

Planning & Strategy Committee

31 August 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Thursday 31 August 2017 in Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown commencing at 10.00am.

Present

Councillor Hill (Chair), Councillors McLeod, McRobie, MacDonald, Miller and Smith

In Attendance

Mr Tony Avery (General Manager Planning & Strategy), Mr Ian Bayliss (Planning Policy Manager), Mr Blair Devlin (Manager Planning Practice), Ms Shelley Dawson (Senior Governance Advisor) and 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed newly elected Councillor Quentin Smith onto the Committee.

Apologies

There were no apologies noted.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters on the table.

Public Forum

Maree Baker- Galloway (Anderson-Lloyd)

Ms Baker-Galloway spoke to *Item 1: Proposed District Plan – Extension of Time for Decisions on Provisions and Submissions*. She commented that while the Committee needed to approve an extension of the time-frame she questioned if it was appropriate to extend it for the full 12 months recommended. Ms Baker-Galloway queried if there were sufficient special circumstances to extend for 12 months and suggested the Committee consider a 6 month time extension. She noted that with the changes in the RMA coming into effect from October 2017, a time extension for any stages being notified from now on would require Minister's approval.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and MacDonald it was resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on 8 June 2017 be accepted.

Councillor MacLeod abstained

1. Proposed District Plan – Extension of Time for Decisions on Provisions and Submissions

Consideration was given to a report that sought to:

- Extend the time period specified in the RMA for giving a decision on Proposed District Plan (PDP) provisions and matters raised in submissions;
- Consider the interests of persons directly affected by the extension;
- Consider the interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of the plan;
- Consider the duty of Council to avoid unreasonable delay; and
- Confirm how persons affected by the extension of time are appropriately notified.

Mr Bayliss and Mr Avery talked to this report.

The Committee was given a brief explanation of the RMA time period rules around the release of decisions and it was noted that the panel had indicated that they hoped to have decisions in the first quarter of next year. There was discussion around the RMA practitioner concerns and the good discussions that Planning staff had held with them. It was noted that a 1 year extension fitted with the PDP targets the Committee had previously discussed. Mr Avery noted that the goal was to have stage 1 decisions released by the end of March 2018. He added that the 1 year extension would not affect agreed on timeframes or the pressure applied to meet them.

It was suggested that recommendation 3. be amended to reflect the Committee's expectation that the decisions would be ready as soon as possible. The following wording was added to recommendation 3. *"noting that the expectation is for decisions to be released by 31 March 2018"*.

On the motion of Councillors Hill and McLeod it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report.**
- 2. Extend, in accordance with section 37 the RMA 1991, the 2 year time period specified**

in Schedule 1 clause 10 of the RMA for the Council to give a decision on provisions and matters raised in submissions to the QLDC Proposed District Plan notified on 26 August 2015.

3. Extend the time period for decisions from the date of this report by 1 year to 26 August 2018, noting that the expectation is for decisions to be released by 31 March 2018.
4. Note that all persons and agencies that have made a submission or a further submission on the Proposed District Plan will be notified of the extension by their preferred method of service, that a public notice will be published and that the Proposed District Plan section of the QLDC website will provide information in the extension of time, including a copy of this report.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and MacDonald the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved to exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

2.1 Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 8 June 2017

2.2 Appeals Subcommittee Draft Minutes 20 July 2017

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:

| <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> |
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| <p><i>Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 8 June 2017</i></p> | <p><i>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:</i></p> <p><i>(g) to maintain legal professional privilege, and</i></p> <p><i>(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i></p> | <p><i>Section 7(2)(g)</i></p> <p><i>Section 7(2)(i)</i></p> |
| <p><i>Appeals Subcommittee Draft Minutes 20 July 2017</i></p> | <p><i>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:</i></p> <p><i>(g) to maintain legal professional privilege, and</i></p> <p><i>(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i></p> | <p><i>Section 7(2)(g)</i></p> <p><i>Section 7(2)(i)</i></p> |

This resolution 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 10.18am.

The meeting moved out of public excluded and concluded at 10.20am.

Confirmed as a True and Correct Record:

Chairperson

Date
