

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown and via Zoom on Thursday 11 November 2021 beginning at 1.00pm.

Present

Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillor Lewers, Councillor MacLeod Councillor Miller, Councillor Shaw, Councillor Smith, and Councillor Whitehead

In Attendance

Mr Tony Avery (GM, Planning & Development), Mrs Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager), Ms Emily Grace (Principal Planner – Resource Management Policy), Ms Sarah Picard (Senior Policy Planner), Mr Brad Coombs (Consultant Landscape Architect), Ms Vicky Jones (Consultant Planner), Ms Sarah Scott (Legal Counsel, Simpson Grierson), Mr Alan Matheson (Planning Consultant – via Zoom) and Ms Jo Dobb (Governance Adviser)

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor MacLeod noted that he was a Commissioner of the RVZ hearings panel.

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

On the motion of Councillors MacLeod and Shaw the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillors Whitehead and Lewers the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the minutes of the public part of the meeting held on 21 October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

1. Landscape Scheduling - Consultation

A report from Sarah Picard (Senior Policy Planner) advised that the Council was required to create landscape schedules that set out the values of the district's landscapes, adding that the Environment Court had directed the Council to undertake this landscape scheduling work for certain priority areas as part of the Stage 1 Topic 2 landscapes appeals. The report sought the committee's approval to commence consultation for the landscape scheduling project.

Ms Picard gave an overview of the report, noting that these schedules would be introduced into the Proposed District Plan (PDP) under a Schedule 1 (Resource Management Act) process. She noted that a team of three landscape architects would undertake landscape assessments and review them using a values identification framework. Council Whitehead requested that this framework intrinsically align with the climate action plan and other Council policies, such as the QLDC Tree Policy and these be highlighted as part of the consultation process, not reviewed in silo. Ms Picard noted that once the initial assessments were complete, additional expert input (such as ecologists) would be sought to review the draft schedules. It was noted there would be value as part of the consultation for the public also to have the opportunity to express what they considered are the values of the areas.

Councillor Miller joined the meeting at 1.20pm.

The Councillors had a lengthy discussion on the proposed public consultation options (Option 2 'carry out early consultation seeking values input from the community' and Option 3 'consult on a draft of the landscape schedules prepared by the landscape architects and other experts').

Councillor MacLeod questioned if the landscape architects were confident they could visit the district in a timely manner, given potential COVID 19 restrictions. Council staff confirmed that this was being actively monitored.

Councillor Macleod noted for visibility, that his property on Holiday Road is included.

On the motion of Councillors Clark and Lewers the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report; and**
- 2. Approve commencement of consultation for the landscape scheduling project.**

Councillor Smith recorded his vote against the motion.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors Clark and Lewers the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

Confirmation of Minutes:

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Draft Planning & Strategy Committee minutes 21 October 2021 (Public Excluded)	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 	<p>S 7(2)(g) S 7(2)(i)</p>

Agenda Items:

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Item 2: Stage 1 Appeal – Bunker & Rouse	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 	<p>S 7(2)(g) S 7(2)(i)</p>
Item 3: Stage 3 Appeal – Rural Visitor Zone	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 	<p>S 7(2)(g) S 7(2)(i)</p>

<p>Item 4: Stage 3 Appeal - Wāhi Tūpuna</p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>maintain legal professional privilege</i> • <i>enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i> 	<p>S 7(2)(g) S 7(2)(i)</p>
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This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting went into public excluded at 1.30pm.