

**Wanaka Community Board
9 May 2016**

Minutes of a meeting of the Wanaka Community Board held in the Hawea Flat Hall, Hawea Flat on Monday 9 May 2016 beginning at 10am

Present:

Ms Rachel Brown (Chair), Councillor Lyal Cocks, Mr Bryan Lloyd, Councillor Calum MacLeod, Mr Mike O'Connor and Mr Ross McRobie

In attendance:

Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Ms Michelle Morss (Corporate Services Manager) and Ms Jane Robertson (Governance Advisor); five members of the public and four members of the media

Opening

The meeting commenced with a performance by the Kapa Haka Group from Hawea Flat School and a karakia from the Chair.

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Ella Lawton.

**On the motion of Mr McRobie and Councillor MacLeod
the Wanaka Community Board resolved that the
apology be accepted.**

Public Forum

1. Melissa Johnson

Ms Johnson advised that she worked at Tarras School and in her daily commute she drove down Kane Road. She had observed that in the area leading down to the Red Bridge, the road on the right was chipping away and its state was worsening. Cones had been put in place but had been there for some time without any apparent action. In this area there were many truck movements and the condition of the road required her to give way to allow them to pass. She had also observed a vehicle on its roof and wanted to see something done.

It was suggested that the most effective way of dealing with this was via a RFS. It was also noted that widening of the road had been on the programme for some time.

2. Alastair King, Chair, Wanaka Chamber of Commerce

Mr King provided an update on the activities of the Wanaka Chamber of Commerce, highlighting the following:

- Interviews had been held for the position of Business Development Manager and it was hoped to be able to announce an appointment shortly.
- The Chamber wished to rebrand itself, providing a new strategic direction and reviewing its core activities. It also wished to adopt new values: celebration

(recognition, encouragement, inspiration); thinking fast (flexible, new innovations); joining people; and being excellent (lifting professionalism/levels of service).

- Consideration needed to be given to the future of the Wanaka CBD particularly with future growth in mind.
- A working group had been formed to consider the issues surrounding worker accommodation, especially during winter season.

3. Jan Solbak

Mr Solbak detailed various email communications with the Council's Chief Engineer regarding the water supply at Hawea and highlighted his dissatisfaction with them. He expressed concern that inspection of the overflow pipe had not occurred because of overgrown vegetation. He felt let down by the system, stating that a good testing regime should have quickly picked up the source of the recent contamination. He also highlighted the fact that there was no grate on overflow pipe in the first instance and asked whether the presence of vegetation had assisted the possum's entry. He questioned the Chief Engineer's stance that it was better to delay action to minimise disruption to the community but he would have preferred disruption rather than possums being found in the reservoir. He believed that if proper maintenance had been carried out this incident would not have occurred. He sought further information about the testing points and testing regime undertaken.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr O'Connor and Mr Lloyd the Wanaka Community Board resolved that the minutes of the Wanaka Community Board meeting held on 13 April 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Mr McRobie abstained from voting because he was not present at the meeting.

1. **Hawea Library – Opening Hours**

A report from Michelle Morss (Corporate Services Manager) advised of the results of consultation undertaken on the opening hours of the Hawea Library. The report stated that key requests from the consultation were:

- The library being open every day from 10am – 5pm
- Longer opening hours on a Saturday
- Later opening hours on a Wednesday.

The report assessed five different options for different hours, noting however that there was no funding within the current budget for increased hours. The report recommended extending the Saturday opening hours by two hours by opening one hour later than at present on Tuesdays and Wednesdays ('Option 4'). This was a zero cost option. The report recommended that these hours be trialled for 12 weeks.

The Chair was critical of the report. She stated that the main driving force for the survey had been a desire to test whether it should be open from Monday to Friday, but this was not given as an option or costed. Ms Morss stated that she could cost this option for a 12 week trial but she did not agree that the survey had demonstrated a desire for such opening hours.

Councillor Cocks questioned why such a small number of responses had been received, stating that it was difficult to make a considered judgement on so few responses.

Mr McRobie supported the report recommendation to trial option four and in the meantime also undertake further research on different opening hours. The Chair did not support this as she did not consider that it would address community confusion about the opening hours. She expressed a preference for retaining the current opening time, but also offering longer opening hours on Saturdays ('Option 2'). It was noted that this would incur additional cost and Ms Morss advised that this could potentially be covered by savings made elsewhere in the network.

