

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 Thursday 9 November 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Andrew Noone *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws (online)
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott (online)
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Elliot Weir (from 9.15am)
Cr Kate Wilson

APOLOGY

Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Tim Mephram

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:02 am and opened with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders, (Chief Executive), Pim Borren (GM Transport) - online, Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead Transport), Varghese Thomas (Senior Transport Planner), Jack Cowie (Transport Planner) and Trudi McLaren (Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Mephram and Cr Malcolm, and Cr Weir for lateness be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Joanna Perry, Community Development Coordinator, Link Upper Clutha was present to speak to the Upper Clutha Community Shuttle Trial. Cr Noone thanked Ms Perry for her input and good work.

Cr Weir joined the meeting at 9.15am.

Dave Macpherson and Alenna McLean were present for Save our Trains Ōtepoti-Dunedin and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. Following questions, they were thanked for their input.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published with the addition of the item 'Security for Dunedin Public Transport' which is to be included as 8.5.

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the public agenda now incorporate additional item at 8.5 'Security for Dunedin Public Transport'.

MOTION CARRIED

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 9 August 2023 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no open actions from resolutions of the Committee to be reviewed.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Transport Operating Environment

This report highlighted and/or summarised recent activities including legislative and policy changes impacting on Council's transport operating environment. The report also updated the Committee on recent and upcoming public and active transport workstreams. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) was present to speak to the paper and answer questions.

Cr Robertson left the meeting at 9.59am

Resolution PAT23-118: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Public Transport Network Performance Report

The purpose of this paper was to update the Committee on the performance of its Public Transport (bus and ferry) and Total Mobility services for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year, being the months July to September 2023. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead Transport), and Jack Cowie (Transport Planner) were present to speak to this paper and respond to questions.

Resolution PAT23-119: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** the report summarising public transport activity in Otago for the first quarter of the 2023/2024 year.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Queenstown Public Transport Business Case Update

The purpose of this paper was to provide the Committee with an update on the Queenstown Public Transport Business Case (QPTBC). It summarises work undertaken in the last three months, works anticipated in the next three months, and outlines key project risks. Pim Borren (GM Transport), Lorraine Cheyne (Transport Manager) and Varghese Thomas (Senior Transport Planner) were present to speak to the paper and present a PowerPoint.

Cr Robertson returned to the meeting at 10.21am.

Resolution PAT23-120: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** the key consultation results.
3. **Notes** the strategic case document.
4. **Notes** that the content of the business case will inform decisions on options for consultation as part of the upcoming Long Term Plan process.

5. **Notes** that the full Queenstown Public Transport Business Case will be presented for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

8.4. Dunedin Fares and Frequency Business Case

This paper was to present the Fares and Frequency Business Case (FFBC) which outlined the preferred package of Fares and Frequency to promote increased patronage on the Dunedin network, and reduce the impacts of transport (light vehicle fleet emissions) on the environment. The business case provides the basis of building the Dunedin network component of the Transport programme for consultation and subsequent investment in the Long-Term Plan. Pim Borren (GM Transport) - online, Doug Weir (Stantec) and Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) were present to speak to the paper and present a PowerPoint.

Following questions and discussion, Mr Weir and Stantec were acknowledged for their contribution, and also for the contribution of the rest of the team.

Cr Laws left the meeting at 10.30am.

Resolution PAT23-121: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Recommends that Council Endorses** the Shaping Future Dunedin Transport Fares and Frequencies Single Stage Business Case, October 2023 preferred option 16(b) 50c fares, as the basis for staff to prepare the Dunedin Public Transport network improvements investment programme for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034.
3. **Notes** that subject to decisions of Council the preferred option will be included in formal consultation alongside other options as part of the upcoming Long Term plan process.
4. **Notes** that the final business case will be presented to the next Public and Active Transport Committee meeting for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

8.5. Security for Dunedin Public Transport

The purpose of this paper was to seek approval for the continuation of the Dunedin bus network security trial for the remaining eight months of the 2023/24 financial year. Pim Borren (GM Transport) (online), Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) and Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead Transport) were present to speak to the paper and respond to questions.

The Chief Executive noted that this paper, as with any contract paper, was originally proposed to be considered in public excluded based on provisions in the Local Government and Official Information Act. Acknowledging that there had been some public interest generated in this paper, the sensitive information had been removed to enable it to be considered on the public agenda, without undermining any future tendering process or contract information.

Resolution PAT23-122: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Public and Active Transport Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Recommends to Council the approval** to the extension of the Bus Hub and On-bus security trial to 30 June 2024 at a cost of ~\$126,000 (OPTIONS, [29] a.)

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed with a karakia at 11:38 am.



7 February 2024

Chairperson

Date