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Minutes for the meeting of the Glenorchy Community Association held on the 5th July 2018 at 7:30pm in the Glenorchy Hall

COMMITTEE: John Glover, Sam De Reeper, Will McBeth, Robert Bakhuis, Mark Hasselman, Naomi Coates, Danelle Jones

PRESENT: Corrine Davis, Paul Chapman, Ian Kirkland, Geoffrey Thomson, Amanda Hasselman, Peter Speight.

ORC GUESTS: Scott Liddell, Ben Mackey, Sharon Hornblow, Gavin Palmer, Ella lawton

1. Chairman's introduction and welcome.

John Opened the meeting and welcomed guests from Otago Regional Council. Also Welcome to Naomi, for her first meeting joining the committee.

2. Apologies

Ferg

Motion ' that the apologies received be accepted'
Glover/Jones

3. Minutes of the May 2018 meeting.

Thanks to Will

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

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

Matter from previous meeting	Action required	Lead	Status/Update
Glenorchy welcome sign and Glenorchy signs at One mile	Repairs to Signs. request for service, to have the Northern GY sign relocated request to have the Queenstown sign repaired and landscaped.	Wil	Request for service has been submitted to council. QLDC have responded saying they will send their contractor to investigate. waiting on the outcome. Need to get an update from Katherine for progress on the Glenorchy entrance sign.

Glenorchy Hall	Progress report on APL maintenance. Draft a single page terms of use document with basic requirements and guidelines for hall users. Talk to Rhonda to see what fee is charged now and whether any movement would be appropriate	Sam	Last check with APL had the work planned for 14th May. So far no sign of work done. need to follow up with APL. alterations to AV equipment cupboard complete.
Rubbish bins/signs Oban st	Request QLDC provide a litter bin at the end of Oban st. Request "no litter signage" from QLDC	Log/ Danelle	see note below...
Glenorchy road improvements	talk with Steve and try to get movement and better understanding on the issue	Huss	see note below...

Glenorchy Road report.

Huss met with Steve Hewland and studied the road report. The report is an assessment of the whole road including bridges, structures, safety and signage. I has a priority list of actions and above that an executive priority.

The plan is it concentrate on Bennetts bluff, the narrows, culverts and Precipice creek bridge becoming 2 lane. other works include improvements at Lake Face Creek (sight lines), Koch's corner and additional slow vehicle bays - potentially Rat Point, Campbell town and somewhere near the Animal farm. Some extra signage being proposed is more large chevrons at corners - will lobby to keep this to a minimum.

Need to follow up with the Long term plan to see what funds have been allocated for these projects.

John: Council is spending on the Gy road, make the most of it before the NZTA special road funding ends. Need to find out who in the council infrastructure committee is running the priorities. Huss to follow up with Pete Hansby

Ian: Recent gravel works on roads. can the gravel be sourced from somewhere other than the Rees, worst gravel in the district. Bucklerburn gravel is better, Paradise and priory gravel is good too.

Geoffrey: Concern over slow vehicle bays not working. Tourists not using bays properly, very rarely do cars pull over, need a real major rethink.

Naomi: Mentioned this at the bennetts bluff site visit, asked if better signage was possible with extra languages or better images/symbols. Answer was that they were preferring to pursue an educational approach with tourists.

Passing bays need to be longer and the no stopping signs at bennetts bluff are not working.



Rubbish Bins

Log has requested a bin for the end of Oban st, still in process. Still working on adjustments to the bins opposite DOC. Need to install signage at track ends to direct tourists to these bins.

Corrine: customer shared an observation of a chinese tourist going inside one of the new bins and using it as a toilet. should check the lock on the bins.

(now on toileting issue)

John: need to pursue a major behaviour modification, need to go back up the chain to educate visitors.

Log: go back to councils and central government to approach various embassies

Amanda: Is it worth a mildly offensive sign to shock a response. too many are hiding from the issue

continued discussion..

Ella: Freedom camping is a similar issue, a big challenge is the different rules depending on the different land tenure (Conservation land/Council land/Transit land/Private land etc). A good educational app is available - "Camper-mate"

Sam: should we make contact with destination Queenstown.

