

Community & Services Committee 18 May 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Community & Services Committee held on Thursday 18 May 2017 in Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown commencing at 10.02am.

Present

Councillors Stevens (Chair), Clark, Ferguson, McRobie and Miller.

In Attendance

Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager Corporate Services), Mr Stephen Quin (Parks and Reserves Planning Manager), Mr Tim Errington (Aboricultural Officer), Mr Simon Battrick (Manager Sport & Recreation), Ms Michelle Morss (Corporate Manager), Ms Marie Day (Community and Events Facilitator), Ms Shelley Dawson (Senior Governance Advisor), 3 members of the public and 2 members of the media.

Apologies

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Miller.

**On the motion of Councillors McRobie and Clark
it was resolved that the apology be accepted.**

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor McRobie noted that in regards to *Item 3: Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy* he was the Chair of the Otago Community Trust.

Matters Lying on the Table

On the motion of Councillors Ferguson and Clark it was unanimously agreed to uplift Item - *Request for Approval to Remove Two Poplar Trees Growing Within QLDC Road Reserve – Panorama Terrace, Queenstown* off the table to be considered as Item 1 on the agenda.

Public Forum

Kirsty Sharpe

Ms Sharpe read from a prepared statement to *Item 1: Request for Approval to Remove Two Poplar Trees Growing Within QLDC Road Reserve – Panorama Terrace, Queenstown* and noted that she presented the Committee with the signed objections from 36 residents. Ms Sharpe commented that she supported Mr and Mrs Kleinjan's objection to the removal of the trees. She noted that the manner in which approval was sought did not comply with Council policy and added that the trees provided visual amenity.

Councillor Miller joined the meeting at 10.06am

Ms Sharpe suggested that the tree roots were probably supporting the road above and asked that if the request for removal had not been made would the trees have remained for the foreseeable future.

Arie Kleinjan

The Chair read a statement from Mr Kleinjan who was to speak in public forum when *Item 1: Request for Approval to Remove Two Poplar Trees Growing Within QLDC Road Reserve – Panorama Terrace, Queenstown* originally came to the Committee on 6 April 2017 but was unable to speak today.

Mr Kleinjan objected to the removal of the Poplar trees and gave some background of actions taken once the applicant submitted a request for service to cut the trees down. His statement noted that there were 36 signed objectors and noted that Council had not consulted properly. Mr Kleinjan's statement noted reasons the trees should stay including that Council had not followed its Tree Policy, the trees were present prior to the purchase of the property and that trees should not be cut to give one property owner a better view.

Els Kleinjan

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Mrs Kleinjan noted that she had read the report to the Committee including the arborist report and that from Opus. Her statement commented that the request should never have been approved as the reason to de-block views went against the District Tree Policy. Ms Kleinjan noted in her statement that the trees did not cause ice to form on the road in winter and did not block the views when turning onto the street contrary to the Opus report. She also suggested that trimming the trees rather than cutting them down would solve these issues.

Clark Pirie - Chair of the Queenstown Cricket Club

Mr Pirie spoke to *Item 6: ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2018* and noted that the club supported any step by Council to hold international cricket events. He added that if it went ahead it would show the real need for more facilities for community clubs and sports. Mr Pirie asked the Committee to take meaningful action to provide these facilities. After questions from the Committee Mr Pirie commented that the numbers in the club were approximately 300 and this growth was higher than growth nationally for cricket.

Russell Mawhinney – Queenstown Schools Cricket Carnival

Mr Mawhinney spoke to *Item 6: ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2018* and commented that they held the Carnival for the first time last year. He noted that he also supported an international cricket event in Queenstown. Mr Mawhinney commented that the ICC would want exclusive use of the facilities for a long time and this would be a conflict with local and community sport and events.

Ms Miller commented that the item was to be considered in public excluded but asked if there was a positive outcome did the club see any positive development potential for young players in the district. Mr Pirie replied that they would like Council staff to work on this to benefit local cricket players.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors Stevens and Clark it was resolved that the minutes of the Community & Services Committee of the 6 April and 12 April 2017 be accepted.

1. Request for Approval to Remove Two Poplar Trees Growing Within QLDC Road Reserve – Panorama Terrace, Queenstown

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval for Mr David Jerram (representing his client Mr Kenneth Butt, 68 Panorama Terrace) to remove two established Poplar trees growing on QLDC road reserve. Mr Errington and Mr Quin spoke to this item.

After questions from the Chair Mr Errington commented that in his opinion the trees were approximately 40-50 years old and appeared to have self-seeded or come from sucker growth as the location was too small for two poplars. He noted that they were approximately 20 meters in height and in his opinion would not be sustainable in their location for any longer than another 10 years. Mr Quin commented that they had sought advice from Opus in regards to effects on the road and Opus had reported that the roots were causing structural issues compromising the retaining of the road.

The Chair commented that the resulting consultation had noted that members of the public felt that the trees had amenity value and were landmark trees. He noted that while an individual had requested the trees be removed to open their view officers were recommending they be felled for sensible tree management. The Chair suggested the applicant could pay for the felling of the trees and for removing the roots as well. Mr Errington suggested the contractor could go back annually to poison the roots.

