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Minutes for the meeting of the Glenorchy Community Association held on the 6th December 2018 at 7:30pm in the Glenorchy Hall

Committee: John Glover, Will McBeth, Robert Bakhuis, Mark Hasselman, Danelle Jones.

Present: Peter Speight, Rosemary Farmer, Bruce Farmer, Paul Fraser, Trish Fraser, Mike Spencer.

1. Chairman's introduction and welcome.

John Welcomed all to the meeting, noting the last meeting of the year.
Bruce gave thanks to the committee for their efforts throughout the year.

2. Apologies

Sam DeReeper, Naomi Coates

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

3. Minutes of the November 2018 meeting.

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

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

Matter from previous meeting	Action required	Lead	Status/Update
Greenwaste	put in a "request for service" regarding the state of the road from Oban St to the greenwaste	Naomi	QLDC have accepted the request and the road will be added to their maintenance plans
Water mains leaks	Sam to investigate leaks near the Library and Feg to update on repairs to ground pipes near Cynarra's	Sam	Contractors have been sited attending to this issue.

Requests for service (RFS). <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/council-online/online-forms/fix-it/>
The RFS system is the council's preferred method for residents to log faults or ask for work to be done. The GCA uses this system, however any person can log a request via the councils website.



GCA to keep a log of current "Glenorchy related" RFS and track their progress. RFS log to be reported on at meetings and tabled on agenda's. Danelle to do.
Greater promotion of the RFS/"Fix it" system is needed throughout community. add link on Glenorchy website.

5. Secretary's report

correspondence - *not covered elsewhere on agenda*

- *Armistice day. email regarding plans for armistice day event*
- **QLDC - Smaller communities meeting**
 - These meetings have been set up by QLDC on a quarterly frequency as a way to talk about common concerns. Latest meeting was chaired by Ulrich and focused on infrastructure.

John read the emailed notes to the meeting

The meeting was attended by members of Hawea, Kingston, Luggate, Glenorchy and Arrowtown business and community associations and chaired by Councils Chief Engineer with Councillors Ferguson, Stevens, Clarke and Smith in attendance.

Points of interest for Glenorchy:-

The CEO and Mayor will again visit in February to review township issues with GCA representatives.

GY Water supply. - reservoir design by March next year and built by end June.
Current bore site is good - no need to move. Camera assessment of bores will be undertaken to decide if repair or replacement needed. Treatment shed will be by the bore, not the roadside.

Council will run rolling restrictions as required over the summer eg hosepipe ban and will have signage in place at entrance to town indicating status.

A water metering strategy will be presented to Council mid 2019

QLDC will undertake a review safety of private water schemes

(We were amused to hear that a new bore had been drilled for Luggate next to Dead Horse Creek. It was pointed out that this was preferable to the location of next creek which is called Poison Creek.)

From July - we will move to a 3 bin system - waste, glass, other recyclables. Details tba.

The opportunity was taken to raise with Councillors:-

the detrimental consequences of the new mowing contract which has left all township residents in the District now having to mow (or not) between their property and the road and

our frustration that despite Council having been awarded @\$750,000 from the Tourism infrastructure Fund for new toilets in GY some months ago, there is no plan in place to do the work.

- *Wendy Syme - Gravel - a request for gravel extraction*
- *John - Waterfront update - Carparks works going ahead. no toilets yet*
- *Chris Hazell - Incentive group use of Marquee at waterfront - Huss to send invoice*
- *Mike Theelan - Leaves of the Bible*



- Asked Mike Theelan for an update and was asked to put together more info supporting GCA request.

John read email:

Thanks for your email of 24th November.

There are many compelling reasons why the Glenorchy community consider QLDC should take ownership of the leaves of the Bible Terrace without delay and these are set out in detail below.

Accordingly you will realise we disagree with the view that *"it has no strong recreational benefit to the council or the community"*

The acquisition of this land for the community will also add significantly to community wellbeing and provide for a range of opportunities for the community to work together to improve the land - activities that foster a sense of community and are anticipated in our Community Vision.

As we discussed when we met recently, the GCA would be happy to coordinate and participate in works to improve the land along with other bodies such as Wilding Pines group, Head of the Lake Trails Trust, Routeburn Dart Wildlife Trust etc.

We would anticipate a heads of agreement document outlining roles and responsibilities for improving and maintaining the land and could meet with you at short notice to discuss if required.

