

Wanaka Community Board 14 December 2016

Minutes of a meeting of the Wanaka Community Board held in the Armstrong Room, Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka on Wednesday 14 December 2016 beginning at 10am

Present:

Ms Rachel Brown (Chair), Ms Ruth Harrison, Councillor Ella Lawton, Councillor Calum MacLeod, Councillor Ross McRobie, Mr Quentin Smith and Mr Ed Taylor

In attendance:

Mayor Jim Boulton, Mr Mike Theelen (Chief Executive), Mr Andrew Edgar (Senior Engineer), Mrs Deborah Lind (Manager, Strategy and Performance), Ms Alison Tomlinson (Infrastructure Analyst), Mr Stephen Quin (Parks and Reserves Planning Manager) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); 6 members of the public and 3 members of the media

Opening

The meeting commenced with a karakia from the Chair.

Apologies

The following requests for leave of absence were made:

- Calum MacLeod: 20-28 January 2017
- Rachel Brown: 21 December 2016 – 31 January 2017
- Quentin Smith: 19-26 December 2016; 6-19 January 2017
- Ruth Harrison: 24 December 2016 – 5 January 2017
- Ross McRobie: 23 December 2016 – 4 January 2017; 20-31 January 2017
- Ella Lawton: 29 January – 10 February 2017

On the motion of Mr Taylor and Ms Harrison the Wanaka Community Board resolved that the requests for leave of absence be approved.

Public Forum

1. Dave Wilson – The Roding Company

Mr Wilson noted that the company Chief Executive had spoken at the last Board meeting about market difficulties and it was pleasing that the Camp Hill Road project had now been reinstated in the programme. Mr Wilson encouraged the Council to get its roading programmes out to market early in order to get the best value for money from contractors. Certainty also helped contractors to invest in gear, training and staff and without certainty from councils, small companies would disappear. Big contracts eliminated smaller contractors but without them councils would pay more with the larger companies. Mr Wilson stated that it was hard to get people to come to district because of the cost of housing and he encouraged the Council to seek opportunities to develop affordable housing.

2. Bryan Lloyd

Mr Lloyd stated that he had recently been behind a small truck travelling down Ballantyne Road on a windy day and the dust created made it a frightening experience. He observed that use of a spray to alleviate dust as recommended in the officer report was a good plan. He expressed the hope that with staff changes the issues with Ballantyne Road did not become blurred, thereby wasting the efforts of several years.

3. Sergeant Aaron Nicholson

Sgt Nicholson provided a summary of recent police activities. He described measures in place for New Year's Eve. He stated that CCTV was priceless in helping with investigations, many of which would have been unresolved without this aid. He detailed work in the community, noting that traffic complaints accounted for 50% of calls for service with other common complaints being related to parking and freedom camping. He stated that alcohol continued to be the main driver of crime in Wanaka and improving the drinking culture was key to crime reduction. He noted a concern about the worn out centre line in Cardrona Valley Road.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Ms Brown and Councillor Lawton the Wanaka Community Board resolved that the minutes of the Wanaka Community Board meeting held on 16 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Chair stated that roll of the Board in making submissions and the potential for conflict of interest would be the subject of a future report to the Board.

1. Ballantyne Road Safety Options

A report from Andrew Edgar (Senior Engineer) presented the options considered and the preferred option to address the safety issues on the unsealed section of Ballantyne Road.

The report was presented by Mr Edgar and Mrs Lind.

Councillor Lawton suggested that the approach to the issues needed a broader view and should consider other pinch points, in particular the intersection with Riverbank Road. Further, if Ballantyne Road became a main arterial route, there would need to be further consideration about its intersection with the State Highway.

In reply to a question, staff stated that the impact upon rates was currently unknown but funding of the project would be part of the 2017-18 Annual Plan process. It was also unknown at this stage whether NZTA funding would be available, but NZTA measures had been used to construct the business case which formed a strong argument and discussions with NZTA would commence immediately.

The Chair stated that the report provided a thorough assessment, adding that it was good to see some short term options put forward.

On the motion of Ms Harrison and Councillor MacLeod it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Agree in principle, subject to further work that the preferred option is to improve the road to full seal standard;**
- 3. Agree that funding for the preferred option be investigated with NZTA;**
- 4. Note indicative costs of \$315,000 in 2017-18 and \$2.1 million for construction in 2018/19; and**
- 5. Approve warning signage being optimised, continuation of the temporary lower speed limit and use of dust suppressant until the sealed road can be constructed.**

2. Minor Improvements Policy

A report from Alison Tomlinson (Infrastructure Analyst) presented an updated Minor Improvements Policy for recommended adoption. The policy was intended to create a framework for developing the roading minor improvement works programme based upon consistent and equitable decision-making on priorities and in accordance with Council policies (procurement, corporate risk and NZTA investment protocol).

The report was presented by Ms Tomlinson.

Members agreed that the new policy would be a helpful tool and would serve to increase decision-making transparency.

In reply to a question, Ms Tomlinson stated that although the length of time a project had been on the list had been considered as a scoring factor it had been rejected, as it was not viewed as a valid reason.

