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**Minutes for the meeting of the Glenorchy Community Association
held on the 7th December 2017 at 7:30pm in the Glenorchy Hall**

COMMITTEE: John Glover, Will McBeth, Robert Bakhuis, Mark Hasselman, Sam De Reeper

PRESENT: Chris Brough, Nick Nicholson, Sonya Poplawski, Eric Scott, Terry Russell, Paul Chapman, Iris Scott, Corrine Davis, Matt Belcher, Trish Fraser, Ian Kirkland, Craig Waddell, Katherine Schuitemaker, Tom Tusher, Pauline Tusher. QLDC: Ferg, Thunes Cloete, Jeannie Galavazi

1. Chairman's introduction and welcome.

John opened the meeting by welcoming the guests from QLDC and thanking them for giving their time to attend the meeting. Considering the QLDC visitors and their time, the general items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 will be attended to first and other matters revisited at the end of the meeting.

2. Apologies

Steve Hewland, Irene Hartley, Thor Davis

Motion ' that the apologies received be accepted'
De Reeper/Bakhuis

8. General business

8.1 Election of new GCA committee member

Nominations for a new member have been called for from the community, however none have been received so far. The meeting attendees were asked for nominations, none were received. All present were asked to spread the word and encourage anyone interested to get in touch with the GCA. Item to be carried over to next agenda.

8.2 Bible terrace

John introduced the item by welcoming Tom and by providing some background; The portion of the Glenorchy Walkway which passes south and above the town over the face of the Bible terrace, has no formal or legal access. The majority of the land is owned by Tom. Earlier in the month John had spoken to Tom to get background information on the rumor of an old offer for the land to be transferred to council for public use and protection.



Tom Took the floor and presented a map, showing land boundaries on the Bible terrace and land south of Shiel Street, on which he has plans for development, currently being considered by council.

Tom confirmed there is a “no build” zone on the face of the bible and that it would not be developed. However, Tom noted that as part of development requirements, the bottom of the face will need to be fenced off, restricting all access. A new access way to the town reservoir will need to be formed via Shiel Street and the old rubbish dump site.

Tom confirmed that an offer did exist for the council to acquire the face of the bible for \$1. This offer goes back more than 10 years, expired, was then extended, and has expired again. So far the council have not taken the offer, reasons are unknown but suspect maintenance liabilities are a barrier.

The offer can be renewed and there is opportunity for the community to acquire the land to protect access and formalise the walkway, linking it with Oban Street. The question remains though, of who would maintain the land. It is time for community discussion with the question of “do we want to declare to council that we would like them to acquire the land, for our community use”.

Log asked Tom if council had discussed with him the future relocation of the town reservoir tanks. Tom replied saying he had not been approached by council for that, and that at present there is only limited space for any tank movements. If the council took the \$1 offer then there would be plenty of room for the tanks.

Tom also pointed out there was an old note on his map of where council has initially planned to put the wastewater system.

Tussock asked Tom if the Bible face would be his reserves contribution for his development. Tom reiterated again that he is happy to turn over the land if the council wants it.

Thunes Cloete took the floor and introduced himself as the Council’s General Manager of Community Services, new to the job, started 2 months ago. Thunes confirmed he had heard all of the discussion and would go back to council to try and discover the history and why the council had not taken up the offer.

Log commented that the “leaves of the Bible” (the geological feature of old river terraces) were an acknowledged protected landscape feature.

Matt spoke briefly on behalf of the Glenorchy Trails trust, only to say that potential reserve on the Bible face was very interesting, and they intend to follow it closely.



GCA commented that it was a community role to do things like weed clearance, track forming and working bee's but not a community role to own land, that was for the council.

Actions: QLDC to research the history and why the offer wasn't taken. GCA to go to the community and ask if the land is wanted or not. If the land and access is wanted then it is up to us to put pressure on QLDC.

A quick vote was taken from meeting attendees, 11 of 13 community members were in favor of acquiring the land.

Iris, not in favor, commented that the land would come with a lot of maintenance responsibility

Log asked whether DOC would potentially take it over. discussion tended to think this was unlikely.

