

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee Workshop

Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 10.30am
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

Membership:	Councillor Matt Wong	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Cody Tucker	Councillor Melissa White
Apologies:	Councillor Jon Mitchell	
In attendance:	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Mr John Wellington
	Councillor Nicola King	Ms Kathy Dedo
	Dave Winterburn	Christine Skipworth
	Marie Day	Jo Knight
	Simon Battrick	Alex Jamieson
	Allan Wainwright	James Nation – CE Sport Otago
	Sue Gwilliam	Sue Sutherland – Library Consultant
	Jeannie Galavazi	Kat Banyard
	Aoife McMahon	Dominique Behn
	Shauna Olsen	Ruby Mills
Media:	None	
Public:	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<u>Sunshine Bay Development Plan</u> The purpose of this item was to provide an update on the Sunshine Bay Development Plan Project and seek any feedback or input from councillors. Alex Jamieson (Parks Planner) and Christine Skipworth (Team Leader Parks Planning) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included: • Key priorities for the development plan include improving access to the reserve, enhancing safety, and ensuring the space is functional and well-used by the community. • Consideration for improvements to parking and pedestrian access to support safe and accessible use of the reserve.	None.

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	Members acknowledged the positive engagement approach taken throughout the project and the value of incorporating community feedback into the development plan. Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation slides – Sunshine Bay Development Plan</i> <i>Attachment B: Draft Sunshine Bay Development Plan</i>	
2.	<u>Queenstown Lakes Central Otago Spaces & Places (facilities) Strategy</u> The purpose of this item was to present to councillors on the updated 2020 Queenstown Lakes-Central Otago Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategy (now titled QLDC/CODC Spaces and Places Strategy 2026). Simon Battrick (Strategic Projects Manager), Allan Wainwright (Wānaka Recreation Manager) and James Nation (CEO, Sport Otago) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included: - The strategic approach used to identify current and future facility needs and priorities, and the importance of having a clear and transparent planning framework to support decision-making. - The importance of ensuring community feedback is incorporated into the strategy and that outcomes are clearly communicated back to stakeholders. - The final draft strategy was noted as being ready for review and will require feedback by both QLDC Councillors and CODC Councillors as well as stakeholder before possible approval. Attachments: <i>Attachment A: QLDC/CODC Spaces and Places PowerPoint Presentation July 2026</i> <i>Attachment B: Queenstown Lakes-Central Otago Sub-Regional Sport & Recreation Facility Strategy 2020</i>	- Committee and WUCCB members will be provided with the draft strategy for consideration and feedback. - A workshop to present full feedback on the Draft Strategy is required before final approval is sought.

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3.	<u>Review of QLDC Library Strategy 2020-2030: Draft Refresh to 2031</u> The purpose of this item was to seek guidance and feedback from the Community & Environment Committee on the draft refreshed QLDC Library Strategy. Sue Gwilliam (Library Services Manager) and Sue Sutherland (Sue Sutherland Consulting) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included: • Acknowledgement of the long-standing role of library services in the district and the significance of 150 years of service. • Noting that future planning will need to respond to continued population growth and evolving community needs across the district. • Consideration of how the strategy aligns with broader library sector trends, including increasing demand for services and the financial challenges facing local government. • Councillor request for copy of tracked changes to original strategy Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Draft QLDC Libraries Strategy Refresh PowerPoint Presentation July 2026</i> <i>Attachment B: Draft QLDC Libraries Strategy at a glance refreshed July 2026</i> <i>Attachment C: Draft QLDC Libraries Strategy Refresh report July 2026</i> <i>Attachment D: Draft QLDC Libraries Library Strategy 2020-2031 refreshed July 2026</i>	• Tracked-changes version of the proposed Library Strategy updates to be shared with Committee members.
4.	<u>Queenstown Lakes District Council Play Network Strategy</u> The purpose of this item was to provide a briefing to the Community & Environment Committee about development of a Queenstown Lakes District Council Play (QLDC) Play Network Strategy including why a strategy is being developed, the scope and the process. Christine Skipworth (Team Leader – Parks Planning) and Jeannie Galavazi (Principal Parks Planner) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included:	None.

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	• The importance of ensuring the strategy supports developers and Council project teams to deliver play spaces that meet current and future community needs. • Creating inclusive, multi-use spaces that cater for a range of ages and abilities, including opportunities for recreation, exercise, and social connection. • Consideration of long-term maintenance, affordability, and operational requirements. • Consideration of accessibility, cultural representation, and reflecting Māori perspectives within the design and delivery of play spaces. Attachments: <i>Attachment A: QLDC Play Network Strategy Presentation Slides</i>	

The workshop concluded at 12.39pm.