

Minutes of a meeting of the Wānaka Community Board held in the Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre on Thursday 18 February 2021 commencing at 10.00am.

Present:

Mr Barry Bruce (Chair), Ms Jude Battson, Mr Chris Hadfield, Councillor Calum MacLeod, Councillor Niamh Shaw, Councillor Quentin Smith, Mr Ed Taylor

In attendance:

Mayor Jim Boulton, Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Ms Sarah Mitchell (Property Advisor, APL Property Ltd), Mr David Wallace (Manager, RM Engineering), and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); three members of the media and six members of the public

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

The following requests for leave of absence were made:

- Barry Bruce: 20 February – 3 March 2021
- Chris Hadfield: 16-18 March 2021

On the motion of Councillor Shaw and Councillor MacLeod the Wānaka Community Board resolved that the requests for leave of absence be granted.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were notified.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Public Forum

1. Kelvin ('Tiny') Carruthers, Community Sports Advisor, Sport Central

Mr Carruthers suggested that the Board encourage the Council to buy or lease the former Wānaka Mitre 10 premises in Anderson Heights and re-purpose it for a community youth and sports centre. He had identified 39 groups, including Kahu Youth, that were looking for premises now or in the next five years. Many were operating in inadequate facilities and/or facing increasing commercial rents and many sporting codes were having to cancel because of lack of space.

Ms Battson entered the meeting at 10.04am.

In Mr Carruthers' view, the Mitre 10 building 'ticked every box' in the proposed master plan for sports facilities in the district. He was concerned about the costs and implications of doing nothing.

2. Colleen Nisbet, Aspiring Gymsports

Ms Nisbet also supported the Council acquiring the Wānaka Mitre 10 building and repurposing it as a community youth and sports centre. Her gymnastics group had high levels of participation but commercial rents were becoming too high and fees could not cover the costs. Gym sports had a large female participation and should be supported in the same way as outdoor male-dominated sports like rugby and skateboarding. QLDC had just put significant funding into upgrading the Wānaka skateboard park but this was not a site that females felt safe visiting. By continuing to fund male-dominated outdoor activities over indoor sport options, QLDC seemed to be favouring men's sports in preference to women's.

3. John Carter

Mr Carter expressed concern about the Council's plans to upgrade the intersection of Golf Course and Ballantyne Roads, adding that he was not speaking on behalf of the Golf Club although he was a member. In his view the Council's proposed solution would not address the problems at the intersection and a better solution would be a small flush roundabout. This would involve construction of a traversable circular roundabout with three small splitter islands at the entry of each leg. He noted that Council staff were checking on the feasibility of his idea. He asked the Board to express a preference for his design over the Council's preferred solution and to instruct staff to review the Council's design.

4. Michael Sidey

Mr Sidey spoke of his active interest in providing opportunities for young people. He considered that the mental health and well-being of young people in the Wānaka community was at a critical point and the pressures of COVID-19 was amplifying the situation. The former Mitre 10 building was a unique opportunity for the community and the solution to an obvious crisis. He was aware through his knowledge of local funders that acquiring and repurposing the building would be an attractive proposition for community funders because of the benefits it would bring to youth.

Mayor Boulton thanked the speakers for expressing their views about the future of the former Mitre 10 building. He supported the idea in principle of the Council acquiring the building, but noted that further discussion was necessary.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Smith and Councillor MacLeod the Wānaka Community Board resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr Bruce and Mr Taylor the Wānaka Community Board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. **Temporary Road Closure – Wānaka A&P Show 2021**

A report from Sarah Mitchell (Property Advisor, APL Property Ltd) assessed an application for temporary road closures for the 2021 Wānaka A&P Show to be held in March 2021. The report recommended that the Board approve the application and authorise the schedule of road closures, subject to several recommended conditions.

Ms Mitchell and Mr Wallace presented the report.

Councillor Shaw asked staff to arrange for barriers to be in place so that people did not receive infringements for parking in prohibited areas.