On the motion of Councillor McRobie and Mr Smith it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

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

2. **Recommend adoption of the updated Minor Improvements Policy;**
3. **Authorise the Property and Infrastructure General Manager to approve further changes to the policy that serve to:**
 - a. **Fix identified minor errors and or omissions;**
and
 - b. **Ensure continuity with other proposed provisions.**

3. **Wanaka Community Board Terms of Reference and Governance Protocol Statement**

A covering report from Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services) introduced the new Terms of Reference (delegations) for the Board and the updated Governance Agreement which had been renamed the 'Governance Protocol Statement'.

Ms Brown spoke in support of the new delegations, stating that they had altered minimally from those previously held. She was also supportive of the Governance Protocol Statement as it provided an important foundation for the Board and stressed the need for good communication and cooperation with the Council.

Councillor Lawton sought the following changes to the Terms of Reference and Delegations Schedule:

1. *Car Parking*
4. *Footpaths, walkways and tracks*
5. *Roads*

Footpaths, walkways and tracks
~~Trails Trust~~ Track network

Councillor Lawton referred to part (g) of the Board's power to recommend 'the development of the district plan, long term financial strategy, funding policy, treasury policies and borrowing policies', suggesting that the Board should also strive to pull all these strategies together and create a long term overall strategic plan for Wanaka.

The Chief Executive suggested that a duty of this sort was more appropriately included under 'Responsibilities and Key Projects'. He undertook to draft something suitable for inclusion when the Council adopted the Terms of Reference at the Council meeting scheduled to take place the following day.

Mr Smith questioned the Board's delegations on the operation of the swimming pool, asking if they could be extended in light of the significant public interest in the facility. The Chief Executive advised that it was normal for staff to oversee day to day operational matters but larger questions that might involve a change in level of service would normally come for the Board to discuss.

On the motion of Mr Smith and Councillor Lawton it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board note the contents of this report.

4. Wanaka Chair's Report

A report from the Chair updated the Board on the following matters:

- Hawea Unformed Legal Roads
- Wanaka Airport Governance Options
- Meeting Dates in 2017
- New Reserve Management Plan for Lismore Park, Allenby Park, Kelly's Flat and Faulks Terrace Recreation Reserves
- Wanaka Firewood extension of lease
- Wanaka Croquet Club new lease
- Upper Clutha A&P Society
- Wanaka Recreation Reserve Reserve Management Plan ('RMP') – hearing of submissions
- Wanaka Recreation Centre and Wanaka Community Pool
- Wanaka Community Board 'Drop-In' Sessions
- Projects Summary – Property and Infrastructure; Parks and Reserves

Mr Quin joined the table to respond to questions about parks and reserves activities.

Mr Smith asked why it was proposed to develop one RMP to cover Lismore Park, Allenby Park, Kelly's Flat and Faulks Terrace Recreation Reserves. Mr Quin noted that there were benefits of including them in a collective plan as the RMP could be notified once and a single hearing held. He agreed that whilst the reserves had a variety of purposes and were geographically different they were all of a certain use and catchment of interest, being key reserves within the township not on the lakefront. It was suggested that also fitting this description were Kennedy Crescent and Domini Park reserves and it was agreed that they should also be included in this RMP.

Some concern remained about the appropriateness of this group but it was agreed that preparation of a joint RMP including two additional reserves should be recommended to Council.

There was further comment about the need for Lismore Park to be tidied before Christmas following a major growth season. Mr Quin stated that the reserve was beginning to show the benefits of the new maintenance regime, adding that manicured grass would not only require remedial work but also regular maintenance, which would come at a much greater cost. He would recommend in the RMP that the reserve remain as meadow with some weed control. It was acknowledged that the more natural state was not to everyone's taste, but it was important to communicate the fact that a trial was taking place and the objectives of the trial.

Members reported on various community meetings attended in recent weeks:

- Councillor MacLeod observed that the Wanaka Chamber of Commerce was keen to talk to Council about the proposed economic development contestable fund.

- There was local discussion about moving the speed restriction signs in Luggate.
- Some concern was expressed about the about speed of trucks using Alison Avenue (Albert Town).
- 'Welcome to Albert Town' signs approved at the September 2016 board meeting had been held up by the need for public indemnity insurance.
- There was discussion about the adequacy of local emergency preparedness. Ms Harrison advised of her intention to become a local Civil Defence controller.

It was suggested that decisions made by the Board at its meetings should be summarised and reported in some way by the Council in a 'snippets' style format.

On the motion of Ms Brown and Councillor McRobie it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

- 1. Note the contents of this report;**
- 2. Recommend to Council that the process for preparing a Reserve Management Plan to cover Lismore Park, Allenby Park, Kelly's Flat, Faulks Terrace, Kennedy Crescent and Domini Park Recreation Reserves is undertaken; and**
- 3. Recommend to Council that the lease to Wanaka Firewood Limited over approximately 5000 square metres of section 37 Block III Lower Wanaka SD to operate a firewood yard be extended on the same terms until June 2017.**

The meeting concluded at 12.20pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson

16 February 2017