

Minutes of a Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

Thursday, 7 August 2025 at 10.40am

Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street, Wānaka

Present:	Mr Simon Telfer	Ms Linda Joll
	Councillor Barry Bruce	Mr Chris Hadfield
	Councillor Cody Tucker	Mr John Wellington
Apologies:	Councillor Lyal Cocks	
In attendance:	Councillor Quentin Smith	Simon Battrick
	Dave Wallace	Dave Winterburn
	Matthew Hulscher	Kat Banyard
	Georgia Pringle	Sophie Mander
	Tony Pickard	Brent Pearce
	Briana Pringle	
Media:	Two members of the media	
Public:	One member of the public	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Community Services Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the Community Services work programme/minor works in the Upper Clutha and to provide an update on the status of key projects currently underway. The purpose was also to provide an opportunity for the WUCCB to discuss with staff what their priorities are and what they would like to receive report progress for in the Upper Clutha.</p> <p>Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager), Simon Battrick (Sport & Recreation Manager) and Sue Gwilliam (District Librarian) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Smith noted community feedback that the surface condition on the lower part and front face of the Mount Iron track has deteriorated. Mr Wellington enquired about the renewal and easement at Cameron Creek. Mr Winterburn confirmed the Parks team will follow up on this. On the matter of rabbit control, Mr Winterburn noted that Council is only responsible for Council-owned land. 	<p>Community Services Division to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain the numbers from recent rabbit control shootings; Look into the deterioration on the lower part of the Mount Iron track; Follow up on Mr Wellington's query on Cameron Creek. Follow up on Councillor Cocks' query regarding the reclamation of the campground land for the active travel pathway.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Tucker enquired about the possible use of a dog registry. • Mr Telfer, on behalf of Councillor Cocks, enquired about the status of the reclamation of land from the campground for the active travel pathway. • Councillor Smith enquired about Council's policy on the use of lighting at Sports & Recreation facilities. Mr Battrick confirmed Council will be implementing a Wi-Fi system to make it easier to turn the flood lights off, and that work will be done to examine how best to manage those lights. • Mr Telfer enquired about the status of the Wānaka Recreation Centre floor. Mr Battrick confirmed Council is currently working on a procurement plan for this work. • Mr Wellington noted he would like stronger messaging regarding controlling freedom camping rather than facilitating it. Ms Day confirmed that a balanced approach to messaging, in line with the Freedom Camping Act 2011, will be undertaken. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation</p>	
2.	<p><u>Wānaka Lakefront Development 'Stage 6'</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to seek direction from the WUCCB on whether Council should proceed with formal planning for a Wānaka Lakefront Development Plan 'Stage 6' between the Mount Aspiring carpark and the Watersports carpark.</p> <p>Dave Winterburn and Kay Banyard (Senior Parks Advisor) and introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joll enquired as to whether Council plans to procure a landscape architect to design and plan work still to be completed. Mr Winterburn confirmed that this is not something that has been considered, but that part of the purpose of this item was to seek feedback on the desired approach moving forward. Ms Joll warned the risk is that this important part of the lakefront is poorly planned and fragmented from other master planning. • Mr Telfer expressed support for a more structured and high-level approach to planning the next stages of work. • Councillor Smith, Councillor Tucker and Mr Hadfield all expressed support for planning work. 	<p>Parks Team to come back at next quarterly update workshop (as a separate item) with how they might progress based on feedback i.e. next steps.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Bruce expressed his belief that a grand plan is not needed. • Mr Wellington expressed support for formal planning, but cautioned against it halting further work and progress. • Mr Telfer, on behalf of Councillor Cocks, asked if there will be any impact from Stage 4 works on the Stage 6 works. • Mr Telfer expressed a desire to address specific problems as they arise, but also for a broader and more intentional plan to be developed. • Discussion was held around scope creep, the existing use of the Stage 6 area, and potential ideas for how to improve the areas. • Mr Telfer expressed a desire for the team to provide an update to the new WUCCB at the beginning of the next triennium to ensure continuity in this space. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation</p>	
3.	<p><u>Wastebusters Proposal</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was for the WUCCB to consider the proposal from Wastebusters, and to provide feedback and guidance that will inform an agenda report for the 9 October Full Council Meeting.</p> <p>Sophie Mander (Strategy Planning Manager – Waste Minimisation), Brent Pearce (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning Manager) and Gina Dempster (External – Wastebusters) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment E).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Dempster noted that Wastebusters has been invited to the formal stage of application to the Ministry for Environment’s (MFE) Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) process. This phase is anticipated to take three months – estimated to take until early November. • Mr Telfer requested further context on the proposed letter of intent. Ms Dempster confirmed Wastebusters is seeking funding from MFE to design and build a new facility, and that the letter of intent would include a commitment from Council to supply Wastebusters land. It was noted a specific piece of land does not need to be committed, but rather a commitment to work with Wastebusters through the specifics of the land 	Mr Telfer will draft a letter reinforcing this support to the Chief Executive and Mayor of Council.

