

Minutes of a meeting of the Wānaka Community Board held in the Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, Ardmore Street, Wānaka on Thursday 5 November 2020 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:

Dr Thunes Cloete (General Manager, Community Services), Ms Briana Pringle (Parks and Open Spaces Manager), Mrs Maddy Dowman (Parks Projects Officer), Mr Naell Crosby-Roe (Manager – Governance, Engagement and Communications) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); two members of the media and one member of the public

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were notified.

Public Forum

The Governance Advisor informed the Chair that there had been no re-registrations to speak in the Public Forum. However, Standing Orders allowed the Chair to waive this requirement and the members of the public in attendance at the meeting could be permitted to address the Board without having registered.

1. Vicki Menzies

Mrs Menzies questioned the effectiveness of the Board and expressed anger at the new 40km/h speed limit introduced in parts of Wānaka. She had written several times about her concerns and questioned the expertise of the consultants who had recommended this change. She expressed frustration at her powerlessness but was prepared to start a petition protesting the change. She did not believe the speed reduction was necessary and it added time to journeys. She considered it would be safer to improve the quality of Wānaka's bicycle tracks instead.

Councillor MacLeod advised that he had been on the hearing panel for the Speed Limits Bylaw and the Council was simply following national policies in making the change to 40km/h. He offered to provide Mrs Menzies with the reports, noting that slower speeds were safer because they halved stopping distance and doubled the chance of survival.

2. Rik Deaton

Mr Deaton sought to table a bundle of documents relating to his application for a commercial licence to operate from the lakefront reserve. He indicated that he wished

to speak for nine minutes. The Chair stated that the maximum speaking time was three minutes and a request to speak for longer could not be accommodated. On that basis he declined permission for Mr Deaton to speak but asked staff to collect the documents Mr Deaton wished to table and circulate them to Board members.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Mr Hadfield and Ms Battson the Wānaka Community Board resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Ms Battson and Councillor Shaw the Wānaka Community Board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan Stage 2

A report from Maddy Dowman (Parks Projects Officer) set out the recommended concept design and associated design outcomes received through community engagement on Stage 2 of the Wānaka Lakefront Development and sought Board approval to proceed with detailed design and implementation of Stage 2. The report also observed that there were design outcomes that needed resolution in respect of the Millennium Pathway and recommended that a Millennium Path Community Working Group be formed to honour and protect the original legacy of the Millennium Path and its content.

Mrs Dowman, Ms Pringle and Ms Manson presented the report.

Councillor Smith stated that he was reasonably comfortable with the report recommendation because it represented a way forward after the Board's decision in April 2019 not to approve the loss of any carparking without replacement parking being put in place. He stressed the importance of maintaining view shafts along the lakefront and this was a key outcome that he would look for in the detailed design. He favoured a couple of big gaps rather than a lot of small ones but was neutral on the millennium tiles.

Clarification was sought on the timeframe from this point. Ms Pringle advised that staff would progress detailed design immediately and would present this along with costings to the Board's next meeting in December. There was further discussion about the parking arrangements and the Board was asked to provide feedback directly back to staff to enable inclusion in the detailed design. Dr Cloete noted that small changes to the detailed design would still be possible when it was presented at the Board's next meeting.

The Board considered the recommendation with respect to the future of the millennium tiles. Members asked that the formation of this group not result in any delay to the other parts of the construction. There was also discussion about the involvement of younger people in the project, with Ms Manson noting that there was work underway to involve students from Mt Aspiring College in the development of the history aspect of the project.

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

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Approve the recommended concept design based on the following Stage 2 design outcomes received through community engagement:**
 - a. Option 1 concept design including the following features:**
 - i. The inclusion of the Active Travel Promenade;**
 - ii. The inclusion of two feature gardens**
 - iii. The retention of as many existing trees as possible;**
 - iv. The inclusion of car parking along the lakeside of Ardmore Street**
 - v. New millennium pathway tiles laid in a new location**
 - vi. New location of the millennium path tiles to be located alongside the active travel promenade.**
- 3. Approve the recommended minor revisions and design clarifications regarding the following features based on feedback received through community engagement:**
 - a. 'Feature gardens' redefined as 'natural shared space' with some low lying natural gardens and feature trees;**
 - b. Parking along Ardmore Street to be broken into sections of cars and smaller divisions, without losing too many car parks;**
 - c. Specific campervan parking is proposed to be removed from the design for lakeside car parking off Ardmore Street and instead, assigned a small portion of existing parallel parks on the Pembroke Park side of McDougall Street;**
- 4. Approve the establishment of a Millennium Path Community Working Group;**

5. **Approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Millennium Path Community Working Group; and**
6. **Agree that final detailed design plans of Stage 2 will be subject to sign-off by the Wānaka Community Board**

2. **Chair's Report**

A report from the Chair presented:

- An update on recruitment of the new Upper Clutha Liaison Manager;
- Information about activity at the Wānaka Community Board drop-in sessions;
- News from the Upper Clutha Libraries and the Wānaka Recreation Centre.

Mr Crosby-Roe joined the table and provided further detail about recruitment of the Upper Clutha Liaison Manager. He noted that an offer had been made to the preferred candidate and the appointment would be formally announced on receipt of final paperwork.

Councillor Shaw advised that she had sought clarification at the recent Council meeting about the project to connect Hāwea wastewater to Project Pure. She understood that it was now on hold and staff intended to work with the Hāwea Community Association on the best solution from the community's perspective. This was contrary to the statements within Attachment A suggesting that the project was still underway.

Members presented updates on their community areas and interests:

- Councillor Smith observed that Wānaka Community Networks had had a particularly heavy workload this year because of COVID-19.
- Mr Taylor reported that Sounds Air had commenced a Christchurch air service from Wānaka Airport and it was good to have some activity at Wānaka Airport. He added that following complaints at the previous Board meeting about the dumping of rubbish in the Cardrona River, larger, more visible signage had been erected near the river about illegal dumping.
- It was positive to note that Otago Regional Council had recently completed work to address slipping beside the Clutha River just before the Albert Town bridge which suggested better levels of communication with QLDC.
- The Chair confirmed that a long sought after meeting between the Wānaka property owners group and emergency management personnel had taken place to discuss flood management. It had been agreed that in future there needed to be better management of minor flood events, as during the 2019 flooding event media reports had given the impression that Wānaka was closed.

On the motion of Mr Bruce and Mr Taylor it was resolved that the Wānaka Community Board note the report.

The meeting concluded at 11.08am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIR

DATE