

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Friday 26 July 2013 commencing at 12.30pm.

Present

Mayor van Uden; Councillors Battson, Cocks, Gazzard, Gilmour, Mann, Overton, Stammers-Smith and Tattersfield

In attendance

Messieurs Adam Feeley (Chief Executive Officer), Warrick Chalmers (Populous) and John Schellekens (CBRE Limited); Mesdames Meaghan Miller (Director, Chief Executive's Office) and Jane Robertson (Governance Advisor); one member of the media

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mawhinney and Councillor Perkins.

On the motion of Councillors Mann and Battson the Council resolved that the apologies be accepted.

Leave of Absence Requests

No requests for Leave of Absence were made.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Gilmour advised that she was the joint owner of a property in Man Street and although she did not consider this a significant conflict of interest, wished to record it.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

1. Queenstown Convention Centre (COU130701X)

A report from the Chief Executive:

- a) Informed the Council of the current progress made in relation to the proposed Queenstown Convention Centre (QCC);
- b) Advised the Council of the applicable provisions regarding consultation under the Local Government Act (LGA); and
- c) Recommended that Council adopt a special consultative procedure in respect of the options for the development of the QCC.

The Chief Executive verbally summarised the progress to date. He referred to the different site options, the financial model proposed and the project parameters. In reply to questions, he advised that:

- The Council was not legally obliged to undertake public consultation at this time but would have to do so at some point with respect to this project, and it was therefore good practice to consult now.

- The project could be deemed to be within the purpose of local government as it was an item of local infrastructure. In addition, responding to the community's clearly expressed opinion was another measure of appropriateness.
- The project was not deemed 'significant' within the Council's policy as there was no financial commitment to it at present. If a financial commitment was made, it would be consulted on as part of the 2014/15 draft Annual Plan.

On the motion of the Mayor and Councillor Stammers-Smith the Council resolved:

- a. That report's contents be noted;
- b. That public comment be sought in accordance with Section 87(1)(b) on the proposal for a Council-led project to develop a Queenstown Convention Centre within the parameters stated in the consultation summary document; and
- c. That the Mayor be authorised to issue a media release outlining the consultation being undertaken by Council in respect of this report.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm.

MAYOR

13 August 2013

DATE

