

Public and Active Transport Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Public Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 9 August 2023, commencing at 1:00 PM.

PRESENT

Cr Alexa Forbes *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Andrew Noone *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Gary Kelliher (online)
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Tim Mephram
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Elliot Weir
Cr Kate Wilson

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Cr Alexa Forbes welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:01pm and opened with a Karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Pim Borren, (Interim GM Transport - online), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services, online), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport - online), Joanna Gilroy (Acting GM Regulatory), Doug Rodgers (Transport Contractor), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead Transport), Gemma Wilson (Senior Transport Operations Analyst), Trudi McLaren (Governance Support) and Matthew Littlewood (Media - ODT).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Tim Mephram for lateness be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to speak under the Public Forum were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Note: Any additions must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

The agenda was confirmed as presented.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have. Councillor Declarations of Interests are published on the [ORC website](#).

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 10 May 2023 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. Richard Saunders (Chief Executive) advised that on Action No. 1 we were past the point in time to set those KPIs within the Annual Plan and that item was to be closed.

There was an opportunity through the Long-Term Plan to have a close look at what KPIs the ORC wishes to set over that upcoming three-year period.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Public & Active Transport Operating Environment

Pim Borren (Interim GM Transport) and Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) were present to speak to the paper and answer questions.

The purpose of this report was to highlight and summarise recent government initiatives including legislative and policy updates impacting the transport operating environment. The report also updated the Committee on recent and upcoming public and active transport planning activities.

Dr Borren stated that in terms of our position in Dunedin and Queenstown, which has been challenging over the last 12 months, we now had sufficient drivers in each region to significantly reduce the number of missed trips. He also commented that we were seeing a marked increase in patronage.

It was requested that it be noted that the Beaumont Bridge has been completed and is having a positive impact on the community and travel times.

Following questions, it was moved:

Resolution PAT23-111: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:

- Notes this report.**

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Joint Public & Active Transport Committee Advisory Groups

Pim Borren (General Manager Transport) and Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) were present to provide background and update the Council on Public and Active Transport Advisory Groups (PTAG). There have been three PTAG meetings to date (two with Dunedin City Council (DCC) and one with Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). It was reported that these have been collegial, positive, and constructive.

The main purpose of PTAG meetings is to improve the relationship between Otago Regional Council (ORC) and each of our TLA partners through coming together and providing a better understanding of the challenges faced by each in supporting our goals and commitment towards increasing public and active transport and achieving common mode shift targets.

Following questions and discussion, it was moved:

Resolution PAT23-112: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution PAT23-113: Cr Laws Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

2. **Requests** the Otago Regional Council Chairperson advise the PATG group of members and advocate all of the major political parties to examine the decision to define Queenstown Lakes District Council be made a Tier 1 Centre for Waka Kotahi public transport involvement.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Mephram, Cr Scott and Cr Somerville
Against:	Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson and Cr Weir
Abstained:	Cr Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Queenstown and Dunedin 2022/23 Full Year Patronage Report

Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead Transport), Gemma Wilson (Senior Transport Operations Analyst) and Pim Borren (General Manager Transport) were present to provide background on the report and answer questions. The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the performance of its Public Transport (bus and ferry) and Total Mobility services, for the full Financial Year, 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Cr Scott left the meeting at 2:30pm.

Following questions, it was moved:

Resolution PAT23-114: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.4. Shaping Future Dunedin Fares and Frequency Business Case - Updated Progress Report

Doug Rogers (Transport Contractor) was present to speak to the report and answer questions. The purpose of the paper was to inform the Committee of further progress being made in Shaping Future Dunedin.

Cr Wilson left meeting at 2:47pm and returned at 2:49pm.

Following discussion it was agreed:

Resolution PAT23-115: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** that the best mode shift is achieved from a zero fares option
3. **Notes** that approval of the business case by Waka Kotahi is contingent on paid fares being a feature of the preferred option.

MOTION CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned from 3:00pm to 3:07pm.

Cr Laws left the meeting at 3:00pm.

8.5. Queenstown Public Transport Services Business Case Update

Lorraine Cheyne and Pim Borren were present to speak to this paper and answer questions.

The purpose of this paper was to update the Committee on the progress of the Queenstown Public Transport Business Case (QPTBC) over the past three months and provide an overview of the revised work programme for the next three months to see completion of the Business Case

Resolution PAT23-116: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** that the draft final business case will now be delivered in Q4 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

8.6. Public & Active Transport Connectivity Strategy

Lorraine Cheyne and Pim Borren were present to speak to the paper and answer questions.

The purpose of this report was to provide Councillors with a proposed way forward in developing a regional public and active transport connectivity strategy. Attached to this report was a detailed project plan, which demonstrated that there is a sound business case for undertaking this work.

Following discussion and questions, it was agreed:

Resolution PAT23-117: Cr Somerville Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Endorses** the proposed approach to developing the Public and Active Travel Connectivity Strategy outlined in this report and the attached project plan.
3. **Notes** a “hybrid approach” to resourcing public and active transport connectivity at ORC which offers a balance between accessing skilled support to establish a strategic approach while developing capability and practice in-house at ORC.
4. **Notes** full implementation and delivery of regional public and active transport connectivity indicates on-going transport programme expenditure, subject to this being approved for inclusion in the LTP.
5. **Agrees** to receive regular update reports and to participate in workshop sessions during strategy development.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Forbes declared the meeting closed at 3:33 pm.

Chairperson

Date