

Minutes of a meeting of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board held in the Function Room, Lake Hāwea Community Centre, Hāwea on Thursday 18 April commencing at 10.03am

Present

Mr Simon Telfer (Chair), Councillor Barry Bruce, Councillor Lyal Cocks, Mr Chris Hadfield, Councillor Cody Tucker and Mr John Wellington

In attendance

Councillor Quentin Smith, Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Mr Naell Crosby-Roe (Governance and Stakeholder Services Manager), Mr Jon Winterbottom (Governance Team Leader) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor); two members of the media and four members of the public

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia given by Councillor Tucker.

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

An apology was received from Ms Linda Joll (on approved leave of absence, so no resolution was required)).

The following requests for Leave of Absence were made:

- Councillor Bruce: 22-26 April 2024
- John Wellington: 24-28 April 2024

It was moved (Mr Telfer/Councillor Tucker):

That the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board resolve that the requests for leave of absence be approved.

Motion carried.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Public Forum

1. Ben Suncin

Mr Suncin advised that he had three flagpoles outside his residence and flew flags of countries friendly to New Zealand. He had permission to add nine more flagpoles but because of the cost did not want to proceed if the Council was going to ask them to be removed. He had contacted the Council seeking confirmation but had not had a response.

Ms Miller agreed to follow up this question with the Property Director.

2. Alex Turnbull, Harry Gorringe, Rhythm and Alps

Messrs Turnbull and Gorringe described a potential new musical event for the 40+ market featuring a major international musical star to be held on reserve land at Three Parks in early 2025. Attendance was anticipated to be 10,000-15,000 but this would be subject to resource consent and it was hoped to donate some of the event's revenue to a local cause.

There was further discussion about parking, options for park and ride and continued operation of the Wānaka Recreation Centre during the concert.

Deputation

1. Loran Verpillot, Manager, Te Kakano Aotearoa Trust

Ms Verpillot noted that the Trust had the major challenge of finding a new site for the nursery because the original owners had died and the property was to be sold. Some potential sites had been identified but the concern was not overly urgent as the Trust had a Licence to Occupy until 2028. They needed a site of about one acre, with access to electricity and water and it was not essential to be located in central Wānaka. Councillor Smith suggested the land beside Wastebusters was a possible site and he encouraged the Trust to contact the QLDC property team to discuss and also make a submission to the LTP.

Ms Verpillot advised that she wanted to contact the QLDC arborist to discuss some recent Council plantings as she had some advice about ensuring the plants survived.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (Mr Telfer/Mr Wellington):

That the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board resolve that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Motion carried.

Confirmation of minutes

It was moved (Mr Telfer/Councillor Cocks):

That the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board held on 14 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Motion carried.

1. Chair's Report

A report from the Chair presented community engagement comments from himself and other Board members. Appended to the report was an update on the status of Three Waters projects in the Upper Clutha.

The Chair was concerned to ensure that strategic planning for Wānaka Airport did not drift and there was some action this calendar year. Ms Miller confirmed that the Civil Aviation Authority ('CAA') was expected to be making some firm recommendations to the Council soon about works needed at Wānaka Airport and she anticipated that the Board would have input into the Council's response.

The Chair noted the Board's desire to have a greater influence over where the balance remaining in the Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve was spent.

There was further comment about the signage installed on the Gladstone Track. Mr Wellington acknowledged the assistance of staff but he noted that the Upper Clutha Tracks Trust had expressed concern about the lack of a coordinated approach to tracks and trail signage over the whole district.

It was moved (Mr Telfer/Councillor Tucker):

That the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board note the report.

Motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 11.12am.

CHAIR

DATE