

Minutes of an Infrastructure Committee Workshop

Friday, 25 July 2025 at 10.00am
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

Present:	Councillor Gavin Bartlett (Chair)	Councillor Lyal Cocks
	Councillor Cody Tucker (departed the workshop at 11:30am)	Councillor Quentin Smith
Apologies:	Councillor Lisa Guy	Councillor Craig Ferguson
In attendance:	John Wellington	Andrew Hill
	Tony Avery	Emma Brockie
	Matthew Hulscher	Sophie Mander
	Simon Mason	Gavin Flynn
	Simon Leary	
Media:	None	
Public:	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Meads Road Monitoring Methodology</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to update the Infrastructure Committee on an updated monitoring method for Meads Road recommended by engineers.</p> <p>Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Cocks noted it would be useful to analyse the use of the road against the cost to maintain it. • Councillor Smith enquired about the risk of the road being undercut from a swell in the lake level. Mr Mason noted there was four periods in the past few years where the lake was sustained above the 'trigger' level. • Councillor Smith noted that given how low the road use is, it may not warrant further Council money being spent on investigating further. • Mr Wellington noted that there was a degree of public support to maintain the road as it was an access point to recreation reserves. • Councillor Bartlett enquired as to the size of the land slip, with Mr Mason advising the exact size is not known to him. 	None.

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	<p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation</i></p>	
2.	<p><u>Waste Minimisation Community Fund (WMCF)</u> <u>2024/25 Project Progress and 2025/26 Funding Allocation</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to provide the Infrastructure Committee with a progress update on the 2024/25 WMCF projects, advise the outcome of the 2025/26 fund allocation and provide the elected members with an opportunity to ask questions related to the fund.</p> <p>Emma Brockie (Sustainability Advisor) and Sophie Mander (Strategy Planning Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Brockie confirmed that interest in the fund has continued to grow since its inception in 2019 and that it functions as seed funding for projects which often become self-sustaining ventures. • Ms Brockie also walked the Infrastructure Committee through the previous round recipients progress and several active projects, including one initiative in Wānaka that is planning to recycle plastic bottle lids into frisbees and other products. • The successful applicants for the 2025/26 funding round were announced, which will be communicated publicly by a media release. • Councillor Tucker noted it would be good to develop video content to promote the fund's impact, lift the profile and encourage future applicants. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation</i> <i>Attachment B: QLDC Zero Waste Funding Magazine</i></p>	None.
3.	<p><u>Infrastructure Compliance Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief the Infrastructure Committee on Council's compliance status across its core infrastructure activities.</p> <p>Simon Mason and Gavin Flynn (Senior Infrastructure Compliance Advisor) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p>	Property & Infrastructure Division to provide a further update to Councillor Smith on the scope, costs and other relevant details of

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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Smith asked about the nature and scope of the water supply connection to Corbridge, its cost and whether it should be the responsibility of Council. Mr Mason confirmed that the current scope of the water supply would be what is outlined in the existing resource consent. Mr Avery confirmed a further update would be provided. • Councillor Bartlett enquired as to the suitability of UV treatment in the drinking water. Mr Mason confirmed contemporary evidence supports UV as an effective treatment tool. • Councillor Tucker asked if there was any metering for water supply being used in Arrowtown, with Mr Mason confirming there is not currently. • Councillor Smith pointed out the volume of drinking water being supplied to Corbridge appears disproportionately high with Mr Mason advising the Wānaka 'Project Pure' wastewater treatment plant is connected to this scheme and represents a significant demand. • Councillor Smith enquired as to the effectiveness and level of risk associated with the basin near Northlake as stormwater appears to be pooling at this location. Mr Mason advised it was his understanding the basin shouldn't be holding water. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation</i></p>	<p>the Corbridge water supply.</p>
4.	<p><u>Wānaka Refuse Transfer Station (RTS)</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief the Infrastructure Committee on the RTS project for information and Q&A purposes. The purpose is also to seek feedback to carry forward to the Full Council Meeting (4 September 2025) for approval.</p> <p>Andrew Hill (Senior Project Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment B).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hill noted that the existing finance policy requires that 75 per cent of the project costs must be recovered through service or gate fees. • Councillor Smith noted it will be important to be clear on the exact oncosts associated from this project, particularly the land purchase component. 	<p>None.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Cocks further noted that the burden on ratepayers will need to be identified and communicated. Mr Hill confirmed that he is currently working with the Finance team to confirm these costs. • Councillor Bartlett noted that an increase in the gate fee could disincentivise people from using the facility. Ms Mander also contributed that increased disposal costs can help to incentivise diversion. • Councillor Cocks followed up on concerns raised at the 15 July Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop. • Mr Hill confirmed modelling has been done regarding a 100-year flood event focusing on the risk from overland flows. It was noted that further modelling work will also be completed to assess flooding and environmental risks associated with the proximity to Cardrona River. • It was confirmed that iwi will be engaged in the upcoming stages of the project. • It was also noted that Council and Wastebusters are still working through the respective scope of responsibilities for diversion at Wastebusters and the RTS facility. • Mr Avery confirmed that an options paper will be presented to the 4 September 2025 Full Council Meeting. Councillor Cocks enquired as to what alternative options might be presented. • Councillor Bartlett enquired as to the exact scope and size of the RTS, and if any community consultation will be required. Mr Mason confirmed that it is unlikely that consultation will be needed as it was included in the most recent Long Term Plan. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Briefing Paper RTS Attachment B: Presentation</p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.15pm