



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Conference Room of the Harvest Hotel
6 Barry Ave, Cromwell
Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 1:00 PM

Membership

Cr Andrew Noone	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Hilary Calvert	
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Hon Cr Marian Hobbs	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Kate Wilson	

Welcome

Chairperson Andrew Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1 p.m.

Staff present included: Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory), Amanda Vercoe (Executive Advisor), Liz Spector (Committee Secretary), Gary Maloney (Manager Transport), Rebecca Sidaway (Service Delivery Lead), David McDowell (Infrastructure and Services Lead). Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) was present via electronic link.

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Noone made a motion to add an item 7.5, to acknowledge staff contributions throughout 2020.

Resolution

That an item be added after Item 8 to acknowledge staff contributions throughout 2020 be added to the agenda.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Kevin Allan and Mr Charlie Hore were present to speak to the Council during Public Forum about wallaby eradication. Mr Allan thanked ORC for its ongoing work towards this effort. He said it will be challenging to come up with a wallaby eradication plan that works for the entire country and would like the ORC to consider forming a regional wallaby control group similar to the wilding conifer control groups. He also suggested input from Central Government will be helpful. Several questions were asked of the gentlemen and then Cr Noone thanked Mr Allan and Mr Hore for coming to the meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 25 November be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Robertson

CARRIED

6. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

Outstanding actions from resolutions of Council were reviewed.

7. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

7.1. ORC Involvement in QLDC Spatial Planning

The report was provided to present a request from Queenstown Lakes District Council for an ORC contribution towards funding part of a Housing Capacity Assessment for the Queenstown Lakes area. Kyle Balderston (Team Leader Urban Growth and Development) and Caroline Dumas (QLDC Spatial Plan Manager) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions. Mr Balderston noted that agreeing to this request from QLDC will be consistent

with the policy requirements of the NPS UD and the first step to the joint responsibility for development of FDS/Spatial plan for 2024 at both a staff and governance level.

After a general discussion of the report and questions for staff, Cr Robertson moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report;
- 2) **Notes** the funding request from QLDC for a Housing Assessment delivered by 31 July 2021;
- 3) **Approves** the funding of 50% share, up to \$50,000 as detailed in Option A;
- 4) **Notes** that the requested funding is unbudgeted for this Financial Year; and
- 5) **Notes** that a proposed funding envelope to meet ORCs obligations to all of the region's Tier 2 and 3 Councils will be part of the upcoming LTP proposals, which would provide certainty around funding and associated work programmes from July 2021.

Moved: Cr Robertson

Seconded: Cr Wilson

CARRIED

7.2. Regional Public Transport Plan - Scope

The current Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP or Plan) was adopted in 2014 and gave effect to the new Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM). The Plan has been amended since to reflect changes within the region and the current operating environment is significantly different than 2014. A full review of the Plan is now being undertaken due to these reasons. This report was provided to Council for its endorsement of the proposed approach to the RPTP review, including timelines and engagement. Garry Maloney (Manager Transport) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Cr Hobbs asked how ORC intends to attract customers to use public transport. Mr Maloney said much work is underway in Central Otago, Queenstown, and Wanaka as well as the Shaping Future Dunedin project to encourage public transport use and to promote mode shift. Cr Scott asked about implications of delaying the review. Dr Palmer said the best window of opportunity to do the Plan review is now. Cr Wilson noted her concern about shortened time frames which might negatively impact the ability to get the best information from all stakeholders and other partners. Cr Deaker said he was not in favour of delaying the review. He said community consultation should begin soon to give Council time to work out how to affordably give the community what it asks for. Cr Hobbs voiced her support for the Plan review and encouraged staff and governance to work in partnership with Dunedin City Council to improve public transport for the area.

After further discussion, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.

- 2) **Notes** Council has already received feedback to be considered in the development of the Plan through Annual Plan processes, community input and Councillor engagement with territorial authorities to date on public transport.
- 3) **Endorses** the proposed scope, with the addition of encouraging mode shift, increasing patronage and delivery of real time and other services that are envisaged in 2014 RPTP, and monitoring the existing regional passenger transport services, noting these will be refined through development of the Review.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

