

Minutes of a meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Thursday 15 April 2021 commencing at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Quentin Smith (Chairperson), Mr Tony Avery (General Manager, Planning and Development) and Mr Stewart Burns (General Manager Finance, Regulatory and Legal)

In attendance:

Mr Peter Hansby (General Manager, Property and Infrastructure), Mr Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager), Mr Anthony Hall (Regulatory Manager), Ms Carrie Edgerton (Regulatory Support, Animal Control and Parking Team Leader), Ms Tricia le Sueur (Parking Co-ordinator), Mr Brandon Ducharme (Senior Infrastructure Development Engineer) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor)

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Ferguson.

On the motion of Mr Burns and Councillor Smith it was resolved that the apology be accepted.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were notified.

Public Forum

1. Mr Phil Wilson

Mr Wilson thanked the Council for the proposal to change evening parking enforcement to make it free between 6.00pm and 9.00pm in Queenstown. He hoped this would have the desired effect of attracting locals and visitors back into the Queenstown CBD. In his view, another positive move would be to abandon the practice of parking enforcement through the use of CCTV. He considered this was a draconian regime that prosecuted people for very minor misdemeanours, such as dropping off passengers on loading zones. He believed that stopping this practice was another initiative that would make the CBD more user-friendly to visit.

Confirmation of agenda

On the motion of Mr Avery and Mr Burns it was resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of Mr Burns and Mr Avery it was resolved that the minutes of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee meeting held on 14 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. **Additional Parking Restrictions under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018**

A report from Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager) proposed that the Council agree to change the parking restriction for on-street parking in the Queenstown CBD, which was not at full capacity in the evenings probably due to reduced visitors to the area due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. The report noted that much of the CBD had a parking restriction during the day, and/or was paid parking until 9.00pm. The report recommended changing the parking restriction on these parks to 6.00pm to allow three hours of free parking in the evening.

Mr Hansby and Mr Greenwood presented the report. It was confirmed that if approved, the existing signage could be altered with a sticker. This change could be achieved with little delay. In addition, the enforcement strategy would be updated to reflect the new approach.

Mr Burns asked about unintended consequences, specifically, workers rather than visitors or diners using these parking spaces. Notwithstanding this, he was supportive of the proposal and was aware that the Mayor had received several requests for such a change. Mr Hansby confirmed that staff could respond quickly and reverse the change if adverse behaviours were observed. He added that there was no specific review period but staff continually monitored parking use in any case.

On the motion of Mr Burns and Mr Avery it was resolved that the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report; and**
- 2. Approve changes to the parking restrictions in Queenstown CBD to allow free parking and no time restrictions from 6.00pm onwards, noting that these changes will come into force once the signage is updated and communications are put out to the public.**

2. **Additional parking restrictions under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 – Proposed Bus Stop in Lordens Place, Fernhill**

A report from Brandon Ducharme (Senior Development Infrastructure Engineer) observed that at a meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee held on 14 December 2020 the siting of a bus stop in Lordens Place had been approved.

However, officers had omitted to report on the public consultation that had been carried out in relation to the creation of the bus stop. The current report set out the details of the public consultation, noting that there had been submissions in opposition to the bus stop but site design and bus operations would both address concerns about noise and bus idling. Accordingly, the report sought ratification of the December 2020 resolution, having had due consideration to the consultation and the proposed remedies.

Mr Hansby and Mr Ducharme presented the report.

On the motion of Mr Burns and Mr Avery it was resolved that the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report and in particular the public consultation undertaken and documented in relation to the proposed Lordens Place Bus Stop and parking changes in Fernhill; and**
- 2. Agree that with further due consideration to the public consultation carried out by Council officers to ratify the part of the 14th December 2020 Traffic & Parking Subcommittee resolution to formalise a new public transport bus stop at Lordens Place in Fernhill as approved in the 14 December 2020 Traffic & Parking Subcommittee Report for Agenda Item 1: Additional Parking Restrictions under the Traffic and parking Bylaw 2018.**

The meeting concluded at 10.15 am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON

DATE