8.3 Glenorchy Air traffic

John Introduced the item by providing some background. There is a lot going on at the airstrip and the community has differing views on this, but the growth of tourism and increasing air traffic has the potential for large impacts on Glenorchy.

The GCA firstly got council to take over management of the airstrip from DOC. At that time there were strong views in community of a need for an airstrip. Site to continue as a commercial and community airstrip. A reserve management plan was established, the plan calling for a governance committee, with various members, to oversee the implementation of the plan.

So far there has been no sign of a governance committee being established, GCA have raised this with QLDC, but still no sign of a group.

Jeannie Galavazi, Parks Planner, took the floor.

Jeannie acknowledged the frustration caused by the time delay and acknowledged the community's expectation that QLDC would move on this.

The wastewater proposal for the airstrip had interrupted the airstrip plans and the implementation of the reserve plan was put on hold because of that.

QLDC have sought experts (Astrol) to assist with the implementation of the plan and the opportunity arose for QLDC to have Queenstown Airport Corporation manage the airstrip.

QLDC met with the airport last week and are ready to go with some of the actions now. There have been lots of seeming inaction but they have been working hard on many issues at the airstrip.

Jeannie noted the challenge that there have never been any recordings of air movements to form a baseline use. No air movements were recorded as part of previous DOC concessions.



Thunes commented that the uncontrolled airstrip was a “bad risk” for the council and he was concerned that the plan had not been implemented.

QAC are working on an operational plan and QLDC are keeping involved.

The airport reserve will be discussed at Thunes’s next meeting with Mike Theelan.

Tom took the floor. Commented that he is in the middle and on all sides of the aircraft noise issue - at the Preserve and at Blanket bay. Tom receives complaints from guests and residents daily.

Went into agreement 2 years ago with QLDC to form a governance committee but Council have failed to appoint a committee and are left with no ability to deal with the issues.

Tom warned that there are lawsuits coming and for QLDC to expect dealings with the environment court.

90 days was promised from August 2 years ago.

Tom commented that Blanket bay was the most affected. Nick was ok and there was no problem with Heli-Glenorchy, rather the problem is with the Sky divers.

QLDC is failing to deal with the airstrip. Tom is getting complaints all the time but dealings with QLDC was non responsive.

The community needs to take a stand. Tom commented that he could close the road but was choosing not to do so.

Log agreed with Tom. Had also had problems trying to deal with the Skydive operators. Echoed the need for establishing the group.

John commented that it was clear that the community wants the level of air activity, measured at the time of reserves plan release, to stay the same.

Ian posed to council that they had indicated that it would be harder to build at the airstrip, but the plans show no sign of this?

Jeannie responded by saying that the reserve was zoned Glenorchy Rural and had no other specific restrictions, but the reserve management plan called for no major increase in activity. At the airstrip council have a role as a consenting agency and also as a landowner.

Nick commented that Heli-Glenorchy was all for the forming of a committee, it is the only way to sort out the issues.

Need licensing of operators to regulate flight movements.

Jannie agreed, definitely time for action.

Terry asked, how do operating licences get diluted. extended discussion continued on who should get licences.

Commercial operators have been given 90 days to get back to council to declare if they want to operate.



Airport growth is capped. Reserves income must be used on that reserve.

Terry - why not put the capped activity out to tender? There is high value in the licence and the community should be getting a fair fee for that.

Extended discussion

Difficult to tender if company already operating. would be unfair to push them out.

Pauline asked why are present operators not paying any landing fees. commented on the absurdity of it.

Jeannie - operators definitely will pay, but for now there has been a long and unfortunate delay.

John commented that it must be hard for QLDC to process resource consents with these issues pending.

GCA - What do council commit to do?

Thunes - Tomorrow meeting with CEO and will put the issue forward to Mike.

- want Astrol to take over as soon as possible
- QAC to manage the airstrip going forward
- Sort out access road and funding. QAC has said they will not take over until that is sorted.
- Set up governance committee
- Start licensing process within 2 to 3 months

Who will define the baseline of activity?