Specific comments on the opportunities arising from Council ownership are :-

- Head of the Lake Trails Trust: this recently formed group, partly funded by QLDC are currently developing a strategic plan of potential walking/biking trails throughout the area; the Bible Terrace offers huge potential for linking other walking routes, developing beginner mountain bike trails and relieving pressure on other tracks.
- the continuation of the Glenorchy Walkway across the elevated aspect of the face will offer significant views. The land has a climate and orientation suited to native planting to allow for native species like Rata, Rimu, Matai and Totara to grow productively and allowing the birdlife around Glenorchy to flourish.
- Routeburn Dart Wildlife Trust is focussed on predator control at the head of the lake. They have 640 traps in situ and are looking to extend their networks to foster their goal of 'bringing back the birdsong'. PF 2050 is possibly the most ambitious biodiversity goal on the planet and RDWT is networking with other trapping groups in the Southern Lakes to fund a blueprint for PF Southern Lakes. Opportunities to trap and replant the leaves of the Bible will bring birds back into our community and encourage support of the wider aim.
- Glenorchy is essentially a rural community but rapid infill of late has turned it into more of a suburban community. By transferring the leaves of the Bible to Council we retain a natural backdrop which cannot be subdivided in the future.
- Tourism numbers have increased exponentially of recent time putting overuse strains on existing walkways particularly the Lagoon Walkway which has been a favourite of locals but who now avoid peak hour use. A wider network of local tracks would ease the burden and may well link to bus parking sites to restrict vehicle access to the town centre.
- Gy community has a long history of tree planting and has an excellent working relationship with Wakatipu Reforestation Trust. The potential to revegetate the leaves of the Bible with native plantings that encourage birdlife is enormous and is another way of building community.
- Replanting on the site could be a great carbon offset for the community and fits well with the Shaping our Future vision. There is also potential to encourage visitors to plant a tree to mitigate their huge carbon footprint in travelling to NZ.
- By protecting the leaves of the Bible we may improve water quality and security of tenure would ensure long term access to the town water supply.
- Ownership at this stage before new housing is constructed at the foot of the hill would make weed removal much simpler; we need a social license to use herbicides.

Kind regards,
John Glover

Strong feeling that Mike and Thunes do not want to acquire the bible despite our continued lobbying

Bruce - not getting the service we deserve for our rates. pay high rates and not getting a fair return.

John - Council concerned about the future liabilities.

- Craig Waddell - Airstrip and Helicopter noise - *included in discussion below*
- Trish Fraser - HeliGY consent application, request GCA ask for notified
 - request was discussed -



There were many views around the table and acknowledgement that there is a large degree of interest around the community. Don't think we could get a consensus around the GCA committee

Log - Notification gives more transparency. we are not officially for or against.

Dannelle - see significant public interest, support council process if chosen to notify.

GCA to make suggestion to council

Bruce - like the approach to ask for application to be notified. have recently seen impacts of aircraft noise on the homer tunnel. everyone has an opinion.

Huss - Concerned that if it becomes notified then it could take efforts away from management at the airport. Worried it would become a distraction

Trish - understand the points but it is not about what the GCA committee members think but rather about the community plan

Danelle - trying to consider the mixed community views

Huss - don't want to lose traction at the airport

Log - Council realise it is a major problem around the district. if notified everyone can have their say

- Josh Walton (Mountain Scene) - Helicopter noise - *request of GCA for media comment on helicopter issues*
- Volunteer Central - potential Glenorchy volunteer day event.
 - Opportunities for GCA hosting an 'international Volunteers day' event in Glenorchy were explored with Volunteering central and with Ferg. relates to GCA plans to bring all Glenorchy groups together to help share common issues. Capacity and timing were significant hurdles and the concept was put on hold. potential to host an event during next NZ volunteer week in June.

Motion 'that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be approved

McBeth/Jones

6. Treasurer's report

Annual grant has been received, Pool grant has been re-applied for.

Star Transactional account	\$21,664.00
Investment account	\$16,178.73

Pool - Fairly major maintenance issues. Pool presently drained. The fibreglass lining is cracked, the major holes have been patched but may need a full replacement at some



stage. Need to flag this with council. Aymeric has been doing a great volunteer effort on the pool repairs - GCA to provide recognition.

Some major pool fundraising may be needed next year. looking to re-open in the next couple of weeks.

Insurance quotes coming in at \$3500.

Motion 'that the treasurer's report be noted'

Hasselman/Glover

7. Airport report

Log - Draft noise management plan has been considered, GCA have provided suggested amendments.

