

**Wanaka Community Board
16 December 2014**

Minutes of a meeting of the Wanaka Community Board held on Tuesday 16 December 2014 in the Armstrong Room, Lake Wanaka Centre, Ardmore Street, Wanaka commencing at 10.00am

Present

Ms Rachel Brown (Chair), Councillor Ella Lawton, Mr Bryan Lloyd, Mr Ross McRobie and Mr Mike O'Connor

In Attendance

Mr Mike Weaver (Manager, Parks Operations), Ms Trish Wrigley (Parks and Reserves Officer), Mrs Nichola Greaves (Project Manager) and Ms Jane Robertson (Governance Advisor); three members of the media

Karakia/Prayer

The meeting commenced with a karakia spoken by Ms Brown.

Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Lyal Cocks and Councillor Calum MacLeod.

**On the motion of Mr McRobie and Councillor Lawton it was
resolved that the Board accept the apologies.**

No leaves of absence were requested. The Chair noted that there were no Board meetings or workshops scheduled until early February 2015.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts noted.

Public Forum

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Lawton and Mr Lloyd it was resolved that the minutes of the Wanaka Community Board meeting held on 18 November 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. Chair's Report (WCB 14/12/01)

A report from the Chair contained the following items:

- Update on progress with Glendhu Bay boat ramp;
- Update on Ardmore Street build-outs and Brownston Street parking;
- Confirmation of public notification period for new ground lease for the Upper Clutha A and P Society;
- Possible attendance of a Board member at biennial Community Board Conference in May 2015;
- Local police restructuring;
- Meads Road update; and
- Albert Town track closure.

Mr McRobie noted the progress made on the Glendhu Bay boat ramp but questioned whether it would be ready for Christmas as promised. He detailed the various steps still required for its completion and expressed doubt that this was achievable in the next eight days. Councillor Lawton undertook to follow this up urgently with Councillor Cocks.

Consideration was given to the suggestion that a member of the board attend the biennial Community Board conference in May 2015. The Board was entirely supportive of the Chair attending and that her attendance should be fully funded by the elected members' training budget. In addition, Councillor Lawton suggested that the Chair seek approval of a per diem allowance to cover other incidental expenses.

On the motion of Mr O'Connor and Mr McRobie the Wanaka Community Board resolved that Rachel Brown attend the Community Board Conference 2015 and that the Board seeks the Mayor's consideration of this funding request from the elected member training budget and that a per diem allowance be sought also.

The Chair reported on a recent meeting with the Acting Area Police Commander who had explained that the rationale behind the Wanaka police restructure was to align local police boundaries with those of local government. Once the Wanaka staff were all in place, she intended to invite local police to attend a Board workshop to brief the members on the new structure in place.

Members acknowledged that access would be permitted over Meads Road during the Christmas/New Year holiday period, but stressed the importance of a permanent resolution and questioned the length of time that this 'holiday' period represented.

It was noted that since the publication of the report, the Albert Town Track had been reopened. Members expressed the hope that all parties involved had learned from this experience. The Chair advised that she had requested a debrief meeting with the General Manager Operations and her staff, although this was unlikely to happen until the new year. Councillor Lawton acknowledged the particular efforts of Trish Wrigley (Parks and Reserves Officer) to attend to concerns raised during the closure.

The Chair invited each member to report on the community meetings and other Board related business in which they were involved.

Mr O'Connor expressed concern about the amount of broom he had seen on private land. It was suggested that he note the address and raise an RFS with staff who would then write to the owner/s concerned. He also considered that there should be regulations controlling the distance that kānuka or mānuka could be from any dwelling. Councillor Lawton noted that this was something that could be addressed in the District Plan review.

It was noted that some criticism had been levelled at the Council for not watering Allenby Park. Members agreed the importance of stressing that water was a limited commodity. It was suggested that if a higher level of service was desired, it should be raised as an item to be funded in the Long Term Plan.

The Chair expressed thanks to all for their hard work over the year and extended compliments of the season. She noted that in 2015 the Board was moving its meeting day to Wednesday and this would require the time of the public drop-in sessions needed to be reviewed. Following discussion, it was agreed to move the drop-in session to 12 noon – 2pm. Members questioned if there should be a booking procedure for these sessions but the Chair advised that she was happy to cover the two hours. She agreed that this question could be revisited but she considered that the drop-in sessions worked better without a booking system.

**On the motion of Ms Brown and Mr Lloyd it was resolved
that the Wanaka Community Board note the report.**

2. Monthly Report for Month ended 31 October 2014 (WCB 14/12/02)

Consideration was given to the Council monthly report for the month ended 31 October 2014.

Mr Weaver, Ms Wrigley and Mrs Greaves joined the table. They provided updates and responded to questions related to their areas of responsibility.

Mr Lloyd sought an update on Project Groundswell and a request was made to keep the Wanaka Fire Station on the agenda. The Governance Advisor stated that she had followed up on the Board's request for the potential purchase of the Wanaka Fire Station building to be investigated but had been advised that

any such purchase was not currently funded. She suggested that the Board raise this as part of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan process.

The meeting concluded at 11.15am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson

Date