Jeannie - Getting flight logs from every operator, some have volunteered them, others involved in legal process.

Tom implored Thunes and Jeanie to make a statement of commitment of 60 days.

Thunes made a statement that QLDC will commit to forming the governance committee within 60 days. Form committee and have first meeting within 60 days.

GCA to add follow up of the discussion and commitment at next meeting in February.

3. Minutes of the November 2017 meeting.

Motion 'that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting'

Bakhuis/Glover



4. Matters arising from the November meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Adjustments to Oban St speed sign. - Steve is coordinating getting the relevant software and laptop connection in place. carry forward to next meeting

Mangawhai ratepayers association - Log to update. Carry forward

Film companies and usage fees - Huss contacted KJ who was open to fees being paid and a fees increase. community projects would benefit from the fees. communications are ongoing.

Crowd funding and waterfront donations box - Sam gave update. originally thought for the waterfront but with council adopting that we need to find another appropriate project, potentially museum group.

Will - Access to the existing donation box at the wharf shed was obtained. funds (and rubbish) were cleared (it had been quite some time) but not banked yet.

Glenorchy Stormwater drains - Log to update. Carry forward

Humboldt Park watering system - water has been turned off

Mull St commercial parking issue - Corrine - Working Bee has been completed, ready to paint parking lines, waiting on Pete to lay gravel access. Corrine presented draft signage.

Wastewater - Commercial water use metering - John - Council sent a letter calling for volunteers to have water meters installed. appears there were no volunteers. The letter was not clear enough. Sam to draft a letter to council providing feedback about the letter.

Bennetts Bluff

Ian - How did this happen! the selected site was rejected at the first draft. it is a total waste of time and money. If the viewing area is built on the Queenstown side of Bennett's bluff then it will be a total waste of money. Asking for GCA and Ferg to implore QLDC to delay the project.

Discussion on rock fall hazard and debate on the risk posed to the proposed car park

General comment that the Queenstown side of Bennett's bluff is "not the view"

Discussion continued

Ferg offered to facilitate a meeting between Ian and council.



5. Secretary's report

Secretary's report read at the meeting.

Motion 'that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be approved
Glover/De Reeper

Comments relating to correspondence on new recycling bins - Bins by skate park not used enough, suggest moving. Bins by hall, too close to memorial, need to be moved.

6. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report read at the meeting

SBS update 7/12/2017

Transactional a/c	\$28,592.60
Term deposit	\$15,557.95

Costs November - Pool - insurance, new keys and chemicals. also purchased new Automatic pool cleaning robot.

Need a new power point at pool, Paul Fraser to do

Motion 'that the treasurer's report be noted'
Hasselman/Bakhuis

7. Councillor Ferguson's report

Ferg provided a report to the meeting..

Glenorchy lake front development plan ticked off by the community services committee this morning, of which i am a member.

Paid a visit to Glenorchy and did a wee trip with a well known local and noted his concerns around Dart River Jet and the waterways in Glenorchy. Enjoyed some hospitality and catch up with JG at Kinloch. Trying to facilitate a meeting but GM away in Europe.

Change of tact by QLDC/NZTA over Bennetts Bluff. Ulrich Glasner has been in touch with GCA. I reinforced the need to continue to liaise with the GCA.

QLDC councilors and Mayor have had some discussions around a district wide rate to help smaller communities afford potential wastewater systems. They are ongoing as we have more discussion to come.

I am in an email loop where a Glenorchy couple are not happy with QLDC and the actions of Heli-Glenorchy. The CEO is also involved and it will be left to him and I will observe.



No Doubt you might be aware of what came out yesterday re Havelock North Water and the report released by Government. Im sure we will get a stare from council staff in due course.

Fired off RFS's to council re Stormwater soak holes, park n ride and public transport from the last meeting i attended.

I see one outstanding item that i have missed and that was contractors illegal dumping at the Bucklerburn. Will action if still required.