1. We consider training for slinging, lifting, heli -ops etc is best carried out at the airstrip. There is an annual training need for this from Rural Fire and DOC teams and to require it to be held off-site will add significant costs.

2. We would like to see confirmation that activities associated with top dressing, beekeeping or other occasional agricultural operations are anticipated and allowable operations.

3. The airstrip has had a long history and association with trainee pilots undertaking circuits and landings and it was exactly this sort of occasional use that the community felt the airstrip should be retained for.

We would be opposed to this being prohibited unless the local training organisations and recreational pilot associations have been consulted and have confirmed that the airstrip is not needed for these activities.

4. Club rallies add to the diversity of our area and have been held in the past. We do not see why they could not be accommodated in the future with appropriate management instead of being prohibited.

Feedback from QLDC is that all GCA comments are reasonable and amended to noise management plan

Council recently held a workshop examining council risk with the airstrip management plan.

There is support for a review of the management plan within the next 12 months. this is good to hear

John - If the RMP is to be updated it will require a full consultative process

Ferg - it is very evident how different Gy is today compared to 2 years ago.

There is a high level awareness in council of what is going on. got to find some common ground

8. Councillor Ferguson's report

Fergs report this month focused on a discussion on recent QLDC staff replies.

GCA requested additional portable toilets for the holiday period. QLDC response:

The opportunity for a camping hub in Glenorchy was disapproved by the Community Association in November and the hub has been located elsewhere in the district, this was funded by MBIE and the funds have obviously been utilised in the other location. One accessible and one normal portaloo have been installed at Benmore Place Reserve (by



existing Norski toilet). This is the same arrangement as the last two years. There is no budget for *any* further *temporary* toilet facilities

Log - one extra toilet at the wharf is not enough

A \$750k toilet upgrade was approved by MBIE in september but not happening now until May. Council are planning a 4 pan toilet unit.
GCA have expressed we dont want a single 4 pan unit but rather 2 x 2 pan units and a single pan

Mowing contracts - level of service is going backwards. also a problem in Kingston and Luggate. QLDC response:

The LOS on the reserves has not changed. We have removed a number of verge mowing's from Glenorchy to align Glenorchy with the Verge Mowing Policy and the LOS the rest of the district receives, if they would like all of the road reserves mowed, the policy would need to be changed.

Bruce - need to ask council for a break down of our rates and where the spending is spread. Appears we are getting a bad deal.

Ferg - suggest respond to Thunes quickly

Ask for High level rates funding/costs data

Ferg to get Scott Stevens to visit Glenorchy and come up to speed

9. General business

9.1 Glenorchy Signage

3 Drafts of the "Protect our Paradise" sign were presented for review. discussed whether we preferred ✓✓✓✓ and ✕✕✕ or happy and angry face emoji's. Options using colour could be difficult for colorblind people.

Options with the classic "circle with a line crossed through it" were preferred.

Trish - need to test signs with visitors to see which version makes most sense. get someone who can speak mandarin to help

Mike - Add "no freedom camping"

Will - a national approach to this is being planned so no need for it on our sign

The next phase will be printing them. Need to get quotes on a couple of material options.

John - some business may want 'tear off pads' or maybe laminated sheets for bus seat pockets

Ask DRJS their opinion and where they would use them. Ask if they would contribute.

Also get it out on social media

Ben Greenwood from QLDC has responded to a GCA RFS for maintenance on the Glenorchy sign at the One-mile and other Glenorchy signage.



He suggests that the 'non-standard' "welcome to Glenorchy" sign and Kinloch sign are not QLDC signs and so not funded.

John - The Kinloch sign was installed by council and bares the council logo.
Need to log a RFS for maintenance on the Kinloch sign.

The Welcome to Glenorchy sign in Gy has been renovated by Katherine Schuitmaker is looking great. a huge improvement. The wooden Glenorchy sign at the one mile is very unlikely to get any QLDC attention.

Council also desire to tidy up signage and appearance at the start of the Glenorchy road. The solution proposed at this stage includes relocating the Gy road and Tommy Thomson signs and erecting them as an 'all in one' including a panel that notifies road closures. The GCA supports this.

