

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 19 May 2026
in the Queenstown Events Centre Function Room,
33 Joe O'Connell Drive, Queenstown,
commencing at 2.30pm

A recording of this workshop can be found on the QLDC website.

Present:	Mayor John Glover	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Nicola King
	Councillor Heath Copland	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Matt Wong
Apologies:	Councillor Niki Gladding	Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith
	Councillor Jon Mitchell	Councillor Cody Tucker
In attendance:	Ken Bailey	Alex Martin
	Greg Rozen	Roger Davidson
	Deborah Husheer	Kat Baynard
	Jon Winterbottom	Marle Strudthoff
Media	One member of the media	
Public	Six members of the public	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>QEC Indoor Courts Project</u></p> <p>The purpose of this briefing was to provide Councillors with an overview of the proposed new Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Indoor Courts and Wellness Project. The session was intended to support Councillors understanding by providing information on the project background, a review of the identified need being addressed by this project, and an update on progress and proposed next steps.</p> <p>Ken Bailey (General Manager, Community Services) introduced the item and noted that Chief Executive Michelle Morss was an apology. Greg Rozen (Interim Programme Director) spoke to a PowerPoint. Mr Bailey, Mr Rozen and Alex Martin (Sport and Recreation Manager) responded to questions.</p>	<p>Staff directed to report to Mayor/Council within approx. 2 weeks with an update on project scope to incorporate 6 court option, programme timeframes & the ability to accelerate the milestones for</p>

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	<p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on whether sign-off of Long Term Plan would be needed for the project (if approved) to move forward; • Whether the proposed 4 indoor courts would – given projected population growth rates – be sufficient by the time the project, if approved, would be completed; • Potential to explore option for 6 indoor courts; • Whether 4 courts be sufficient to allow show court events such as Netball tests; • Impact of visitors on indoor courts requirements; • Opportunities for partnerships with professional franchises that might wish to be based in the district; • Whether approval of a 6 court option would slow down the current timeline (toward the 4 court option); and • The next workshop on this item is currently scheduled for September 2026. <p><u>Attachments:</u> <i>Attachment A: Presentation Slides – QEC Indoor Courts Project</i></p>	<p>reporting and workshops</p>

The workshop concluded at 3.21pm