

Minutes of a Community & Services Workshop

Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 10.00am
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

Present:	Councillor C Ferguson (Chair)	Councillor B Bruce (online)
	Councillor E Whitehead (Deputy Chair)	Councillor L Guy
	Councillor C Tucker	Councillor M Wong
Apologies:	None	
In attendance:	Simon Battrick	Jeannie Galavazi
	Adrian Hoddinott	Ken Bailey
	Councillor L Cocks (online)	Sophie Millar
	Briana Pringle	Kat Banyard
	Dave Winterburn	
Media:	No members of the media in attendance	
Public:	1 members of public	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Draft Glenorchy Airstrip Reserve Management Plan (RMP) Review Update</u></p> <p>Purpose of the workshop item:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the Community & Services Committee are informed of review process to date. 2. Present key draft objectives for the Draft RMP. 3. Confirm the direction of the key objectives for the draft Glenorchy Airstrip RMP. <p>This follows the previous workshop on this draft RMP held in August 2024.</p> <p>Jeannie Galavazi introduced the item.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the commercial use of the airstrip including the reporting of commercial use of the airstrip, and whether there had been any 'surprises' or oddities in data gathering from commercial use. It was queried what specific operators would be using the airstrip and noted that Blanket Bay is still consented use of the airstrip.</p> <p>Committee members followed with questions focused on noise control and noise monitoring, specifically how monitoring would look regarding consenting and compliance with operators.</p>	

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	<p>It was discussed whether there was opportunity for future capacity increase including discussion of aviation as a high value industry, and how to utilise this to the full extent. Specific reference was made to the potential use of land for future hangars, and the requirements for safety management and policies under the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) should capacity be reached or increase.</p> <p>Discussion on the levels of capacity remaining in hangars and what happens in the event of reaching a capacity cap i.e. how to stop activity once capacity reached. It was noted that this would come down to governance which moved the committee to a discussion on the structure of governance, specifically committee structure and terms of reference, and what governance looks like going forward.</p> <p>It was discussed whether hangars could be used in other commercial ways, i.e. cafes. Staff noted that the noise monitoring was mainly focused on aviation and wouldn't necessarily cover other commercial use of hangars.</p> <p>It was queried whether there would be noise control issues within the surrounding communities. Staff noted that it is a rural area, as such this may not present a significant issue.</p> <p>Members discussed the day-to-day operations of Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) in relation to the Glenorchy Airstrip. Specifically focusing on where the Council may be accountable or liable for any issues that happen 'on the ground'.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a grey area where the roles of QLDC and QAC were unclear in relation to the running of the airstrip and whether QLDC were liable for issues. Staff clarified that QAC are running the airstrip.</p> <p>Attachments: (see attached)</p> <p>Attachment A: Presentation on Glenorchy Airstrip Draft RMP Key Objectives</p> <p>Attachment B: Presentation on Glenorchy Airstrip RMP to Community and Services Committee August 2024 (for background reading).</p>	
2.	<p><u>Draft Blue Green Network Plan</u></p> <p>Purpose of the workshop item:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the Community and Services Committee are informed of the process to date. 2. Present the draft Blue Green Network Plan. 	

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	<p>3. To share and take feedback on the draft Blue Green Network Plan, to introduce the Kāi Tahu Blue Green Network, and to discuss future implementation methods.</p> <p>Jeannie Galavazi introduced the item.</p> <p>Members discussed the growth areas identified in gen 1, and whether asking developers for expressions of interest complicates the process or relying on long term strategies is sufficient.</p> <p>Members and staff discussed how wai Tahuna would fit within the Blue Green Network plan and where priorities would sit.</p> <p>Staff introduced the concept of Ki Uta Ki Tai to members as part of the Blue Green Network Plan, which emphasises the need for seeing each aspect of the plan (mountains, rivers, lakes, communities etc.) as all interconnected rather than individual features, and should be managed as such.</p> <p>There was discussion on the value of balancing Manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga and how integration of these concepts can provide further value within the Blue Green Network plan. Specific emphasis was placed on how hospitality sits within tourism in the region, the interdependence of the two, how there are currently missed opportunities around Manaakitanga with hospitality, and how to further focus the narrative on land and water care around these concepts. Concern around funding within limited resources was raised to this point.</p> <p>Members discussed the integration of Māori worldviews within the comms plan and noted that it will be an immensely challenging component of the plan but a significant opportunity if resourced properly. Staff agreed the inclusion of te mana o te wai is central to the comms so the community can learn and change the way they think about water health. It was also highlighted this may be the most difficult comms issue.</p> <p>It was noted by staff there may be tension around how the localised strategy fits with the National Direction.</p> <p>Attachments: (see attached)</p> <p>Attachment A: Draft Blue Green Network Plan Attachment B: Presentation to the Community and Services Committee on the Blue Green Network – August 2023 (for background reading) Attachment C: Presentation on the draft Blue Green Network Plan (to be presented on the day).</p>	

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3.	<p><u>Parks Maintenance Contracts 2025</u></p> <p>Purpose of the briefing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of this briefing is to provide the Community and Services Committee with an update on the progression of the new Parks maintenance contracts as requested at Full Council in December 2024. <p>Adrian Hoddinott introduced the item.</p> <p>Initial discussion focused on optionality and current negotiations within contracts. Members specifically mentioned the potential to onboard discussion around the Blue Green Network and drainage, and whether there was appetite to explore different ways of doing things and innovation to be more economically conscious.</p> <p>Members and staff discussed the differing roles between QLDC and contractors, specifically the role of QLDC to be informing contractors of work/ contract programmes.</p> <p>Members sought clarification on how contracts will fit with the Arrow Reserve Management Plan, i.e. whether contracting for parks and reserves will have any impact on community engagement or slow the Arrow RMP. staff clarified that contracts are being procured for current levels of service.</p> <p>There were questions from members on the interest levels in current contracts from organisations/ developers, and whether there are contractors in the market that would be resourced/ capable to fulfil the contracts. Staff clarified that there are about 6 contractors in the country that could take on contracts of this scale but noted to members that there had been numerous questions from contractors on each contract.</p> <p>Discussion focused on changes of scope within service levels of contracts, and whether increase had been observed due to more work coming through from contracts.</p> <p>Attachments: (see attached) Attachment A: Timeline for new Parks maintenance contracts 2025</p>	

The workshop concluded at 11:45pm.