kawarau Suspension Bridge
6. The Greenstone, Routeburn, Caples and Hollyford Valleys and Kinloch.

Mr Avery introduced Mr Place to the committee and Mr Bayliss and Mr Place talked to this item. Mr Bayliss explained the background of the initiative. Mr Place explained that the suggested sites were chosen based on the extensive criteria provided by Heritage New Zealand.

There was extensive discussion about areas and sites that had not been included on the draft list. The Committee suggested that the entire Skippers area including the road, the bridge and the schoolhouse had significant history and stories. There was discussion that the list was Wakatipu based and the Red Bridge was suggested as an alternative to the Kawarau Bridge. Other Upper Clutha sites such as Cardrona and the Maori route from Makarora through the Upper Clutha, including the Neck, to the Matukituki valley were suggested.

Mr Bayliss explained that the pilot project had produced promotional material telling stories of the areas including signage and a social media campaign. The Deputy Chair talked about a Scottish campaign called the Highland 500 which introduced areas outside of the normal tourist routes. He suggested that the Landmarks Whenua Tohunga in Otago could be useful to spread tourism to areas and places that weren't under as much tourism pressure.

The Committee went through the suggested list of sites and made amendments. They suggested the Oxenbridge Tunnel be included with the Edith Cavell Bridge and the Queenstown Gardens be added to the Queenstown Town Centre Historic Precincts. The Committee suggested adding the Skippers Area including the Bullendale Dynamo, removing the Kawarau Bridge and replacing it with the Luggate Red Bridge. It was noted that the Hollyford Valley was in the Southland district so it was removed from the Greenstone, Routeburn, Caples and Kinloch site. The Committee agreed to add a route from Makarora through Wanaka to the Matukituki to the list as well as the Cardrona area. The recommendation was amended to reflect the amended list. Mr Place commented that he would contact Heritage New Zealand to advise there was an amended list that he would like to investigate further. Mr Bayliss noted that Mr Place would write a report to the next meeting outlining why the additions to the list were worthy of inclusion in the initiative and thoughts around fitting the sites together as a possible heritage tour.

On the motion of Councillors Smith and MacLeod it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report and in particular Attachment B of this report which assessed how each site meets Heritage New Zealand's criteria.**
- 2. Recommend to Heritage New Zealand the list of sites selected for consideration by the initiative including:**
 - a. The Edith Cavell Bridge and Oxenbridge Tunnel**
 - b. Queenstown Town Centre Historic Precincts including the Queenstown Gardens**
 - c. The Arrowtown Historic Precinct and Chinese Village**
 - d. The Skippers area including the Bullendale Dynamo**
 - e. The Luggate Red Bridge**
 - f. The Greenstone, Routeburn and Caples Valleys and Kinloch.**
 - g. Cardrona**
 - h. A Makarora to Matukituki route**

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors MacDonald and Smith the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved to exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

Item 2. Appeals Subcommittee Draft Minutes 31 August 2017

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

<i>General subject to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution.</i>	<i>Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>Item 2. Appeals Subcommittee Draft Minutes 31 August 2017</i>	<p><i>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></p> <p><i>(g) to maintain legal professional privilege, and</i></p> <p><i>(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i></p>	<p><i>Section 7(2)(g)</i></p> <p><i>Section 7(2)(i)</i></p>

This resolution was 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 moved into public excluded at 10.43am.

The meeting moved out of public excluded and concluded at 10.44am.

Confirmed as a True and Correct Record:

Chairperson

Date