John: we did provide comment to DQ but got no reply. Seems they didn't really to get back to us or consider our issues.

Does the Glenorchy community need its own sign? also GY toilets are not especially well sign posted.

8.1 brought forward in agenda considering our guests time.

8.1 ORC : update on works & establishing ongoing engagement

Representatives from the ORC outlined planned works for management of Dart and Rees rivers.

Director Engineering, Hazards, and Science - Dr Gavin Palmer, Introduced the team from ORC.

Sharon Hornblow (Natural Hazards Analyst), Spoke about the Dart Delta in Flood and provided a presentation on the Rees and dart river deltas.

Link to presentation slides available on community website.

ORC allocating extra \$50k each year for planning long term Glenorchy Hazards. Funding for work to kick off next july and run for two years, but will be back before that to talk about the shape of the plans. ORC are committed to attending more community meetings

Tussock: could we hold back gravel in places like Muddy creek, is that tech available.



ORC: keeping an open mind and will be asking those questions but do have a budget to balance so that will have a big influence on design and efforts.

John: regarding ORC members attending GCA meetings - would prefer someone who could cover many disciplines and provide updates on a variety of plans, rather than specialist ORC staff

Used to have a point of contact in Queenstown, need to establish it.

Gavin: Plan to have 4 to 5 staff up here and very happy to come along to meetings. new Queenstown ORC office open at Terrace junction.

Ian: Questions over gravel extraction from Bucklerburn. has it been stopped? Why?

Gavin: will look into it.

GCA has current consent for gravel extraction from Bucklerburn

John: a new forum to meet with ORC might be better than just covering it at GCA as other groups eg Sustainable Glenorchy, Routeburn Dart Wildlife Trust etc would want to be involved.

Motion *“that the GCA establish a forum for quarterly meetings between the ORC and interested community groups”*

DeReeper/McBeth

5. Secretary's report

Many emails as it has been 2 months since the last meeting

Most emails were general correspondence relating to items already covered in the agenda and updates.

GCA has been invited to attend a “small communities catch up” hosted by QLDC. John and Danelle are attending on our behalf

An event management company has plans to host a group of a 112 people in Glenorchy on the 11th of January. They have requested our support for them to set up a series of large tents on the Glenorchy waterfront to house and feed their guests. GCA support them but suggest they should be on the grass area south of the skatepark and not near the wharf as they propose. Also ask for a contribution to the community.

Christine Ainsworth sent an email expressing disgust at litter and indiscriminate toileting habits of tourists on the Glenorchy walkway. John to reply.

A letter was sent to council expressing our desire to hold a public workshop in the next couple of months to identify desired community outcomes as a first step to minimising the impact of vehicles on the township. we hope to utilize funds allocated to minor road improvements in Gy.



Motion 'that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be approved
McBeth/DeReeper

6. Treasurer's report

GST done, accountant paid

Star Transactional account	\$20,674.16
Investment account	\$15,812.55

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

7. Councillor Ferguson's report

Report received by email, read to the meeting:

Glenorchy community association councillor report July 2018.

Apologies for non attendance - away on leave and out of the country end of the week plus a daughter home for a short break after time away.

The ten year plan passed at last weeks council meeting. I made comment at the meeting that it was a big piece of work, yes Queenstown and Wanaka have projects that need to be solved but we should not lose sight of our smaller communities. I have attached a copy of Mayor Jim Boult's speech after the agenda item was passed.

The Glenorchy airstrip governance group continue to work towards a final draft. Log might want to give an update ?

Alexa Forbes and myself from the infrastructure committee met with members of the GCA at Bennetts bluff to take a walk about and gain an appreciation of their thoughts. Peter Hansby from QLDC was also present.

I also received a request from Al Angus about a perceived dangerous overhanging rock at the narrows on the Glenorchy road. Took a council officer out to view and he has followed up and the report is attached as well.

Liaising with GCA around dates and availability to meet and make a forward plan on managing the vehicle impact in the Glenorchy town ship.

