

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Monday 28 September 2026 commencing at 1.00pm

Membership:

Mayor John Glover, Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk, Councillor Stephen Brent*, Councillor Heath Copland*, Councillor Niki Gladding*, Councillor Jon Mitchell, Councillor Quentin Smith*, Councillor Cody Tucker* and Councillor Matthew Wong*

Attendees:

Michelle Morss (Interim Chief Executive), Pennie Pearce (Acting General Manager, Strategy & Policy), Katherine Harbrow* (General Manager, Assurance, Finance & Risk), Dave Wallace* (General Manager, Planning & Development), Meaghan Miller* (General Manager, Corporate Services), Danette Hunter* (Strategic Communications Advisor), Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager), Ruby Mills (Democracy Services Advisor); no members of the media or public

**Online*

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

There were no apologies.

The following new requests for a leave of absence were made:

- Councillor Bartlett: 5 – 7 October 2026
- The Mayor: 31 October – 8 November 2026

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the requests for leave of absence be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

Public Forum

There were no registrations for Public Forum.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting.

Motion carried with Councillor Gladding voting against.

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item 1: Otago Central Lakes Regional Deal – Proposed Amendment and Reapproval

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
Item 1: Otago Central Lakes Regional Deal – Proposed Amendment and Reapproval	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>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 7(2)(c)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to damage the public	Sections 7(2)(i) and 7(2)(c)(ii)

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
	interest (on grounds other than that specified in 7(2)(c)(i)) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where making the information available would be likely to damage the public interest, and to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations including commercial and industrial negotiations. <i>Public Interest Statement</i> While there is public interest in the development of a Regional Deal, this is outweighed by the interest in holding these discussions with the public excluded in order to ensure that the councils' position is not disadvantaged and to protect the integrity of the negotiations.	

This recommendation 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 1.03pm.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 1.56pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

MAYOR

DATE