8.4 Swimming Pool

The Swimming pool is ready for the summer; maintenance is up to date and new keys have been purchased at a cost of \$600. This was a brief item to formalise what was already in process

Motion 'that a \$10 key deposit be collected with the Pool admission fee and used to ensure that Pool keys are returned after summer, or fund replacements'
Hasselman/Glover

Motion 'that a new robotic pool cleaning device be purchased for the pool'
Hasselman/Glover

8.5 Waterfront

Huss - Council have now formally adopted the waterfront plan and have agreed to funding a new toilet. Pete has commenced earthworks and willow removals. Briana Pringle (QLDC) has asked that GCA reinforce the need for funding at the next Long term plan funding round.

Discussion over the new toilet lead to talks over the Rugby club toilets and their availability for the public. Question was asked "Why are they not open and what is happening" Log to talk to Rugby club and find out the history/reasons.

9. GCA update report December 2017

Current issue	Aim	Status
GCA organisation	Improve engagement, effectiveness, reputation etc	Formal review needed but deferred for now
Wastewater	Management of wastewater meets needs, rules and community vision	Work underway to establish effects baseline. QLDC to install monitoring equipment and water meters in Nov 2017. Costs of testing individual properties performance appear prohibitive and Council propose visual inspections
District Plan rules GY	Ensure new rules meet community needs and aspirations	Stage 2 of the Proposed District Plan which addresses Transport, Earthworks, Signs, Visitor Accommodation, Wakatipu Basin and Open Space and Recreation is

		<p>now open for Submissions. All information including how to make a submission can be found here - http://www.qldc.govt.nz/planning/district-plan/proposed-district-plan-stage-2/. Submissions close 23 February 2018.</p>
Airstrip	Operates as per management plan	No liaison group - raised with Mayor and CE. Continues to cause problems going problems. To be raised with Community Services Committee Agenda Item in December meeting
Waterfront plan	Gradually implement	Plan was adopted by QLDC Update coming in agenda
Town centre plan	Re-designed streetscapes, parking etc, traffic flows.	No funding allocated this year. Shaping our Future task force have requested early funding for traffic management report. QLDC have identified Andrew Edgar as the initial contact for this. To be raised with the Mayor during his January visit
Peninsula Reserve management plan	QLDC produce plan	Council indicate management plans for GY reserves 'within the next few years'
Civil defence plan	GY specific plan and trained residents	QLDC Emergency Officer, Trevor Andrews, to present draft plan to the GCA Feb meeting
Additional Toilets	Waterfront, lagoons, in town	Waterfront toilet has been approved by council , to be built next FY as part of waterfront plan
GY road improvements		Road improvements are waiting on a report on the whole of the Glenorchy Road. We will be given the chance to comment on the draft report when it comes out. until then all other improvement jobs are in limbo.
Establishing a community garden	Implements vision plan recommendation	Meeting held but very poor attendance. Revisit in 6-12 months.
Camping area	Manage the effects of freedom campers by providing suitable location near the town	Discussion started at Aug 17 meeting. Feeling is that as commercial providers are providing options in the town nothing further should be done at this stage
Pool improvements	Improved user experience	agenda Item December meeting



Marina improvements	Better quality, maintained facility	Request for ladders at marina and wharf made. Suggest request made for upgrade is included in 10 year plan
Additional bins in rural area	Less littering and dumping in residents bins	Requests refused. Infrastructure committee feel public should take their waste away. This is unrealistic and we need to re-advocate our position
Tennis courts	Need resurfacing	Plan is to re-orientate the courts to avoid glare from sun. No \$ for this currently Council advise put in 10 yr plan GCA approaching Rugby club, suggesting they take it over.
Hall	New curtains, crockery, cabinet for PA system	Request made to APL who will action in second half of financial year if funds remain.

Late extras.

Craig - The Church group are looking for help with their insurance costs and requested that the GCA consider making a contribution.
 Discussion continued. left without resolve, GCA to consider.

Marina Improvements - Sam to follow up with ladders for Wharf and Marina

Meeting end 21:45