

Community & Services Committee**15 July 2021****Page 1 of 3**

Minutes of a meeting of the Community & Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Thursday 15 July 2021 commencing at 10.01am

Present

Councillors Ferguson (Chair), Copland, Gladding, Lewers and Miller.

In Attendance

Dr Thunes Cloete (General Manager Community Services), Ms Kahli Scott (Film Office Coordinator), Mr Peter Harris (Economic Development Manager), Mr Philip Smith (Great Southern Film and Television), Ms Stacey Harris (Governance Advisor); and two members of the public.

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Shaw.

Councillor Miller absent at the start of the meeting.

On the motion of Councillors Heath and Glyn the Community & Services Committee resolved to accept the apology.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Councillor Miller arrived at 10.03am.

Public Forum**Peter McNally – Queenstown Mountain Bike Club**

Mr McNally, president of the QTMBC, provided an introduction to the Club, covering its history and membership numbers. Mr McNally noted that in 2018, maintenance costs of the Club were \$14k, and that the Club had also received \$20k from Council. He outlined that the maintenance costs have climbed to \$257k with a budget of \$297k, and as such, they are seeking additional funding. Mr McNally discussed impact studies and how much mountain biking delivers to the region. Mr McNally tabled his presentation to the Committee.

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Mr Greenwood spoke in support of the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club, discussing the Gorge Road Jump Park as a key asset to the area. He outlined that Queenstown is a mountain bike hotspot and continues to grow with participants. He noted a lack of facilities for “play” in the community and would support more sport facilities in the district. He invited Councillors to see the Gorge Road Jump Park and understand why more parks are needed with associated facilities, such as a toilet and carpark.

Councillor Ferguson thanked Mr Greenwood for his work over a long period of time and commended his passion.

Sarah Burdon – Glen Dene Holdings T/A The Camp – Lake Hāwea

Ms Burdon outlined a request for Council to override a decision to remove trees at the Lake Hāwea camp site, detailing the history of this matter and requests to trim limbs which were reviewed by APL. She noted that now Council has assessed the situation and advised that the trees should be removed, but this decision could be managed better.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillors Lewers and Gladding the Community & Services Committee resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors Lewers and Clark the Community & Services Committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. Film Office Partnership on Great Southern Film and Television Screenwriters Workshop

A report presented by Ms Kahli Scott (Film Office Coordinator), Mr Peter Harris (Economic Development Manager) and Mr Philip Smith (Great Southern Film and Television) informed the Community & Services Committee of a partnership between the QLDC Film Office (Film Queenstown Lakes) and production company Great Southern Film and Television on a Screenwriters Workshop.

Mr Smith thanked Council for its support, illustrating great investment into the town which will lead to positive growth for the economy and region. He noted the

potential for Queenstown to become a creative mecca which will pull more creative and business people to live and work.

Councillor Ferguson discussed the success of the region over the years, noting the benefits of working and living remotely.

Councillor Gladding discussed the importance of attracting and retaining people in the district within this industry, asking what the barriers are. Ms Scott outlined recent industry statistics noting the majority of production is external but this initiative is particularly exciting to shift away from that model.

The Chair questioned what talent exists within our community, especially with regards to the screenwriting community. Ms Scott noted that the screenwriting community is small globally, but they are working to attract people.

**On the motion of Councillors Lewers and Gladding the
Community & Services Committee resolved to:**

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

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson

Date