I am aware that the ORC are presenting tonight and I am keen to see a copy, if possible, of any presentation they might be sharing.

Councillor Ferg.



8. General business

8.2 Bennett's bluff viewing area

GCA reviewed QLDCs plans for providing a new viewing area to replace the current Bennett's Bluff pullover. The committee realise the status quo is untenable but recognise any replacement viewing area will not be as quick and convenient as the existing and is unlikely to offer the exact same view.

A number of the committee met with QLDC on the bennetts bluff site on 27th June, the councils plans appear as an acceptable solution and should provide a good outcome.

The council are not producing details design plans until the Glenorchy community's view becomes clearer

All GCA members have been down to the new proposed site. The current site is no longer sustainable.

Ian Kirkland did a lot of work for options on the GY side of the bluffs but the council prefer the Qtn side, as shown in their report.

Huss: Had reservations about the qtn side option but once standing on the trig point , saw that the site was a good option.

Naomi: Presently people park - look- then drive on. better to have a parking area with a short walk to a 360 degree view. The trig site has actually quite a good view and much better safety.

Log: Council also trying to look to future proof the capacity of the carpark/site. Current bluff have no capacity. Qtn side has ample room for many vehicles, toilets and for disable access walkway. The rockfall hazards are too high for the current site, North of bluffs.

Danelle: Trying to circumvent people stopping again (when they drive past and see the view)

Will: The new option is very good

Log: not seen many times when cars are parked in the middle of the road.

Ian: "we" chose the site (on the qtn side of the bluffs), but deemed it will not work - travellers will not stop at that site.

it is not the same view

how can you manage cars stopping (once they round the bluff and see the view we know) - you can't! you cannot get away from that risk.

Other sites are available on the Gy side but not disclosed.

was meant to be a safety project - this new plan will not stop vehicles stopping.



Will be a total waste of money and will not stop people parking there (current site).
Boult admitted clearly that it had to be on the Gy side
Hansby is just trying to do the easiest option.
GCA committee has only been to the one site

John: GCA have been to many sites. there are much more vehicles on the road these days - things have changed. Everyone knows where to get the best photos these days through what they hear on the internet. need to educate visitors and tour buses (about a new site and not to attempt to use the old one/present one)

Tussock: it brings to mind sites like knights point where you cannot see any view from the road but with the right construction and large signage you will catch most people.

Log: The chasm at Milford is an example of that too, can't see anything from the road but many people go there.

Corrine: Is there a chance of building a walking track from the proposed site to the current one.

Geological /rockfall risk is still an issue even if just walkers.

Ian: The Crack above Bennetts bluff was formed in the 94 flood, it was assessed then but deemed not a risk.

Sam: to identify some common ground - the current state is no longer tenable and parking there needs to be stopped. Neither option; Ian's Gy side or QLDC's qtn side, would eliminate the hazard of cars stopping in the middle of the road once they round the bend and see "the view"

Danelle: Many tourists use trip advisor before a trip. we could concentrate on how we can build awareness of the stopping hazard. sounds like there is still an avenue to build awareness. Busses in the new carpark would attract people to the site. there is a lot of room available at the proposed site.

Sam: to mitigate the safety argument of the "see view = stop", can we start planting trees to screen it?

Geoffrey: based on the current plans, concerned at the turning vehicle safety as cars go in and out of the proposed site. Also the slow vehicle bay would be lost and the entrance would be along a high speed section of road, which is potentially much more dangerous. Really concerned and has to be addressed for safety.
Agree with Ian, some may walk 15 minutes to a view but most won't. Open to have a walking track but it wont prevent safety issues at "the view".
Really feel council need to seriously address safety.



John: those plans are only basic preliminary designs and detailed safety design will occur once community view was better understood.

Detailed plans would accommodate safety requirements and all design would be assessed against safety.

The slow bay would go but a new one would be built to replace it.

Log: the site has a three lane roadway at present, making potential for a median strip entrance like at jacks point.

Ian: at a past meeting everyone agreed that the site must be on the Gy site.

Amanda: Remember people come up the Gy road but must also go back down it, they have a second chance to see the view if they miss the site the first time.