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	<p>requirements in recognition of the value of Wastebusters and the services they provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Telfer enquired as to what is preventing Council from signing a letter of intent, noting that Wastebusters is a much loved and valued organisation in the community. Ms Mander noted that officers have not yet spoken to Council about the provision of the letter of intent, and that the provision of a letter has a tight timeframe due to the MFE WMF investment process. Ms Mander further noted she is seeking any additional information she can take to Council as to the WUCCB's collective position. • Wastebusters confirmed the cornerstone funding being sought from MFE is approximately \$10m. It was also noted there are other sources of funding being explored to meet the full project costs. • Ms Joll asked what the concerns or risks are for Council for not signing a letter of intent. • Mr Wellington and Mr Telfer expressed full support, given that Wastebusters is an essential community service and has strong local support. • Councillor Smith noted there are no alternative locations, and that Wastebusters is an integral part to Council's broader waste minimisation outcomes. • Councillor Tucker and Mr Hadfield also expressed strong support for the letter of intent and the proposed expansion. • The WUCCB collectively expressed its strong support, and noted that Mr Telfer will draft a letter reinforcing this support to the Chief Executive and Mayor of Council. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: <i>Wastebusters Proposal</i> Attachment B: <i>Wastebusters Space Requirements and Diversion Estimates (Tonkin & Taylor)</i> Attachment C: <i>Wastebusters Ministry for the Environment Waste Minimisation Fund Enquiry Form</i> Attachment D: <i>Wastebusters Submission to the LTP 2024/34 Hearings Transcript</i> Attachment E: <i>Presentation</i></p>	
4.	<p><u>Transport Priorities Update</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief the WUCCB on the progress of the transport workstreams impacting Wānaka, and provide an opportunity for the WUCCB to provide feedback on the wayfinding and parking workstreams.</p>	None.

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	<p>Brent Pearce, Tony Pickard (Strategy Planning Manager – Transport) and Jeremy Martin (Senior Network Engineer – Transport) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joll enquired about a specific piece of land that Council could potentially use as a greenway. Mr Pickard noted that the land mentioned is not yet intended to be used as a Council green space. • Councillor Tucker enquired about integration of planning of projects across the district to create better outcomes and ensure infrastructure needs are met. Mr Pickard noted there is collaboration with the Spatial Planning team to identify work and find opportunities to improve planning. • Councillor Smith expressed concerns with the lack of transport infrastructure and funding available to deliver new infrastructure. • Mr Wellington enquired as to how a change in central government might affect the ability to fund and delivery upgrades to active transport infrastructure. Mr Pickard stated there is no approved business case for investment purposes signed off, but that the work to build evidence-based information is done. • On wayfinding, Mr Telfer enquired as to the balance between physical and digital infrastructure. Mr Pickard confirmed that currently there is work underway to scope what is needed regarding physical and digital wayfinding. This will include an audit of existing wayfinding infrastructure. • Mr Telfer noted there is a strong desire for more physical and well connected wayfinding infrastructure. • Mr Wellington reinforced his belief that the upper clutha desperately needs more physical wayfinding infrastructure. • Mr Wellington also noted there is inconsistencies in mapping tracks across the district in different mapping systems. • On Parking Management, Mr Telfer expressed concern that previous work done is now outdated due to the lack of action on this topic. • Mr Pickard outlined the key documents and plans that constitute the path forward. • Mr Telfer asked if the WUCCB would be able to provide comment and feedback on a Parking Management 	

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	<p>Plan/Strategy prior to going out for community consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hadfield enquired as to the planned enforcement strategy. Mr Pickard confirmed that technological enforcement solutions will be considered. • Mr Telfer enquired as to a realistic timeframe to hear back on Parking Management. Mr Pickard noted he is aiming to have most of the work done in this space by the end of 2025. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation</p>	

The workshop concluded at 12.57pm.