

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 9.30am
Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street, Wānaka

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| Present: | Mr Simon Telfer | Ms Linda Joll |
| | Councillor Barry Bruce | Mr Chris Hadfield |
| | Councillor Lyal Cocks | Mr John Wellington |
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| Apologies: | Councillor Cody Tucker | |
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| In attendance: | Councillor Quentin Smith | Luke Place |
| | Matthew Hulscher | Carrie Williams |
| | Andrew Hill | Marie Day |
| | Kat Banyard | Sara Irvine (External) |
| | Kenneth Bailey | Todd Grace (External) |
| | Simon Leary | Dave Winterburn |
| | Danyeale Hamilton | |
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| Media: | One member of the media | |
| Public: | | |

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| 1. | <p><u>Wānaka Refuse Transfer Station (RTS)</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) on the RTS project for information and Q&A purposes. The purpose is also to seek feedback to carry forward to the Infrastructure Committee Meeting (25 July 2025) and Full Council Meeting (4 September 2025) for approval.</p> <p>Andrew Hill (Senior Project Manager) and Simon Leary (Infrastructure Delivery & Engineering Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment B).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Telfer asked if the cost of any rates increase would be borne by Wānaka-based ratepayers, to which Mr Hill confirmed it will be incurred on ratepayers across the district. There may also be gate fee increases for those using the facility. Councillor Cocks asked about the planned operations at the facility. Councillor Bruce enquired as to the net gain associated from the facility. Ms Joll enquired about the adjacent floodplain to the planned site, any waste associated from construction, and whether consultation with iwi has occurred. Mr Hill confirmed there has | None. |

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| | <p>been engagement with iwi, and that further engagement will occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wellington noted the need for the facility to meet growing demand, but also expressed concern about the adjacent floodplain. • Mr Hadfield expressed the importance of mitigating environmental risks. • Councillor Smith noted that this is a transfer station and that it is important to be clear as to what is and is not a risk. • Mr Telfer enquired as to the specific relationship between Council and Wastebusters on this project. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Briefing Paper WUCCB RTS Attachment B: Presentation WUCCB RTS</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to share an overview of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025; provide an opportunity for the WUCCB to ask questions about the draft bylaw; and collect feedback from WUCCB members that can be reported to the hearings panel for their consideration during deliberations.</p> <p>Kenneth Bailey (General Manager Community Services), Carrie Williams (Policy Manager), Marie Day (Community Partnerships Manager) and Luke Place (Principal Policy Advisor) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wellington expressed concern on behalf of the community regarding the potential use of the Camphill Road area and how this will be monitored. • Mr Hadfield enquired as to how freedom campers will be educated on the bylaw and its expectations. Ms Day confirmed there will be an active promotional campaign. • Councillor Bruce enquired as to whether not having a bylaw is an option that Council can consider. It was confirmed that an options paper was brought forward earlier this year (20 March Full Council Meeting) and that Council voted (unanimously) to pursue a new bylaw. • Discussion was held regarding the consultation process and the next steps over the coming months. • Enforcement of the bylaw was identified as a challenge, with consideration required as to the cost of enforcement activity. | None. |

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| | <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation – Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Concept design for Stage 4 Wānaka lakefront pathway</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to present the concept plan for the Shared Pathway on the Wānaka Lakefront (connecting the existing completed pathway in Stage 2 and 3 of the Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan) and to seek direction from the WUCCB to inform ongoing design. This follows a request from the WUCCB for the shared pathway to be progressed ahead of the wider Stage 4 Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan project.</p> <p>Kat Banyard (Senior Parks Advisor), Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager) and Danyele Hamilton (Project Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wellington expressed his support for the concept brought forward as long as it doesn't compromise future planning in the Stage 4 Wānaka Lakefront Development area. • Mr Hadfield noted the difficulty pedestrians have accessing the lakefront, particularly with bike traffic on the shared pathway. • Councillor Bruce enquired as to the possibility of narrowing the path across the concept design presented. • Ms Joll expressed concern for the potential conflict of cyclists, pedestrians and other users near the Dinosaur Park at the lakefront. Ms Joll also expressed concerns as to the cost of this work, as no detailed design work has been completed. • Mr Telfer discussed the significant usage of the lakefront shared pathway, and his consultation with local organisations on the proposal. Mr Telfer expressed his confidence in the design principles in mitigating any risks for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists. • Councillor Smith expressed in-principle support for the concept presented and noted some aspects of the proposal that could be changed. • Ms Joll asked if a landscape architect has been engaged, with Ms Banyard confirming this has not occurred as the scope is limited to the shared pathway. • Mr Telfer expressed support for reducing the path to a width of 2.8m in one place to protect the existing Kowhai trees. • Mr Wellington expressed a desire for slow zones to be introduced. | <p>Officers involved to continue refining the proposal for the shared pathway by moving to a more detailed design.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WUCCB expressed support for work to continue based on the current design principles. Ms Joll noted that she does not support the current proposal. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation – Concept design for Wānaka Lakefront Shared Pathway</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to, in line with the QAC Statement of Intent and Statement of Expectations, provide an update to the WUCCB.</p> <p>Sara Irvine (General Manager Sustainability & Corporate Affairs – QAC) and Todd Grace (Interim Chief Executive Officer – QAC) introduced the item.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Grace noted record passenger numbers are projected, and that the recent school holidays have seen an increase in demand particularly from Australian visitors. A new rental car precinct, to be developed in the coming years, is projected to increase visitor flows to Wānaka. A continued increase in demand for rental cars from Queenstown Airport was also noted. Mr Telfer asked about progress on developing public transport between Queenstown Airport and Wānaka. Ms Irvine confirmed no material progress has been made due to capacity limitations in the commercial team. Councillor Smith noted the lack of accessibility for some people with disability in using the Park & Ride service. Councillor Bruce enquired as to visitors to the district by car versus air transport. <p>Attachments: None.</p> | None. |

The workshop concluded at 11.34am.