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**Minutes for the meeting of the Glenorchy Community Association to be held on the 4th October 2018 at 7:30pm in the Glenorchy Hall**

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

Present: Katie Russell, Amanda Hasselman, Ruth-Ann Anderson, Peter Speight, Ian Kirkland, Paul Chapman, Bruce Douglas, Eric Scott, Geoffrey Thomson, Kathrine Schuitemaker.

**1. Chairman's introduction and welcome.**

John opened the meeting and welcomed all attending

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Minutes of the September 2018 meeting.**

Thanks to Naomi for standing in while Will was absent.

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

Glover/DeReeper

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

| Matter from previous meeting | Action required   | Lead | Status/Update   |
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| chlorine free water supply   | Chair to draft notice for website and local shop windows to seek suggestions and report to Sept meeting | John | still to progress   |
| Protect our paradise Sign    | take the draft sign through to professional design standard in preparation for its production.          | Will | Quote received from Invincible Design for further development of the draft. expected to be around 5 to 8 hours of work at \$79. work is going ahead |
| Leaves of the Bible          | approach Tom Tusher to discuss status quo and research options.   | Huss | see below   |



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| Greenwaste | put in a “request for service” regarding the state of the road from Oban St to the greenwaste | Naomi | RFS has been made but no progress yet. |

**Leaves of the Bible:** Intention is for the community to take ownership of the land. Huss spoke to Thunes from QLDC, the feeling from them is that they are not interested, they already have legal access to the water tanks and they feel that Tom has not honoured his weed control obligations. GCA believe still good interest in the community ownership of the land. we still need to push this along. Ferg suggests a meeting with Mike Theelan and Mayor to discuss this further. Ferg to enquire who else to talk to.

### 5. Secretary's report

The Secretary’s report was read at the meeting.

30+ inward emails - Items covered on agenda

12 Outward emails - replies and forwards relating to items covered on the agenda

Motion ‘that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be approved  
McBeth/Glover

### 6. Treasurer's report

GST done, bills paid.

Invoice for pool grant to be done.

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| Star Transactional account | \$15,656.45 |
| Investment account         | \$15,812.55 |

Motion ‘that the treasurer's report be noted’  
Hasselman/Glover

### 7. Airport report

Heli-GY’s application for a temporary hanger at the airstrip has been declined by the council. The GCA would have supported the temporary hanger, perfering all air operations to reside at the same place, i.e the airstrip. The community was not asked about the temporary hanger and should have had a role there. There are problems with information flowing from qldc to the community.



Ferg commented that Jeanie from QLDC has been under a heavy workload recently and that is affecting outputs.

John suggested that 3 monthly meetings of the airport management group was too few. Operators should be able to have facilities at the airstrip and the airport management plan does not restrict buildings.

Log commented that the OPUS report on safety of the new road was released after the road was built.

## **8. Councillor Ferguson's report**

I know there has been a lot of dialogue with council staff after our funding application for toilets was successful through the tourism infrastructure fund.

Ulrich has advised that they are seeking data from environmental effects of on site sewage management in Glenorchy. Ulrich should have that by November's meeting and wishes to come up and present those to you.

Bennetts Bluff - I have sought information from Matt Taylor working on that project. He has given me an update sheet and a layout plan to share with GCA.

Freedom camping - Clare Tomkins i know has been in touch around the QLDC receiving funding for a range of projects including establishing camping hubs, signage and monitoring and enforcement campaigns. All projects will have a particular focus on educating capers on which sites are appropriate for freedom camping and directing them to camping hubs and sites. DOC are supportive. Skips and bins provided as well.

I had some discussion with APL around the Targa rally issue voicing the communities position as presented by GCA. I backed that up and a watered down version of the road closure obtained. It appears the organiser has had a lot of push back from communities involved in the rally this year. I reiterated that his lack of contact with the GCA has been extremely disappointing.