On the motion of Mr Hadfield and Mr Taylor it was resolved that the Wānaka Community Board:

- 1. Notes the contents of this report;**
- 2. Approves the temporary road closure application for the 2021 Wānaka A&P Show subject to the following conditions:**
 - a. Any issues or concerns which may arise from the public notification published in the Wānaka Sun 3 December 2020 are addressed to the satisfaction of QLDC.**
 - b. Approval of the final Traffic Management Plan by QLDC Planning and Development prior to the event taking place.**
 - c. Radio advertising two days prior to and on the morning of the event.**
 - d. The event organisers arranging suitable disposal methods for recycling and rubbish/refuse.**
 - e. The event organisers ensure access is available for emergency services and maintenance contractors if required;**
 - f. The event organisers ensure that the parking on the grass verges along the Wānaka lakefront is adequately cordoned off to ensure no parking takes place in these areas.**
 - g. The event organisers must encourage alternative transport modes to the event such as adequate bike parking and Park and Ride option.**
 - h. The applicant must notify all affected parties via the submitted affected party notice, of the extent of the temporary road closure; this notification is to be undertaken at least ten working days prior to the**

closure occurring. A copy of this notice to be supplied to APL Property Limited.

- i. The applicant must contact QLDC Communications to arrange the closures to be further shared through Council social media.
- j. All reasonable concerns raised by affected parties shall be addressed by the applicants to the satisfaction of the Wānaka Community Board. In addressing such concerns, the applicants shall nominate a responsible person to liaise with the Wānaka Community Board.

3. Authorises the following schedule of road closures:

Road to be Closed: McDougall Street from Ardmore Street to Brownston Street

Period of Closure: 0600 Wednesday 10 March 2021 to 1200 Sunday 14 March 2021

Roads to be Closed: Brownston Street from McDougall Street to Dungarvon Street and McDougall Street from Upton Street to Brownston Street
(Note: access to this area will be available for residents, campground users, trade exhibitors and for disabled parking)

Period of Closure: 0600 to 2000 on Friday 12 March 2021 and Saturday 13 March 2021

2. Chair's Report

A report from the Chair presented:

- A progress update with stages 2 and 3 of Wānaka Lakefront Development;
- Details about the Ballantyne Road/Golf Course Road crossing and intersection improvements;
- Timeframe for installing the change to parking arrangements outside NZ Post Agency at corner Dunmore/Helwick Streets
- Progress with completing the underpass mural project;
- News from the Wānaka Recreation Centre.

Mr Hadfield provided an update on the underpass mural project. Mr Taylor commented further on the Ballantyne Road upgrade project, noting that the community was particularly pleased that it was finally happening and paying tribute to the work of Alison Howie, Project Manager in Property and Infrastructure in keeping the community informed.

On the motion of Councillor Smith and Councillor MacLeod the Wānaka Community Board resolved that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mr Elvey to address the Board.

Deputation

- Richard Elvey from Kahu Youth Trust presented the first of planned quarterly updates to the Board. He confirmed that the Trust was also interested in the former Wānaka Mitre 10 building although the lease on its current premises was secure. He noted that the Trust had recently secured additional funding which meant that it had been able to employ further youth workers and each of these individuals brought new and unique skills to the trust.

On the motion of Councillor Smith and Ms Battson the Wānaka Community Board resolved that Standing Orders be reinstated.

There was discussion about aspects of the report:

- The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust had recently opened the Devon Dairies link and the Board acknowledged the ongoing work of the Trust.
- The Board acknowledged the contribution of Graeme Perkins who had recently stepped aside as chair of the Luggate Community Association.
- There were a number of Council projects currently occurring in Wānaka that should be celebrated including Stage 3 of the Wānaka Skate Park, Stage 3 of the Wānaka lakefront development, Ballantyne Road rehabilitation, Wānaka north wastewater and the recently completed underpass.
- Ms Battson noted that due to the workload, Councillor Shaw was also attending meetings of the Hāwea Community Association.
- The Mayor commented on his concerns about the ongoing economic effects of COVID-19 and the impact upon the local tourism industry. He considered it was not unreasonable for the district to seek central government support because the area had made a huge contribution to New Zealand tourism for a long time.

On the motion of Mr Bruce and Mr Taylor it was resolved that the Wānaka Community Board:

- 1. Note the contents of this report.**

Mr Bruce thanked the Mayor for attending the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.13am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIR

DATE