

Minutes

Confirmation of minutes:

11 August 2026
(Public part of the meeting)

Minutes of the first ordinary meeting of the Smart Growth Committee held on Tuesday 11 August 2026 beginning at 10.00am held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.

Membership

Councillor Cody Tucker (Chair), Councillor Heath Copland, Councillor Quentin Smith, and Councillor Melissa White

Attendees

Councillor Samuel Q Belk, Dave Wallace (General Manager - Planning & Development), Alyson Hutton (Manager Planning Policy), Fiona Blight (Resource Consents Manager), Pennie Pearce (Acting General Manager – Strategy & Policy), Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager), Alice Milne (Senior Legal Counsel), Mary Davenport (Legal Counsel) and Ruby Mills (Democracy Services Advisor).

Karakia Timatanga

Chair Tucker opened the meeting with a karakia.

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Jon Mitchell.

It was moved (Councillor White, Councillor Copland):

That the Smart Growth Committee resolve that the apologies be accepted.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Public Forum

There were no speakers at public forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (Councillor White, Councillor Copland):

That the Smart Growth Committee resolve that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Minutes

It was moved (Chair Tucker, Councillor White):

That the Smart Growth Committee resolve that the draft minutes of the public part of the ordinary meeting of the Smart Growth Committee held on 7 July 2026 be confirmed without alteration.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Tucker provided a brief update on the inaugural meeting of the Interim Regional Spatial Planning Governance Group and noted that further engagement is expected in the coming months.

1. Update on Progress on the Proposed District Plan and Other Key Projects

The purpose of this report was to update the Smart Growth Committee on key projects being progressed by the Planning Policy Team.

Alyson Hutton (Manager Policy Planning) presented the report and spoke to both Attachment A: Update on Planning Policy Projects and Attachment B: General Update on Operative Status of Proposed District Plan Chapters and Outstanding Appeals.

Councillor White noted a typographical error on page 21, where the date should read '3 April 2025' rather than '3 April 2005'.

As part of the general updates, Ms Hutton also advised that no response had yet been received from the Minister for the Environment regarding a request for an exemption from the plan stop provisions for several outstanding special zones.

It was moved (Councillor Smith, Councillor White):

That the Smart Growth Committee:

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

2. **Note** the updates on timing and progress on projects undertaken by the Planning Policy team.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

It was moved (Chair Tucker, Councillor Copland):

That the Smart Growth Committee resolve that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

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 Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Draft minutes of the public excluded part of the ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Smart Growth Committee held on 7 July 2026	That the discussion of the draft minutes would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: to maintain legal professional privilege <i>Reason for recommendation</i> To allow discussion on appeals, process, mediation outcomes and Court outcomes which may prejudice the Council if the information was in the public forum. Whilst it is acknowledged that there is strong public interest in such planning matters and corresponding appeals processes, the importance of withholding information that enables Council to achieve the best possible outcome for Council, it's communities and interested parties, outweighs the release of such information.	Section 7(2)(g)

Item 2: Update of Proposed District Plan Appeals	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: • to maintain legal professional privilege <i>Reason for recommendation</i> To enable Council to discuss in private its strategy (legal and planning) for resolving resource consent appeals to various Courts, and for receiving updates on appeal resolution throughout the process. Whilst it is acknowledged that there is strong public interest in such planning matters and corresponding appeals processes, the importance of withholding information that enables Council to achieve the best possible outcome for Council, it's communities and interested parties, outweighs the release of such information.	Section 7(2)(i)
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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.

Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting went into public excluded at 10.15am.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Chair Tucker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 10.27am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

CHAIR

DATE