

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Thursday 15 June 2017 commencing at 10.02am

Present:

Councillors Forbes (Chairperson), Clark, Ferguson and MacDonald

In attendance:

Mr Myles Lind (Manager, Asset Planning) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); one member of the media and no members of the public

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor MacLeod.

On the motion of Councillors Ferguson and Clark the Infrastructure Committee resolved that the apology be accepted.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors MacDonald and Clark it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee confirm the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 23 March 2017 as a true and correct record.

Public Forum

1. Erna Spijkerbosch (Creeksyde Holiday Park)

Mrs Spijkerbosch expressed concern about the following two principles contained in the new QLDC Water Meter Policy:

- c. QLDC, rather than any individual of business, owns all data collected by a water meter.*
- e. Water meter data must not be used for an individual's own or for others' personal gain or profit.*

Mrs Spijkerbosch noted that Creeksyde was the world's first environmentally certified holiday park; it had its own water meters and the data collected was a vital part of the business operation. She considered that this was in conflict with principles (c) and (e), as Creeksyde 'owned' the information from its water meters and 'profited' in that the data collected helped it achieve certification. She asked the committee to revisit the wording as she was sure other places monitored their water usage and she wanted to ensure that Creeksyde would have on-going access to the information and would not be penalised for using it.

1. QLDC Water Meter Policy Update

A covering report from Myles Lind (Manager, Asset Planning) presented an updated QLDC Water Meter Policy for adoption. The updated policy was appended to the report.

The report was presented by Mr Lind. He noted that the update linked back to the new Subdivision Code of Practice and the overall aim was to progressively look at the usage of water. He stressed that was not about privatisation of water or charging for it.

In reply to the concerns raised during the Public Forum, Mr Lind advised that the purpose of the principle was to ensure that data could be captured for the understanding of the network and that third parties could not use the data. It was not intended to restrict valid uses as outlined in the Public Forum. Members agreed that principles (c) and (e) needed to be amended to ensure that they could not be mis-interpreted. Mr Lind suggested various wording changes to ensure that principle (c) did not limit an individual's or business's right to be provided water data collected about their property or business and to clarify in relation to principle (e) that water meter data must not be used for any third party's gain or profit.

It was agreed that making changes at the meeting was inadvisable, and instead it was delegated to the Chair to approve any changes to principles (c) and (e).

On the motion of Councillors Clark and MacDonald it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Adopted the updated QLDC Water Meter Policy subject to amendments approved by the Committee Chair reflecting private ownership rights; and**
- 3. Authorise officers to make further minor changes to the QLDC Water Meter Policy without further recourse to Council, where this is necessary to:**
 - a. Fix identified minor errors and/or omissions;**
 - b. Ensure continuity with other proposed provisions.**

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of MacDonald and Ferguson the Infrastructure Committee resolved that the public be excluded 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:

Confirmation of Minutes

Item 2: Acquisition of the Cardrona Water Supply Limited (CWSL) Assets

| General subject to be considered. | Reason for passing this resolution. | Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution. |
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| 2. Acquisition of the Cardrona Water Supply Limited (CWSL) Assets | <p>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:</p> <p>h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> | Section 7(2)(h) |

This resolution is 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 went into public excluded at 10.18am.

The meeting concluded at 10.19am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON

DATE