

Minutes of a meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Community & Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road on Thursday 22 February 2024 commencing at 11:00am.

Present

Councillor Craig Ferguson (Chair), Councillor Barry Bruce, Councillor Lisa Guy, Councillor Matt Wong, Councillor Cody Tucker

In attendance

Ms Marie Day (Community Partnerships Manager), Ms Briana Pringle (Parks and Open Spaces Planning Manager), Mr Kenneth Bailey (General Manager Community Services), Ms Christine Skipworth (Parks and Reserves Planner), Ms Jan Maxwell (Relationship Manager, Arts and Events), Mr Jon Winterbottom (Governance Team Leader) and Miss Sarah Bradey (Governance Advisor)

Apologies

No Apologies

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Public Forum

No public forum

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

The Following amendments were made to the agenda:

- Item 2: Replace 'Michelle Mors' with 'Michelle Morss' on page 42
- Item 3: Replace 'Michelle Mors' with 'Michelle Morss' on page 48

On the motion of Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Wong the Community & Services Committee resolved that the agenda be confirmed as amended as a true and correct record.

Motion carried.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Tucker and Councillor Wong the Community & Services Committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed without alteration.

Motion carried.

1. Tree Policy Review (recommend to adopt)

A report from Ms Jessica Hughes Hutton (Parks and Reserves Planner) recommended to adopt the Queenstown Lakes District Council Tree Policy 2023.

Ms Christine Skipworth (Parks and Reserves Planner) presented the report and took the report as read.

Ms Skipworth responded to questions on alignment of the Tree Policy with new policies around slash, the Ballarat Street Stormwater Proposal and protection of trees, how staff avoid damage to the root zone/tree protection zone, the Brecon Street tree and lessons learnt, what is considered an “exceptional circumstance”, how Council deals with the removal or control of tree plantings on road reserves in front of properties and clarifying how a potential tree strategy would work.

The Chair commented on the importance of this document for Council.

There was discussion on a tree strategy that is district wide and looks at individual communities, recognising significant trees and protecting unique exotic trees such as goji, and the international example of the Melbourne Urban Forest.

On the motion of Councillor Bruce and Councillor Whitehead it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report and;**
- 2. Recommend to Council that the Tree Policy 2023, ATTACHMENT A, be adopted.**

Motion carried unanimously

2. Heritage Incentive Grant Upper Clutha Anglican Church

A report from Ms Jan Maxwell (Relationship Manager, Arts and Events) recommended to approve a request for a Heritage Incentive Grant for reimbursement costs for professional advice for St Colomba Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.

Ms Maxwell presented the report, took the report as read and responded to questions on whether the pool of money for the fund is \$25,000, the timelines for the application process, whether there is a selection process, and whether the funding is matched by Heritage New Zealand.

On the motion of Councillor Wong and Councillor Tucker it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note the contents of this report and;**
2. **Approve the Heritage Incentive Grant of \$3,000 for reimbursement of professional advice for St Colomba Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.**

Motion carried unanimously

3. Heritage Incentive Grant Luggate Flour Mill

A report from Ms Jan Maxwell (Relationship Manager, Arts and Events) recommended to approve a request for a Heritage Incentive Grant for reimbursement costs for professional advice for Luggate Flour Mill, 124-26 Main Road, Luggate.

Ms Maxwell presented the report, took the report as read and responded to a question on whether the heritage incentive grant can be used for advice rather than works.

Elected members suggested that this would be a positive outcome for the Luggate Community and discussed the rich history of the mill.

The Chair commended the fact that Council is helping to preserve historic assets that are important to the community.

On the motion of Councillor Bruce and Councillor Guy it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note the contents of this report and;**

2. Approve The Heritage Incentive Grant of \$3,000 for reimbursement of professional advice for Luggate Flour Mill, 124-26 Main Road, Luggate.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting concluded at 10:37.am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

CHAIR

DATE