Two new "no drone" signs are on offer from QLDC also. asking for location guidance
Suggest one at the Wharf and the other at the new carpark

9.2 Glenorchy Water Supply

A water supply update from council was provided at the meeting
Water Supply: Beca contracted for reservoir design, design to be finished
March 2019, plan to be built before EOFY. Geotech studies done, conclusion current bore site suits purpose & adequately protected, camera assessment to be undertaken to determine health/if new bores need to be drilled. More permanent treatment building to be established. Potential to shift underground.
Council will run rolling restrictions as required over the summer eg hosepipe ban and will have signage in place at entrance to town indicating status.
A water metering strategy will be presented to Council mid 2019

9.3. Volunteer responsible camping patrol person

We have been asked if there a possibly of looking into getting a community based volunteer to check the area for freedom campers for the enforcement team.
The Glenorchy road is being set up for no camping and rumored to be patrolled by Cougar security. If Council and DOC are getting a contractor on the road then they should also be doing Glenorchy. There are more ratepayers affected by campers in Glenorchy than there are along the road edges.
It becomes difficult when a community member fills that role. it needs a professional approach.
Ferg - the Hubs are funded, hence Cougar's involvement.
GY should be a priority.
Ferg - Mayors belief is that no one should be able to camp for free.

10. GCA update report December 2018

Ongoing issue/Project	Aim	Lead	Status/Update
Leaves of the Bible	Secure the land as community reserve	Huss	GCA continue to lobby QLDC to acquire the land. Council concerned over future liabilities.
Protect our paradise Sign	take the draft sign through to professional design standard in preparation for its production.	Will	3 drafts have been received at the December meeting. Public testing to be done
Glenorchy signs at One mile	Improvements and Repairs to Signs.	Will	Council have plans for relocating the Gy road and Tommy Thomson signs and erecting them as an 'all in one' including a panel that notifies road closures
Bennetts Bluff viewing area	Work with council to develop safer parking and viewing area at Bennetts bluff	John	Bennetts Bluff new carpark and viewing area is going to tender for construction in the new year. This includes closing of the existing slow vehicle lane and existing Bennetts Bluff lookout due to safety issues. The final design will be issued to GCA for information and construction is expected between March and May 2019. QLDC are progressing above while undertaking the detailed design for the new slow vehicle lane near Rats Point, therefore there is a risk that Bennetts Bluff may proceed without the additional slow vehicle lane. north side, only reasonable site available is on Mt Creighton land . Council not wanting to do anything until the new site is complete, then will look further into changes on the north side..
GCA organisation	Improve engagement, effectiveness, reputation etc. Review constitution.	Danelle	08/18 - (DJ has reviewed updated standing orders and example rules with the Companies office. Changes appear to be relatively minor compared with what we have today. Has also reviewed other comparable societies (via the registered documents with the Companies Office). and proposes to draft an update to the rules and submit to the GCA at the September meeting for review / circulation ahead of a (special) General Meeting to amend the rules
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.

			Results from ground water sampling available on the website
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. In the interim, the community vision has been added to the community plan and this has been updated on the QLDC website.
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	Car park works underway. center lawn area being fenced off with timber bollards. tight budget, no funding for planting.
Town centre plan	Re-designed streetscapes, parking etc, traffic flows.		workshop being was held on 26 October. Notes are available on the website
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	Detailed design is set to take place starting in January which will be quick with completion expected by end of Jan early Feb. Once detailed design is complete building consent can be submitted and tender for the work will be start Early Feb - Award End Feb. (coinciding with building consents) Construction start Early to Mid-March 2019 Completion Mid-May 2019
GY road improvements	Need to find out who in the council infrastructure committee is running the priorities. Huss to follow up with Pete Hansby	Huss	Road improvements report received. QLDC signalled increased spend on road over next few years.
Camping area	Manage the effects of freedom campers by providing suitable location near the town		Feeling is that as commercial providers are providing options in the town nothing further should be done at this stage. GCA did not endorse the freedom camping zone proposed by council. Council camping hubs should be along GY road, not in township.



Pool improvements	Improved user experience	Huss	Pool re-opened for summer. may need major repairs next year. to be flagged with council
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	cluster of bins by fire station to be moved back against the fence adn space allowed for pull in parking Signs made up by Will and placed at Campsites and track ends.
Tennis courts	Need resurfacing	Naomi	Naomi is currently canvassing opinions from users of the tennis courts as to what is wanted.
Hall	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	The lining of the Hall is too prone to damage so APL are planning to re-line the walls . Upgrades are being done to the Hall toilets. New curtains are being made
chlorine free water supply	Chair to draft notice for website and local shop windows to seek suggestions	John	Still pending

Wharf Ladder - ask Sam for update

Skate park - Peter - Need more Rocks to keep vehicles off the grass verg, would make it safer for children.

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