And contact made with GCA around proposed speed limit changes. Driven by Govt in reaction to the appalling road toll. consultation on the way, make sure you have your say.

## **9. General business**

### **9.1 ORC are updating us on what they are doing re Dart / Rees river management**

Emailed from Ben Makey: here are some updates regarding ORC work on the Rees/Dart since we met in July.

- A gravel bund near Kowhai Bush was constructed as a temporary measure to keep the Dart away from the Kinloch Road. This was breached a few weeks



ago, but has since been repaired. We emphasise construction of this is a temporary measure, while other options are investigated.

- ORC staff walked the true right bank of the Dart River in late August to document the extent of erosion. GPS tracks of this inspection have been compared to 2007 aerial photos. New aerial photos of the area are due soon.
- The jet boat issue was discussed at the Council's technical committee on 12<sup>th</sup> September. I will follow up separately with further details about this discussion. The information that went before the Committee is available on page 8-10 of this document:  
<https://www.orc.govt.nz/media/6083/tech-agenda-12-sep-2018-zip.pdf>
- At the July meeting there was discussion about consents to take gravel from the lower Buckler Burn. The GCA currently holds a consent to extract up to 20,000 cubic metres per year. This consent expires in two years.
- Planning to start work on a Rees-Dart River management/hazard management strategy probably early next year. We are hoping this will have a lot of community input and involvement
- As mentioned on the phone, ORC is willing to send representatives to GCA meetings to provide updates or take questions. If a different forum would be preferable (for example a separate meeting focusing on ORC-related work) we are happy to help arrange this when convenient.

There was discussion at the meeting over how to structure meetings with ORC representative, it was preferred that they attend the regular GCA meetings and provide updates like Ferg does.

## **9.2. G Thomson- to introduce the Glenorchy Community Trust**

Geoffrey introduced the Glenorchy Community Trust, trustees being; Geoffrey Thomson, Katie Russell, Ruth-Ann Anderson, Amanda Hasselman, Paul Ferris, Debbie and Paul Brainerd.

The Headwaters complex is set up for any returns to go to the GY community trust. A web page is now established ([www.glenorchycommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.glenorchycommunitytrust.co.nz)) and online funding applications are available. The intent is for Trustees to meet 4 times a year to review applications, preferring not to solely fund projects but rather to support other funding granted.

A copy of the website was presented at the meeting.

## **9.3. Freedom camping hub proposed at the Rec ground**

John read out QLDC's email to give context to their request:

Hi John,

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is set to receive \$530k from Central Government's Responsible Camping Working Group. The funding from the Tourism Facilities Development Grants Fund will provide new facilities and services across the district, including Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), the Department of Conservation (DoC) and QLDC land this summer.



QLDC has sought funding for a range of projects including establishing camping hubs, signage, and monitoring and enforcement campaigns. All projects will have a particular focus on educating campers which sites are appropriate for freedom camping and redirecting them to camping hubs or sites.

We have been receiving feedback of some of the issues associated with freedom camping in Glenorchy, such as a lack of rubbish bins, toilets and camping on the lake front and we would like to propose that we establish a hub in Glenorchy to help alleviate some of the problems for this summer season.

DOC are supportive of this to assist with freedom camping in the area.

We are proposing that we give you options to look at and give us feedback on. These will be free sites and funded from Tourism Facilities Development Grants Fund.

- Glenorchy Recreation Ground – snip attached of the area proposed, but we are happy to look at **other locations** in Glenorchy if the community wish to propose another site.

Option 1:

- Approx. 10-15 sites for self-contained camper's only – non compliant campers will still be asked to use the camping grounds for overnight camping.
  - 4x port-a-loos & servicing
  - 1x 5m3 skip bins & empties – as well as the bins that have been installed opposite the Fire Station.
  - Signage to ensure users are aware of what they can and can't do.
  - Fencing to ensure area is contained.

