

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 21 July 2026
in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown
commencing at 1.00pm

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

Present:	Mayor John Glover	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Matt Wong	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk
	Councillor Niki Gladding (online)	
Apologies:	Councillor Heath Copland (approved Leave of Absence)	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Quentin Smith
	Councillor Jon Mitchell	
In attendance:	Michelle Morss	Dave Wallace
	Jon Winterbottom	Jane Robertson
	Onur Oktum	Alyson Hutton
	Arne Burgess	Georgia Pringle
Media	None	
Public	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<u>STV/FPP & Establishment of Māori Wards</u> The purpose of the session was to provide an overview of the two systems of electoral voting available to Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) for the October 2028 triennial local authority elections. This matter requires a Council decision by 12 September 2026 under the Local Electoral Act 2001. Similarly, should a Council wish to establish a Māori Ward, the same deadline to resolve to do so exists. This session is a briefing to inform those upcoming decisions and to enable any questions and clarifications necessary to inform that decision. Jon Winterbottom (Manager, Democracy Services) and Jane Robertson (Senior Democracy Services Advisor) presented the item.	None.

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	Main points of discussion included: • Mr Winterbottom confirmed that based off the population calculation required under the Local Electoral Act, Queenstown Lakes District's Māori electoral population is not high enough to justify a Māori ward being established. • Mr Arne Burgess (Māori Strategy & Partnership Manager) noted that Māori representation in Council could be a good topic of conversation at the upcoming Council and Ngāi Tahu mana to mana session. • Council officers provided an overview of the two voting systems (see Attachment A), noting Queenstown Lakes District Council currently uses First Past the Post (FPP). <u>Attachments:</u> <i>Attachment A: STV vs FPP & Māori Wards Presentation</i>	
2.	<u>Gorge Road Natural Hazards: Brewery Creek & Reavers Lane</u> The purpose of this workshop was to provide an update on Council's Gorge Road Hazards Work Programme, inform Councillors of recent developments in the management of natural hazards, including the introduction of the National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards (NPS-NH) 2025, brief Councillors on the implications of the NPS-NH, 2025 requirements for the Gorge Road Hazards Work Programme, and seek feedback and views from Councillors on the next steps for the programme in light of the requirements and expectations outlined in the NPS-NH 2025. Onur Oktum (Principal Planner), Dave Wallace (General Manager, Planning & Development) and Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager) presented the item. Main points of discussion included: • Ms Oktum provided an overview of what work has been done on the natural hazards policy and what has changed. • Ms Oktum advised this is the most significant policy change affecting natural hazards, noting there is now a focus on assessing risk based on a likelihood and consequences matrix, rather than just identifying the hazard.	None.

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	Mr Wallace noted that natural hazards, like the rest of New Zealand are always top of mind in the district and within Council. <u>Attachments:</u> <i>Attachment A: Gorge Road Natural Hazards Presentation</i>	

The workshop concluded at 2.24pm.