

## **Community & Services Committee 7 December 2017**

Minutes of a meeting of the Community & Services Committee held on Thursday 7 December 2017 in Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown commencing at 10.00am.

### **Present**

Councillors Stevens (Chair), Clark, Ferguson, Miller and Smith

### **In Attendance**

Dr Thunes Cloete (General Manager Community Services), Ms Meaghan Miller (General Manager Corporate Services), Ms Briana Pringle (Parks and Reserves Officer, Forestry), Ms Marie Day (Community & Events Facilitator), Mr Kevin Jennings and Mr Michael Hesp (Film Otago Southland), Ms Shelley Dawson (Senior Governance Advisor) and 1 member of the media.

### **Apologies**

There was an apology for lateness from Councillor Miller

### **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts noted

### **Matters Lying on the Table**

There were no items on the table

### **Public Forum**

There were no speakers in public forum

### **Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

It was noted there was a spelling mistake in the first sentence of page 5 of the agenda where it should read “..be dealt with...”

**On the motion of Councillors Smith and Clark it was resolved that the minutes of the Community & Services Committee meeting held on the 2 November 2017 as amended be accepted.**

## 1. Film Otago Southland Annual Report

Consideration was given to a report and presentation from the Film Otago Southland Trust on their Annual Report for 2016-2017. Ms Miller, Mr Jennings and Mr Hesp spoke to this item.

Ms Miller commented that paragraph 5 on page 9 of the agenda noted that Council's annual investment of the Film Office was \$85,000 per annum. She clarified that there had been a major review of the Film Office in 2016 and Council had agreed to double the funding for 2 years to \$172,000 per annum. The increase was to fund an additional FTE and to pay the office manager full time.

*Councillor Miller joined the meeting at 10.04am.*

Ms Miller commented that the funding was in line with that of other Councils and noted that the Film Office promoted diverse economic activity and aligned with Councils economic development strategy. With the increased investment Council had sought more accountability, fresh KPI's and the appointment of a Councillor on the board. The Chair clarified that the full funding figure was \$170,000 as noted in the statement of financial performance on page 31.

Councillor Smith questioned if the \$170,000 funding was in the draft Ten Year Plan and Ms Miller noted that the 2 year funding finished next year. It was noted that the Trust were working on a business case to present to the Plan around the amount of funding they would require going forward with the expectation that they would require less support from QLDC over time. Ms Miller commented she would double check the funding was included in the draft as a placeholder.

Mr Hesp commented that the increase in funding from QLDC had allowed them to improve the effectiveness of the Film Office. He noted that the new board was working well and they strived to be a regional organisation. Mr Hesp thanked Council for their support.

Mr Jennings explained that his core work was to attract crews to the area, to make it easy for them to do business here and to make sure the community were happy when the crew left. He noted the office worked through Otago and Southland and was a good model of a regional film office. Mr Jennings commented that another essential part of his role was around access to locations noting that it was a locations based industry here. Mr Jennings explained that he worked nationally with Department of Conservation and Land Information New Zealand to maintain access for the industry. Mr Jennings played the Committee a behind the scenes clip about the filming of the Winter Olympics promotion that was filmed at the Snow Park this year. He then played the final promotional ad called Become the Light. The Chair thanked Mr Jennings and the board for their work.

**On the motion of Councillors Stevens and Clark it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee note the contents of this report.**

## **2. Glenorchy Lakefront Development Plan**

Consideration was given to a report that presented the proposed Glenorchy Foreshore Development Plan for adoption. The first draft of a Lakefront Plan for Glenorchy was produced at a community workshop in 2013 and there had been wide ranging and ongoing consultation with the local community since then. In November 2015 a revised version was produced and since 2015 QLDC has worked with the community to implement a number of minor elements of the plan. Ms Pringle spoke to this report.

There was discussion around the possible future toilet indicated on the plan on page 37. Dr Cloete noted that there was the opportunity for the community to submit for funding to be included in the Ten Year Plan adding that he would mention this at the Glenorchy Community Association meeting he was attending that evening. Councillor Ferguson commented that the increase in tourist numbers was putting pressure on the current toilet facilities and it was an issue that the community wanted resolved.

There was general discussion around swimming, toilets and freedom camping. Ms Pringle noted that there was no reserve management plan for the area however the proposed Foreshore Development Plan would deliver the outcomes that the community sought. She noted that the process to develop the plan had taken several years with a lot of consultation with the community and she was confident there was consensus on the plan.

**On the motion of Councillors Ferguson and Smith it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:**

- 1. Note the contents of this report and in particular;**
- 2. Adopt the proposed Glenorchy Foreshore Development Plan**

## **3. Draft Disability Policy**

Consideration was given to a report that presented a draft Disability Policy and requested approval to commence public consultation on this policy. The draft Disability Policy outlined key principles and policy goals that would contribute to the removal of barriers to participation for disabled people living in and visiting the Queenstown Lakes District community. Consultation with specific stakeholder groups as well as public comment via the QLDC website was proposed. Ms Miller and Ms Day spoke to this item.

The Chair questioned how the policy would be applied practically to Council's business. Ms Miller commented that the principles outlined in the policy were already being applied but acknowledged that Council needed to make it part of day to day business. She added that the policy have been presented to the Leadership Team and they were in full support.

Councillor Smith acknowledged that there would now be a consultation phase where the council would reach out to stakeholder groups. He noted his appreciation at the quick response since he raised the issue and commented that the policy was a great step forward. Councillor Smith congratulated the officers on a good piece of work and noted he looked forward to a more inclusive community.

**On the motion of Councillors Smith and Miller it was resolved that the Community & Services Committee:**

- 1. Note the contents of this report and;**
- 2. Adopt the Draft Disability Policy and undertake public consultation.**

*The meeting closed at 10.43am.*

**Confirmed as a True and Correct Record:**

**Chairperson**

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**Date**

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