Option 2:

- Day Use Hub only ( no camping)
  - 4x port-a-loos & servicing
  - 1x 5m3 skip bins & empties – as well as the bins that have been installed opposite the Fire Station – we could look to relocate these bins if this was desired to the Hub?
  - Signage to ensure users are aware of what they can and can't do.
  - Fencing to ensure area is contained.

Option 3:

- Status Quo
- 2 x portaloos on lake front
- Existing rubbish bins and bins at the fire station

Our communication material will assist campers to find this location and ask those that are not self contained to use the camping grounds.

We would need to ensure this did not impact on the Glenorchy Races and would consider the best way to do this in conjunction with the committee.

The Rugby Club lease is for the building only, so if the association is supportive we will discuss this with them.

The Freedom Camping Strategy that is currently being developed will look beyond this summer season 18/19, this measure is to assist communities for this summer and to help inform us of what works and does not for the future of Freedom Camping in our district.

We appreciate there are camping grounds that campers can pay to stay at, this measure is to capture those that do not wish to pay and that will camp in unsuitable locations.

We are seeking councillor and community group support to go ahead with these sites to ensure delivery by the 1<sup>st</sup> November. **Please respond by email on or before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October with your feedback please.**

Regards  
Clare Tomkins



Of course the use of the Rec grounds for freedom camping is not supported by the GCA

Kirky - how could this have not been sent to the Rugby and Golf clubs?

Bruce - Suggest council put toilets at the 25 Mile

John - we Shouldn't be making free areas in town where people should really be paying.

Danelle - Like the idea of using existing known sites (like 25 mile)

(the use of the 25 mile was widely supported by meeting attendees)

Sam - suggest we put forward 3 sites along the Glenorchy road - 25 mile, Little Stoney and Meiklejohns.

Wil - FYI Diamond Lake amenity area now has a toilet facility and there is the potential for this site, which receives many freedom campers, to become a paid DOC campsite.

Motion: that the GCA reply promoting use of the following sites for Freedom camping hubs with council provided facilities: firstly - 25 Mile, secondly - Little Stoney, Thirdly - Meiklejohns Bay.  
DeReeper/Glover

#### **9.4. Proposal to fell Douglas Fir tree planted to commemorate construction of the GY road**

QLDC and DOC wilding pine operations are progressing around the airstrip and Stone creek. The large commemorative Fir is targeted because it is a source of wilding seeds, it is requested that it be felled.

Originally there were 4 but 2 have already gone.

Suggest planting 4 new trees to replace them.

Go to the families of the persons named on the plaque and ask for their comments

There is a Macrocarpa also on the site which is being affected by the large Fir tree, if the Fir was to go, the Macro would benefit.

Geoffrey commented that he was there at the planting and explained that at the time it was the two oldest ladies in the town and the two youngest children in the school that were chosen to commemorate the opening of the road.

This site has potential for the museum group to install some historical information panels

Overall not adverse to the problem trees being removed but need to preserve the essence of the commemoration, by replacing the trees, and the families need to be contacted.

#### **9.5. Planning for the end of October workshop on traffic in GY**

The Traffic planning workshop is coming up on the 26th of October, it is a brainstorming session designed to help Gy with Traffic, pedestrian, street design and parking issues



Ferg requested to get us resources

Ferg to follow up with roading engineers and a summary of the RFS's received on the issue.

Looking for input from Blakely and Wallace

- further planning discussions continued after meeting closed.

### **9.6. Our preferred options for toilets now QLDC have got tourism infrastructure funding**

Funding has now been granted for new public toilets in Glenorchy. We need to discuss our preferred options

The original concept presented by council was a 4 pan exeloo, but with onsite sewage disposal not available at the waterfront this option is not possible.

So far the preference is for 3 of the DOC style concrete vault toilets (like those at Wilson Bay and 7 Mile).

Ian - suggested raising the ground level for the toilet so that onsite disposal was above flood level.

Sam - this would affect the current waterfront plan and site views.

Danelle - prefer a coin operated option so that users could contribute.