Danelle: The intent would be to have safe access to the site. Council will not be off the hook for this safety.

Will: The safety debate of the "see view = stop", when comparing qtn side to Gy side, is a mute point. Neither site counter it better.

There was a disagreement at the level of risk presented by rock fall.

Tussock: There is an engineers assessment describing the rock fall risk, so with a document existing it creates a liability for the council.

Danelle: Counsellors are very risk averse, which is exacerbating the issue.

Geoffrey: Where are the assessments of other options, this plan could create more hazards. there is no such thing as 100% safety. We expect a full report on why no options are available for the gy side.

John: The proposed site is the only one with the capacity

Log: new site would be very visible.

John: What about two having two options. include development of a smaller pull off area on the 2nd knoll past bennetts.

Geoffrey: That would cover off both of the hazards.

Sam: having two options would future proof things further.

Danelle: Suggest GCA go back to council and say that we like the site they propose but also would like a second pull over spot on the Gy side. This approach is better than just saying no, better to keep positive and open communication so that more information is freed up.



John: Request of council any information they may have on other sites considered. explain the benefit of a second viewing area as a site to catch and redirect travelers who miss the first and may be tempted to stop on the road. The secondary site may not be big enough but is good as a cover all option.

Geoffrey: There is room on the gy side, just needs earthworks to flatten it off. essential to have a spot on the GY side. Need more viewing laybys in general along the gy road

Danelle: Seems having two options is the closest we have to a good result

Motion - That a secondary smaller site on the north side of bennett's bluff is necessary to adequately mitigate safety
DeReeper/Coates

8.3 QLDC Long term plan.

Information about what has made it into the long term plan has become available. Noted at the meeting.

\$800k for airstrip management

Gy wharf \$230k in 2018/19 then \$422k in 2021/22

Gy toilet \$250k in 2018/19

Marina dredging and fences \$35k in 2018/19

Gy water supply

-Bore upgrades \$300k in 2018/19 then \$611k in 2019/20

-New reservoir \$800k in 2018/19

-New water treatment \$783k in 2020/21

Transport infrastructure

-Precipice creek bridge renewal \$250k in 2018/19

-Glenorchy minor improvements \$979k in 2018/19; \$997k in 2019/20 then \$1018k in 2020/21

-Also increased spend on GY road while it is still NZTA subsidised

\$20k for the Head of the Lake Trails Trust

Wastewater

-Scheme design, review of master plan \$10k in 2018/19 then \$20k in 2019/20

8.4 Meeting of local community groups

The committee consider that it would be worthwhile arranging a joint meeting of representatives from all GY based community groups to provide an opportunity for each group to understand what the others are working on, their priorities, any common issues and opportunities for mutual support.

Read and noted.

Motion "that the GCA set a date for and arrange a meeting of representatives of all GY based community groups"

McBeth/DeReeper



8.5 GCA constitution and community engagement

The committee consider that a review of the GCA constitution and how the GCA can best engage with our local community should be undertaken this year.

Motion *“that the GCA commence a review of its constitution and consider how it can best engage with the community”*

Glover/Jones

8.6 Provision of a chlorine free water supply at the village green

A suggestion has been made that the provision of a chlorine free water supply at the village green coupled with an initiative for the town to stop selling plastic water bottles would be a good fit with the community vision.

Motion *“that the GCA support the provision of a chlorine free water supply at the village green”*

Left on the table and passed over until next meeting

9. GCA update report July 2018

Ongoing issue/Project	Aim	Lead	Status/Update
GCA organisation	Improve engagement, effectiveness, reputation etc	Danelle	GCA aim to review in year 2018/19
Wastewater	Management of wastewater meets needs, rules and community vision	Danelle	QLDC have removed budget for wastewater scheme from their long term plan but have travelled to see some smaller community schemes elsewhere. ORC will be updating their discharge requirements as they draw up their new water plan over the next 2 years
District Plan rules GY	Ensure new rules meet community needs and aspirations	John/GCA	QLDC review of township rules for GY unlikely to start before summer 2018. GCA will meet with planning policy manager prior to then
Airstrip	Operates as per management plan	Log	Governance committee now established. Log representing GCA. Single point of contact established at council.
Waterfront plan	Gradually implement	John/Huss	Plan was adopted by QLDC. Contract let for survey and design of car park at northern end. Plan should be finalised by Aug 2018. Currently unsure as to timescale for physical works
Town centre plan	Re-designed streetscapes, parking etc, traffic flows.	John/GCA	Submitted for as part of 10 yr plan - not explicitly included so GCA will need to see if funding can come from minor works budget