7.3. Phase 2 Bus Fares for Dunedin and Queenstown

This paper was provided to obtain decisions from Council on bus fares in Dunedin and Queenstown for 2021, following the end of the Phase 1 (transitional) fare period put in place in both centres to enable implementation of the new electronic ticketing system. Garry Maloney (Manager Transport) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Cr Malcolm asked whether the funding implications detailed in the paper were considered in LTP funding and Mr Maloney said they had been. Cr Hobbs said she strongly supports the recommendations and knows many regular users of public transport who are supportive of a universal fare. She said the ORC should work to encourage increased patronage and build trust with the community. After further discussions, Cr Hobbs moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** fare Option D2 (retain the current fares [excluding SuperGold Card] at least until the end of the 2020/21 financial year) for Dunedin.
- 3) **Notes** that at a staff level there has been engagement with Dunedin City Council staff on this matter and advice received that Dunedin City Council will await the outcome of the Regional Council's deliberations on this matter before considering its own response.
- 4) **Notes** that the fare revenue implication of Option D2 is forecast as a reduction in 2020/21 annual fare revenue of about \$600,000.
- 5) **Approves** fare Option Q1 (return to pre-COVID-19 fares) for Queenstown.
- 6) **Notes** that the fare revenue implication of Option Q1 is forecast as a reduction in 2020/21 annual fare revenue of about \$470,000.
- 7) **Approves** fare Option SGCA (free for SuperGold Bee card holders in the weekday interpeak period and after 6:30 pm and free all weekend) for both Dunedin and Queenstown.

- 8) **Notes** that the fare revenue implication of Option SGCA is estimated to be a monthly increase of about \$9,000 compared to the Phase 1 (transitional) period (incorporated in the values in recommendation's 4 and 6).
- 9) **Notes** that the changes recommended above to Dunedin and Queenstown fares will be implemented following the end of the Christmas 2020 electronic ticketing system change-freeze in mid-January 2021 (changes likely to be implemented in February 2021).
- 10) **Seeks** a quarterly report on SuperGold Bee Card holders' usage with a view to understanding the choices we make including possible discussions with LGNZ to work with Central Government towards increased funding.

Moved: Cr Hobbs
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

Cr Noone moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m. for a short break. Cr Hope seconded, and the motion was carried. The meeting resumed at 3:15 p.m.

7.4. Shaping Future Dunedin Transport Business Case

This report provided detail on proposed Council projects included in the Shaping Future Dunedin Transport Programme to consider including in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Garry Maloney (Manager Transport) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

A discussion was held about how to effect mode shift, with Mr Maloney noting the business case will primarily be around mode shift. Cr Kelliher asked how the programme would address the potential issue of parking deficiencies around the new hospital. Mr Maloney said this wasn't an issue that ORC had much influence over and would be addressed by the hospital working groups. Cr Wilson asked about real-time services for the buses and indicated she would add this to the resolution recommendations. Cr Deaker then noted that at a recent meeting of the Shaping Future Dunedin group, it was discussed to have the project team speak to ORC and DCC Councillors in a joint briefing. He said this was hopefully going to happen in January or February 2021.

After further discussion, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the inclusion of the Otago Regional Council projects in the Shaping Future Dunedin Transport Programme (as outlined in this report) within the Draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
- 3) **Approves** for inclusion in the business case development of the projects outlined in this report including consideration of a real time service.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

7.5. Councillor Appointment to Otago Catchment Community Governance Group

Cr Scott left the meeting during deliberations on this item.

The Otago Catchment Community is in the process of becoming an incorporated society and has elected the founding governance group members in line with this. As part of the formation of the governance group, the Otago Catchment Community invited Otago Regional Council to nominate a representative to sit on this committee. Chairperson Noone nominated Cr Bryan Scott to be the ORC Representative.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Agrees** to nominate Councillor Bryan Scott to be the ORC representative on the Otago Catchment Community Governance Group.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Forbes

CARRIED

Cr Scott returned to the meeting.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1. Recommendations of the 1 December 2020 Strategy and Planning Committee

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) *Adopts the resolutions of the 1 December 2020 Strategy and Planning Committee.*

Moved: Cr Calvert

Seconded: Cr Robertson

CARRIED

8.2. Recommendations of the 25 November Finance Committee

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) *Adopts the resolutions of the 25 November Finance Committee.*

Moved: Cr Calvert

Seconded: Cr Robertson

CARRIED

Per the resolution to add an item to the agenda, Cr Noone moved:

Resolution

That Governance sincerely appreciates all the hard work and dedication by staff during a very difficult year; the hurdles and challenges have been extreme - thank you all for being so committed to Team ORC.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Deaker

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the Council excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting (pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987) and also moves Shipleys IT staffer Nathan be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the technology.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Wilson

CARRIED

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.1 Minutes of the 25 Nov 2020 Public-excluded Council Meeting	<p>Section 7(2)(g) - To maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) - To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>Section 7(2)(j) - To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</p>	
3.1 Lake Wakatipu Ferry Service Trial Procurement Approval	<p>Section 7(2)(i) - To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>Section 7(2)(j) - To prevent the</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a); subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of</p>

	disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
3.2 <i>Chief Executive Key Performance Indicators Update</i>	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons – Section 7(2)(a)	Section 48(1)(a); subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) 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 for which good reason for withholding would exist.

This resolution was 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.

10. CLOSURE

The was no further public business and Chairperson Noone declared the public meeting closed at 03:20 pm.


Chairperson

24 February 2021
Date