Log - concerned this would lead to users going "behind the toilet" to avoid paying, and cause a greater problem.

Danelle - would still like a composting option to be explored.

### **9.7. Provision of portable radios**

This stems from recent power outage and lack of communications. QLDC thought our local radio could put out information, but Chas doesn't operate if power is off (although he can) because he reckons no-one is listening. He suggests we promote households to get portable radios so he can broadcast to them. K Mart have them for \$9. The GCA could buy and on-sell them or we could see if someone eg Delta/ Aurora etc could help funding.

There was disagreement that people don't listen, most have cars with radios and in real emergencies have the ability to listen.

Chas is included in civil defence planning and information systems

A test service is available from the council, which provides good information.

There are sufficient systems available should a real emergency arise. no pressing need for GCA to promote portable radios.

### **9.8 . Silver Birch trees along Oban Street.**

Sam was asked by Trudy when the Birch trees were being removed.

Reply from camp Glenorchy was that trees were not going to be strip cleared, once newer plants have matured then the old birch's will be progressively taken out.



### 9.9. Glenorchy Hall Toilets

APL have been granted \$20k for refurbishing the Hall public toilets, they are planning on re-lining and new fittings, but also ask if we have any specific view on how the money would be spent.

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

Sam to talk to Rhonda for further input for how the money can be spent.

Amanda - need to consider the hall acoustics when relining the walls.

### 10. GCA update report September 2018

| Ongoing issue/Project                                  | Aim   | Lead    | Status/Update   |
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| Glenorchy welcome sign and Glenorchy signs at One mile | Improvements and Repairs to Signs.  | Will    | Request for service has been submitted to council. waiting on QLDC response. K Schuitmaker has kindly set out recommendations for refurbishing the sign in Glenorchy and the GCA agreed to her suggested in situ option. Paint and supplies have been purchased, plan is for work to be done by end of November   |
| Bennetts Bluff viewing area                            | Work with council to develop safer parking and viewing area at Bennetts bluff | John    | A letter was sent to QLDC summarising the committees position after debating this at the July meeting. A reply was received from a council contractor - focus is just on the main viewing area. Letter sent advising we wished to have another site meeting to discuss pull offs on GY side of the bluffs. Acknowledged by P Hansby who will arrange this.  |
| 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 |



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| 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.<br>Ulrich providing an update to the GCA' November Meeting |
| 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.<br>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. Engineering plan completed and landscaping now being added by Blakey Wallace. Physical works due to go out for tender imminently  |
| Town centre plan                  | Re-designed streetscapes, parking etc, traffic flows.  |           | workshop being held on 26 October. QLDC will provide assistance so we can match the outcomes into a format that fits with the minor works programme and will also provide traffic engineering input.  |
| 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 has been granted from Government infrastructure fund. toilet options being worked through  |
| 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.  |

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| 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.<br>Council camping hubs should be along GY road, not in township |
| Pool improvements             | Improved user experience  | Huss        | closed for winter - repainting 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 | cluster of bins by fire station to be promoted to campers /hikers  |
| Tennis courts                 | Need resurfacing  | Naomi       | Naomi is currently canvassing opinions from users of the tennis courts as to what is wanted.   |
| Hall                          | New curtains, crockery, cabinet for PA system.<br>Draft a single page terms of use document with basic requirements and guidelines for hall users.<br>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 .<br>Upgrades are being done to the Hall toilets.<br>New curtains are being made                  |

Skips coming on labour weekend. 2 coming.

Tree planting coming up - Huss will update. Sam planted Rata at the marina.

#### Glenorchy Road

Geoffrey commented on the extra guard rails recently installed, seemed excessive and must surely be a much lower priority than providing passing lanes.

Bruce agreed, the guard rails would cause a greater problem.

Ask for passing lane signs to be presented graphically, to help the language barrier. Should be better road marking guidance.

Ferg asked to get an update from QLDC roading engineers - GY road improvements progress.

Meeting closed 21:20