

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on Thursday 28 November 2024 beginning at 10.00am held in the Armstrong Room, Lake Wānaka Centre, Wānaka

Present

Councillor Bartlett (Chairperson), Councillor Gladding, Councillor Cocks, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Smith, Councillor Tucker

In Attendance

Councillor Bruce, Mr John Wellington (Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board elected member), Mr Tony Avery (Property & Infrastructure General Manger), Mr Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager), Mr Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Team Leader), Sophie Mander (Strategy Planning Manager), Hugo De Cosse Brissac (Roading Engineer), Brent Pearce (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning Manager), Simon Leary (Infrastructure Delivery & Engineering Manager); three members of the public and one members of the media.

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Public Forum

Dave Henderson (Cardrona Cattle Company)

Mr Henderson spoke on the Materials Recovery Facility, suggesting that the report was deliberately written in order to exclude his site from consideration. Mr Henderson circulated a handout and provided further information about his site and the advantages he identified for placing the facility at that site. Mr Henderson suggested that there had been no engagement with him on this issue despite his ongoing willingness to engage.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Gladding and Councillor Tucker it was agreed that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Gladding and Councillor Cocks it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 29 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record without alteration.

Motion was carried unanimously.

1. Additional parking restrictions under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018

The purpose of this report was to recommend various new (and updates to existing) parking restrictions. The report author was Hugo De Cosse Brissac (Roading Engineer).

Mr De Cosse Brissac and Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations & Contracts Manager) presented the item and took it as read.

There were questions about why there was no parking closer to the courthouse, a request for clarification on item 6, how vehicles would be able to access Camp Street, the turning bay on Lochy Road, whether there are enforcement benefits of having yellow lines in addition to hockey sticks, potential negative effects from reduced parking, whether certain changes were exceptions to the standard approach across the district, and whether there is a policy on creating effective mobility parks (with respect to this last matter, officers indicated they would look into the code of practice).

On the motion of Councillor Gladding and ~~Seconded by~~ Councillor Ferguson it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Note the contents of this report; and
2. Approve changes to the new and existing restrictions applying to the on-road and off-road parking restrictions as set out in Attachments A and B. These will come into force once signed or marked.

Motion was carried unanimously.

2. Regional Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Options Assessment

The purpose of this report was to provide an update to the Infrastructure Committee on the work completed to consider a replacement to the current (Queenstown Lakes District Council) QLDC Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

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Brent Pearce (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning Manager) and the report author, Sophie Mander (Strategy Planning Manager), presented the report.

Mr Tony Avery (Property & Infrastructure General Manager) indicated that the item was for noting only and that the final decision would need to be made by Full Council. Councillor Gladding asked how it could be ensured that all options come forward and are not limited when it comes to Council. Mr Avery indicated that there would be an opportunity to tweak the resolution if needed.

Ms Mander spoke to a PowerPoint presentation to summarise key aspects of the report.

Ms Mander, Mr Pearce and Mr Avery responded to questions on the advantages and disadvantages of different services models, i.e. from Council owning and operating the MRF through to completely outsourcing the MRF, whether officers are comfortable that plan B options will also be considered moving forward, when the project could be up and running, whether working with local providers for a short-medium solution has been explored, the cost per year of ensuring that the plant continues to work despite its having reached its expiration date, plans for green waste and cardboard recycling, whether Mr Henderson was consulted during the assessment process, what the ultimate cost to the ratepayer would be for each option, clarification of meaning of in-district, whether the out-of-district should be a back-up option in case of a failure of the current MRF independent of where the replacement is located, the percentage of recycling material that goes to landfill (17%), and why the Gibbston site could be ready by 2026 while others would take until 2030.

There was a query about whether this matter will be reported back. It was clarified that it would be brought back to Council and there could be an Infrastructure Committee workshop prior to this as well.

Councillors supported officers undertaking further investigation into the shortlisted options – including local options other than Ballantyne Road – and agreed to amend the original language in 3(b) of the recommendation to reflect this. After discussion, councillors agreed to amend the language in 3b) – which originally read “explore site options for the consolidation of material for both the Ballantyne Road and out-of-district options” – to the following: “further explore site options for the MRF and consolidation of material for both the local and out-of-district options.”

On the motion of Councillor Cocks and ~~Seconded by Councillor~~ Smith it was resolved that the Infrastructure Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of the attached ‘*Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Options Assessment, August 2024*’ and this report;**
- 2. Note progress on the development of a MRF solution outlined in this report and that further work is proposed before a**

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decision is brought to Council to approve a replacement MRF solution;

3. Note that work associated with Option 2 to keep both a local MRF and out-of-district MRF option open will continue, this includes:
 - a) commence engineering, environmental and planning investigations for a MRF at Ballantyne Road to enable risks to be further understood and quantified;
 - b) further explore site options for the MRF and consolidation of material for both the local and out-of-district options;
 - c) undertake further investigations with stakeholders associated with the Timaru and Dunedin MRFs to understand potential contractual arrangements for a short to medium term out-of-district solution;
 - d) prepare a detailed procurement strategy for local MRF and out-of-district MRF solutions; and
 - e) undertake a detailed carbon assessment for local MRF versus out-of-district MRF options including transport.

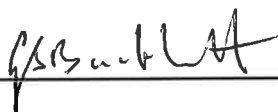
3. Note the impact of the proposed development of Ballantyne Road on current leaseholders (Wastebusters and Wānaka Greenwaste & Landscaping Supplies), and that work will commence to develop a site masterplan.

Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 11.38am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair



13.03.25

Date

