

QLDC Council
23 July 2020

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 9

Department: Chief Executive's Office

Title | Taitara: Chief Executive's Report

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to report on items of general interest and to summarise items considered at recent standing committee.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Agree** that the Deputy Mayor (Councillor MacLeod) and the Chief Executive attend the Local Government New Zealand annual conference and delegate Councillor MacLeod the power to exercise the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting.
3. **Agree** to offer the Wānaka Community Hub Trust a free interest-bearing loan of \$500,000 repayable over 5 years.
4. **Authorise** the GM Finance Legal and Regulatory to enter into an agreement with the Wānaka Community Hub to record the terms of the loan and also to provide that the loan will transfer to a capital grant if QLDC is satisfied that the Wānaka Community Hub Trust meets the following conditions within the next 12 months:
 - a. The Wānaka Community Hub Trust agrees to allow a management representative of Council to work with and sit alongside the Wānaka Community Hub Trust Board of Trustees for the next 12 months.
 - b. The WCHT agrees to a review being conducted by the WCHT BOT/QLDC of the WCHT operational model within 6 months (recommendations to be discussed at 6-month review period). If at the 12-month period QLDC is not satisfied with the progress of the Wānaka Community Hub Trust Board of Trustees, the loan will accumulate interest from this period forward until all conditions are satisfied to QLDC's approval.
 - c. That subject to the review, fees and charges for building utilisation will align with the QLDC Community Facility Pricing Policy January 2020 where possible (or lower).

5. **Authorise** the GM Finance Legal and Regulatory to finalise the terms of any agreement subject to the inclusion of the above conditions and a requirement that the decision to transfer the loan to a grant will require a resolution of the Council.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting

- 1 The 33rd Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand will be held at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington on Friday 21 August 2020.
- 2 The Mayor is on leave that week and has asked Councillor MacLeod to attend in his place. Because the Deputy Mayor is attending in place of the Mayor, the Council is asked to delegate him the power to exercise the Council's vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Wānaka Community Trust Hub

6. The Wānaka Community Hub Trust recently submitted to the 20/21 Annual Plan requesting some financial assistance. The Trust has completed the building which is now fully operational but they still have \$850k of debt (\$500k private investors and \$350k Anglican Church). The \$500k is due for repayment in August. The outcome of the Annual Plan deliberations was that Council would continue to work with the Trust in order to support the Hub's future. There was no specific financial amount budgeted for this (in the form of a capital grant) as there were a number of issues still to be worked through from an operational perspective. Wānaka Councillors and staff have been involved in these discussions with the Trust.
7. The Mayor, Wānaka Councillors and QLDC management met last week to discuss a possible agreement with the Wānaka Community Hub Trust and have proposed the following terms and conditions:

Terms:

- That the Wānaka Community Hub Trust will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with QLDC with terms to be mutually agreed, and funding is dependent on conditions being met.
- That QLDC will refinance the Wānaka Community Hub (seven private loans) totalling \$500,000 by offering an interest free loan, repayable over five years.
- That the QLDC loan will transfer to a Capital Grant, if after 12 months of operation of the Wānaka Community Hub all the below conditions are met to QLDC's satisfaction.

Conditions:

- The Wānaka Community Hub Trust agrees to allow a management representative of Council to work with and sit alongside the Wānaka Community Hub Trust Board of Trustees for the next 12 months.
- The Wānaka Community Hub Trust agrees to a review being conducted by the Wānaka Community Hub Trust Board of Trustees /QLDC of the Wānaka Community Hub Trust operational model within 6 months (recommendations to be discussed at 6 month review period). If at the 12 month period QLDC is not satisfied with the progress of the Wānaka Community Hub Trust Board of Trustees, the loan will accumulate interest from this period forward until all conditions are satisfied to QLDC's approval.
- That subject to the review, fees and charges for building utilisation will align with the QLDC Community Facility Pricing Policy January 2020 where possible (or lower).

Committee Meetings of Previous Round

Audit, Finance and Risk Committee – Councillor MacDonald (2 July 2020)

Information:

- 1 2019/20 April YTD Financial Overview
- 2 Sensitive Expenditure
- 3 Risk Management Update
- 4 QLDC Organisational Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance
- 5 Climate Action Plan
- 6 Review of Procurement Policy & Procurement Guidelines
- 7 Legal Update
- 8 Deloitte Planning Report for 2019/20 Audit
- 9 Treasury Update: June 2020

Items 7-9 were considered with the public excluded.

Community and Services Committee – Councillor Ferguson (16 July 2020, 10.00am)

Information:

- 1 Queenstown Gardens Reserve Management Plan Amendment
- 2 Queenstown Lakes Community Facility Strategy 2020-2030
- 3 Queenstown Events Centre and Wānaka Recreation Centre Masterplans

Appeals Subcommittee – Councillor Clark (16 July 2020, 1.00pm)

Information:

- 1 Update on appeals relating to Council's decisions on the Proposed District Plan

This meeting was conducted with the public excluded.