

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 11.00am

Lake Hāwea Community Centre, 28 Myra Street, Lake Hāwea

Present:	Mr Simon Telfer	Ms Linda Joll
	Councillor Lyal Cocks	Mr Chris Hadfield
	Councillor Barry Bruce	
Apologies:	Councillor Cody Tucker	Mr John Wellington
In attendance:	Councillor Quentin Smith	Ken Bailey
	Matthew Hulscher	Aaron Burt
	Jon Winterbottom	Simon Leary
	Meaghan Miller	Dave Winterburn
	Dom Harrison	Kat Banyard
	Lee Rowley	Christine Skipworth
	Tony Avery	
Media:	Two members of the media were in attendance	
Public:	There were no members of the public in attendance	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Property & Infrastructure Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this briefing was to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) on Property & Infrastructure activities of interest.</p> <p>Simon Leary (Infrastructure Delivery & Engineering Manager) and Tony Avery (Property & Infrastructure General Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Leary stated that the business case for the New Wānaka Waste Facilities is progressing, but that the costs to deliver this project will be higher than what was originally budgeted in the Long Term Plan. The current Transport Network Model is quite old and outdated, with other modelling completed for specific projects. Mr Telfer expressed a desire to progress the Parking Management Strategy, and for the Property & Infrastructure team to provide a date for its completion. 	No actions were taken.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was also noted that the community has expectations for this to be delivered, and that other matters in the community are contingent on the progression of the Parking Management Strategy. • Mr Avery confirmed work is progressing on the Parking Management Strategy, but that a time for completion cannot yet be given. • Wastewater conveyance services for the Upper Clutha is currently out for tender, however the project will have an 18-24 month horizon. The project will be visible to the community and road users. • Discussion and questions were raised around the effectiveness of Three Waters or Project Pure (i.e. the Upper Clutha wastewater treatment infrastructure), its capacity to handle population growth and potential for future expansion if required. • Mr Leary confirmed that Project Pure is working as expected, but that the need to continue master planning to account for growth and ageing infrastructure is important. • An update on wastewater services for northern Wānaka will be provided in the near future. • Councillor Cocks enquired as to how Council officers engage and integrate with local organisations (e.g. WAI Wānaka) to develop policies on stormwater management. • Mr Leary confirmed that the goal is to develop a comprehensive stormwater management plan. • Councillor Bruce enquired about the possibility of a requirement to fluoridate water. • Mr Avery confirmed that if the Central Government advised the Council to fluoridate water, that we would be obliged to do so. • Any potential costs associated with fluoridation would come out of the Three Waters budget. • Councillor Smith asked if Council officers are comfortable that peak demand for water services can be met, citing that the Wheels in Wānaka event will draw a large number of people. • Mr Leary stated that a specific answer cannot be given, but that the capacity of the current wastewater plant is well understood. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Property & Infrastructure Update March 2025</p>	

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2.	<p><u>Draft Eely Point Tree Succession Plan</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item is to present the draft Eely Point Tree Succession Plan to the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) members and receive their feedback and direction.</p> <p>Dom Harrison (Parks and Reserves Planner), Lee Rowley (Parks Officer Arborist) and Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment B).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Harrison stated that Eely Point is a very significant location, and the need for long term planning is important for the continued use as recreational land. • While community engagement isn't required, that it would be ideal to engage with the community to get buy in and ownership of the plan. • Mr Rowley noted that while it is a sixty year plan, many elements will be completed within the next decade. • The assessment methods in mapping the canopy were discussed (e.g. LiDar Assessment), as well as the proposed Maintenance Schedule Framework. • It was proposed that a transition to a group of native trees and suitable conifers is the best path forward. It was further noted that it is a challenging site to plant because of the soil at Eely Point, and that good soil is essential to the healthy establishment of trees. • Mr Rowley also noted that through the use of the 'Miyawaki Method' the growth of the trees can be accelerated. • Councillor Smith proposed that the Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (or similar) with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) to enable Council to manage the land. • WUCCB members collectively noted that consultation is probably not required, but more informal engagement on the matter may be appropriate. Councillor Cocks also noted the length and technical detail of the report being a barrier to effective consultation. • Mr Telfer stated that engagement with the key stakeholders is the most important thing. He also noted that there is a sense in the community that the Council is not good at taking care of trees on a long term basis. • Mr Harrison noted that an initial \$60,000 in Better Off funding has been allocated to this work, but that further funding will be pursued in the next Long Term Plan. 	No actions were taken.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WUCCB members confirmed that any potential agreement with LINZ could be incorporated into the Eely Point Tree Succession Plan. <p>Attachments Attachment A: Draft Eely Point Tree Succession Plan Attachment B: (Council) Eely Point Tree Succession Plan Slides</p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.25pm.