Councillor Cocks expressed a preference for option 4 with additional Wednesday hours. Councillor MacLeod suggested that by adopting any of the options considered, the opportunity to provide a late night was being missed.

Ms Miller observed that the survey results had provided no significant mandate to change the present hours and a 12 week trial of new hours would allow a librarian-led process to obtain community feedback to occur. It was hoped that this would result in better community engagement than had resulted from the survey.

On the motion of Ms Brown and Mr O'Connor it was resolved that the Wanaka Community Board:

- 1. Note the contents of this report; and**
- 2. Adopt 'Option 2' for a trial period of 12 weeks with opening hours at the Hawea Library being:**
 - a. Opening hours remaining as per the current schedule Monday to Friday, namely:**
 - Monday: 10am – 12noon**
 - Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am – 5pm**
 - b. Opening hours extending by two hours on Saturday to be 10am – 2pm.**

Councillor Cocks and Mr McRobie recorded their votes against the motion.

2. Chair's Report

A report from the Chair updated the Board on the following matters:

- Ballantyne Road
- Hawea Unformed Legal Roads
- Wanaka Sports Facility
- Wanaka Community Pool
- Wanaka Lakefront Development Plan
- Wanaka Watersports Facility Trust
- Wanaka Community House
- Proposed District Plan hearings
- Wanaka Airport Planning and Development
- Projects underway (Property/Infrastructure and Parks/Reserves)

a) Hawea unformed legal roads

The project had recently been outsourced to APL Property to carry through to completion. Clarification was sought on the timeframe for resolution.

b) Wanaka Sports Facility

The name 'Aspiring Recreation Centre' had been put forward but feedback indicated that further discussion was needed.

It was noted that efforts to arrange a public open day had not been successful, largely due to the health and safety implications of people being on site whilst work was on-going. Instead, it was felt that the focus should now be on the opening. Councillor MacLeod expressed concern that this was a missed opportunity.

c) Wanaka Community Pool

Councillor Cocks reported on recent fundraising activities, noting that an announcement from the West Trust was expected shortly. In addition, various sponsorship approaches were being made and an inquiry had been received about naming rights. He noted that the budget indicated a fundraising contribution of \$2.7M but no limit had been placed on the fundraising target as the aim was to continue fundraising for as long as possible to reduce the rates impact. The Board had expressed disappointment in its Annual Plan submission that Council documentation had stated that the project would require an annual contribution of \$184 from each Wanaka ratepayer, as work was being undertaken to ensure that this was not the case.

d) Wanaka Airport Planning and Development

It was noted that two of the key matters covered in the report were the airport's requirement for more land and the need to review the governance structure. Councillor MacLeod stated that it was essential for there to be local representation in any eventual governance body. The Chair asked for the item to be channelled through the Community Board during the course of its future consideration.

e) Projects

Councillor Cocks advised of updates to Infrastructure projects highlighting in particular:

- Safety improvements to Mt Aspiring Road/Beacon Point Road had been deferred until 2016/17;
- Staff were reviewing the proposed improvements to Gunn Road so the contract had not yet been let;
- Wanaka Yacht Club Borefield project was to be postponed until 2017/18

f) Community reports

- On behalf of the Upper Clutha Rugby Club, Mr O'Connor thanked all involved in the Wanaka Recreational Reserve redevelopment for their work to review the project's timing so that it was outside the rugby season.
- The Chair detailed the various activities of the Wanaka Alcohol Group referring in particular to discussions with Council staff about the development of a Local Alcohol Policy, plans to submit to the Nuisance Bylaw 2016, a research project into youth behaviour with respect to alcohol and drugs and an upcoming meeting with the Board to consider the option of an alcohol-free Wanaka Sports Facility.
- It was suggested that a developer should be invited to join the Shaping Our Future – Wanaka Transport Taskforce.
- There was discussion about windows broken recently at the Arts Centre and the Wanaka Library. Councillor MacLeod suggested that this indicated that CCTV in the town centre was needed and budgetary provision should be made for this. Members also asked for the practice of regular meetings between the Board and the Wanaka Police to resume and the Chair undertook to action this request.

On the motion of Ms Brown and Mr Lloyd the Wanaka Community Board resolved that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 11.31am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson

8 June 2016