There was discussion around replanting and Mr Errington commented that there could be a tree species that would fit in the site. He added that aftercare especially irrigation could be an issue and it was suggested that the applicant could also be responsible for this. There was discussion on the care and type of tree that could be planted. The Chair suggested recommendation 2.a. be amended to read *“Mr Kenneth Butt (owner of 68 Panorama Terrace) being responsible for all costs associated with the removal of the trees, the ongoing*

management of the removed trees and stumps to ensure no regrowth arises, the replanting of a new tree species and its on-going care for 3 years."

It was suggested that the initial consultation may not have been wide enough and it was highlighted to officers that tree removal in the district was an issue that generated a lot of public interest.

On the motion of Councillors Stevens and McRobie it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note the contents of this report;**
2. **Approve the removal of the two established Poplar trees growing on QLDC road reserve outside 68 Panorama Terrace, Queenstown, subject to**
 - a. **Mr Kenneth Butt (owner of 68 Panorama Terrace) being responsible for all costs associated with the removal of the trees, the ongoing management of the removed trees and stumps to ensure no regrowth arises, the replanting of a new tree species and its on-going care for 3 years.**

Councillors Ferguson and Clark voted against the motion.

The motion was carried 3 for and 2 against.

2. **Progressing towards QLDC joining the Local Authorities of the Otago Region in a Te Rōpū with the Papatipu Rūnanga of the Kai Tahu ki Otago Takiwa**

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the proposal for QLDC to join with Otago Councils in a Governance Charter for Te Rōpū Taiao Otago. The Te Rōpū is a forum to assist Kai Tahu ki Otago in the delivery of programmes and projects in conjunction with Otago Councils. Ms Miller spoke to this item.

Ms Miller commented that this was the beginning of developing a richer relationship with runanga and she added that there was a tentative placeholder in the budget.

On the motion of Councillors Ferguson and McRobie it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

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

2. **Recommend to Council that it adopt and sign the Te Rōpū Taiao Otago Governance Charter and commit to becoming a fully participatory member of the Otago Te Rōpū.**

3. Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval to develop a Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy in conjunction with Central Otago District Council (CODC), Sport New Zealand, Sport Otago, Sport Southland, Central Lakes Trust (CLT), Otago Community Trust (OCT) and Community Trust of Southland (CTOS). Mr Battrick spoke to this report.

Mr Battrick commented that he had talked with the other parties and they were keen to continue irrespective of CODC involvement in the strategy. Councillor Ferguson noted that there was still regional rivalry and noted that QLDC had to satisfy the needs of its community first and foremost. He gave the example of the lack of all-weather turf in the district. Mr Battrick commented that the strategy gave a holistic framework for the future where previously Council had to rely on ad hoc decisions.

Mr Battrick explained that Sport New Zealand had 6 regional plans approved already with another 6 underway. After questions he noted that he hoped the draft plan would be finished in December 2017 with the plan signed off in June 2018. Mr Battrick noted that if CODC was not involved then the timeframe may be reduced.

On the motion of Councillors Ferguson and Miller it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee;

1. **Note the contents of this report;**
2. **Recommend to Council to approve the development of a Sub-Region Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy in conjunction with Central Otago District Council, Sport Otago, Sport New Zealand, Sport Southland, Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust and Community Trust of Southland;**
3. **Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (subject to approval); and**

4. **Note the inclusion of a budget of a \$34,000 placeholder in the Annual Plan 2017/18.4.**

4. Heritage Incentive Grant Application – Brunswick Flour Mill Warehouse, 22 Bridge Street, Frankton, Queenstown

Consideration was given to a request for a Heritage Incentive Grant to cover the cost of an initial topographical survey to investigate full restoration of the Brunswick Flour Mill Warehouse situated at 22 Bridge Street, Frankton, Queenstown. The grant application also requested a contribution towards building consent costs if the restoration went ahead. The officer recommended granting \$3,000 to cover the cost of an initial topographical survey (\$1,750 + GST) and suggested making a contribution towards building consent costs for the restoration. Ms Day and Ms Morss spoke to this item.

It was questioned if there were any photos of the site and Ms Miller noted that staff would undertake to provide photos with future applications.

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and Clark it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note the contents of this report:**
2. **Approve a Heritage Incentive Grant of \$3,000 to cover the cost of an initial topographical survey (\$1,750 + GST) and make a contribution towards building consent costs for the restoration of Brunswick Mill Warehouse situated at 22 Bridge Street, Frankton, Queenstown.**

5. Community-led Development Programme

Consideration was given to a report that outlined an approach that would support Community Development across the district, based upon Community-Led Development (CLD) principles. The report recommended the creation of a Community Development Framework and a Community Action Plan. Ms Morss and Ms Day spoke to this item.

Ms Morss commented that the plan was to put in place a brief framework with a few principles and follow up with an achievable action plan to build on as time progresses. Ms Morss explained that there were several benchmarking models that QLDC could investigate to come back with some measurables. Ms Miller noted that it was important Council did not try and deliver services that did not sit with local government but could improve its understanding and visibility around social services and the health of the district.

On the motion of Councillors Stevens and Miller it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

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

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and Ferguson the Community & Services Committee resolved to exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

Item 6: ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2018

<i>General subject to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution.</i>	<i>Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.</i>
6. ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2018	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: (b)(ii) protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

This recommendation was made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting moved into public excluded at 11.14am.

The meeting moved out of public excluded and closed at 11.30am.

Confirmed as a True and Correct Record:

Chairperson

Date