Peninsula Reserve management plan	QLDC produce plan	John/GCA	Council indicate management plans for GY reserves 'within the next few years'
Civil defence plan	GY specific plan and trained residents	Sam/Naomi	QLDC Emergency Officer, Trevor Andrews, presented draft plan. subcommittee is now established
Additional Toilets	Waterfront, lagoons, in town	John	Additional toilets - funding bid made from Government infrastructure fund. Awaiting outcome.
GY road improvements	Understand road report and scope of works	Huss	Road improvements report received. QLDC signalled increased spend on road over next few years. We are unsure what on. Mayor vows to fight decision to reduce NZTA subsidy for the road.
<i>Establishing a community garden</i>	<i>Implements vision plan recommendation</i>	<i>Dormant</i>	<i>Meeting held but very poor attendance. Revisit in 6-12 months.</i>
<i>Camping area</i>	<i>Manage the effects of freedom campers by providing suitable location near the town</i>	<i>Dormant</i>	<i>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.</i>
Pool improvements	Improved user experience	Huss	closed for winter - re-painting to be done and shower water heater repair needed
Marina improvements	Better quality, maintained facility	Sam	Request for ladders at marina and wharf made. Funds in 2018/19 budget for dredging and fencing
Additional bins in rural area	Less littering and dumping in residents bins	Log/Danelle	No progress - cluster of bins by fire station to be promoted to campers /hikers
<i>Tennis courts</i>	<i>Need resurfacing</i>	<i>Naomi</i>	<i>Plan is to re-orientate the courts to avail glare from sun. No \$ for this currently</i>
Hall	New curtains, crockery, cabinet for PA system	Sam	Plan of works to be undertaken soon
Glenorchy Community Plan	Formally append the visioning plans to the Community plan	John	Made contact with Philip Blakely, who compiled the Glenorchy town plan and currently holds the copyright, to ask if it were appropriate to add the visioning plans. Philip thought that would be ok and offered to help with editing the document. Once updates are completed, the plan will be sent to the council.



Tennis court

Naomi to take lead on, and re-open, tennis court issue.

Airstrip update

Log: Work is in progress

Fencing work has been done for security

Opus are looking into traffic management and entrance possibilities

The noise management plan is in draft

have asked for a "no fly zone" over Glenorchy

Website is being built and will be an avenue for all comments and complaints

CAA are becoming more aware of the gy issues

\$800K has been allocated in the long term plan for management of the gy airstrip.

The two current operators have been told flight movements will be capped as per the management plan.

Log has proposed a cap on flight times to prohibit flights after 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Will: I disagree and believe it is not necessary, not justified to place complicated burden/restriction on operators

John: Most takeoffs have no impact, its only one single operator that has a impact.

Maybe only target specific operators/aircraft.

Address why people might want a 6pm finish, find out what is giving the most discontent, target that rather than applying a 6pm ban.

Cellular phone coverage

A cell phone tower near the start of the Greenstone/Caples in planned for 2019 as part of the governments mobile black spots fund.

The divide entrance to the Routeburn is also included but not the Glenorchy side.

follow the link below for further information

<https://www.crowninfrastructure.govt.nz/rural-broadband-initiative-phase-two-rbi2-mobile-black-spots-fund-mbsf/>

Water treatment

Corrine noted that they observe the council contractors at the chlorine unit, working there every day for more than half the day. Who is paying for that and what are they doing?

Danelle to ask council and also follow up on water testing results.

John to follow up with ORC tomorrow (water)

Generator

Should be operational by the end of the month

END 10:43 PM