

Minutes

Confirmation of minutes:

23 November 2023
Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on Thursday 23 November 2023 beginning at 10:00am.

Present

Councillor Bartlett (Chairperson), Councillor Cocks, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Tucker.

In Attendance

Councillor White, Councillor Wong, Mr Tony Avery (General Manger Property & Infrastructure), Mr Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager), Mr Giulio Chapman-Olla (Project Manager), Mr Naell Crosby-Roe (Governance and Stakeholder Services Manager) and Miss Sarah Bradey (Governance Advisor); no members of the public and no members of the media.

Apologies

Councillor Gladding and Councillor Smith were apologies.

On the motion of Councillor Cocks and Councillor Ferguson it was resolved that the agologies be accepted.

Motion carried.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of Conflicts of interest

Public Forum

There were no speakers registered for the public forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Cocks it was resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Motion carried.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Ferguson it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 17 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Tucker it was resolved that the minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Infrastructure Committee meeting on 16 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Frankton Track Surfacing

The report's authors were Mr Giulio Chapman-Olla (Project Manager) and Ms Jesse Taylor (Investment Advisory Manager).

The purpose of this report was to (a) provide Committee members with the results of the 2023 Frankton Track Surfacing Trial, (b) present the advantages and disadvantages of a sealed or unsealed surface for the Frankton Track, and (c) seek the Committee's direction on the preferred surfacing treatment to be implemented by Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) officers.

Mr Chapman-Olla and Mr Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager) presented the report. Mr Mason, Mr Chapman-Olla and Mr Avery responded to questions.

The Chair explained that the Committee had the option to seal a 400-metre section of track on Frankton Road. The Chair noted that based on the public consultation the public was in favour of leaving it as a gravel-type surface. It was outlined that the Committee was only looking at this small section to be sealed because there were no other footpath options, and this would make it accessible for more people.

In response to a question about why the date for construction was not for a couple of years, staff clarified that they were still in the detailed design stage of the process. Further questions were asked about which company was doing the detailed design, whether consultation on the type of surface had taken place, and about the planned surface for the Arthurs Point active travel route.

In response to a question about the relative cost of finishing with chipseal rather than asphalt, staff indicated that chipseal is usually \$10 dollars per square meter and asphalt is \$30-\$40 dollars per square meter (only for the surface).

Staff explained that some of the very first feedback received on this matter raised concern over ice forming in the area and noted that this was one reason why their recommendation was to use chipseal. Staff suggested that another reason to finish the trail with chipseal was to see if the surfacing could be applied directly to an AP20 base.

A comment was made on the recommended option, noting its aesthetic advantages in terms of suiting the surrounding natural environment.

It was moved (Councillor Cocks/Councillor Tucker) that the Infrastructure Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report**
- 2. Endorse that, when QLDC undertakes works to install a new wastewater rising main along the Frankton Track, the surface of the Frankton Track be reinstated with crushed AP20 gravel and crusher dust; and**
- 3. Note whether the section of the Frankton Track between RP4.616 and RP4.227, where there is no footpath available on State Highway 6A, should be finished in grade 4/6 chipseal to provide an uninterrupted sealed pathway between Frankton and Queenstown.**

The Committee agreed that it would be more appropriate for it to approve – rather than endorse and note – the proposed actions. Accordingly, Councillor Cocks moved an amendment that proposed minor changes to the language for points 2 and 3 of the motion.

On the motion of Councillor Cocks and seconded by Councillor Tucker it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee amend the original motion to read as follows:

- 1. Note the contents of this report**
- 2. Approve that, when QLDC undertakes works to install a new wastewater rising main along the Frankton Track, the surface of the Frankton Track be reinstated with crushed AP20 gravel and crusher dust; and**
- 3. Approve the section of the Frankton Track between RP4.616 and RP4.227, where there is no footpath available on State Highway 6A, be finished in grade 4/6**

chipseal to provide an uninterrupted sealed pathway between Frankton and Queenstown.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion was then carried unanimously.

2. Butlers Green Retaining Wall

The report's author was Mr Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager).

The purpose of this report was to present the options for future maintenance of the historic stone wall between Butlers Green and Buckingham Street in Arrowtown.

Mr Simon Mason presented the report, presented and provided commentary on proposals from the ABPA (Arrowtown Business and Promotion Association). Mr Mason and Mr Avery responded to questions. spoke to the report.

Questions were asked about the impact of two- way traffic on the wall and whether a one-way system could be implemented, the risk of demolition by neglect (due to excessive deterioration), the impact on future budgets and interaction of funding deferment with the Long Term Plan (LTP) budget process, the potential to deliver the project if external funding could be secured,

Further discussion related to the roading budget, safety fencing, feedback from APBA and the Wakatipu Heritage Group, the reforecasting process and deferment of funding for the wall,

Members expressed support for prioritisation of funding for the wall as a discretionary project in the LTP process.

It was moved (Councillor Tucker/ Councillor Bartlett that the Infrastructure Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Approve that existing budgets are insufficient to reconstruct the wall, which would require a new budget and prioritisation under the Long Term Plan process; and**
- 3. Agree on the option of maintaining the wall in the interim.**

Councillors discussed amending clause 3 to read “Agree to monitor and maintain the wall under the roading maintenance contract and existing budgets for structure and maintenance to a do minimum standard.” Councillor Bartlett put the amended motion, which was seconded by Councillor Ferguson. The amendment carried unanimously.

Concern was raised about what the last five words (“to a do minimum standard”) mean in this context. After further discussion, the Committee – including the mover and seconder – agreed to drop the final five words.

On the amended motion of Councillor Tucker and seconded by Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Approve that existing budgets are insufficient to reconstruct the wall, which would require a new budget and prioritisation under the Long Term Plan process; and**
- 3. Agree to monitor and maintain the wall under the roading maintenance contract and existing budgets for structure and maintenance.**

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 11.11am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date