

Report of the ordinary meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore on Wednesday 26 April 2017, at 5.21 pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Highsted (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry) Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), Communications Manager (Sonia Gerken), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Senior Corporate Support Officer (Ceri Macleod), Animal Control Administrator (Rowena Burnby) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr P Grant apologised for absence.

Cr Highsted called for any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

The Committee perused a report from the Animal Control Officer.

In response to Cr Reid, the Animal Control Administrator provided further background information on issues regarding poultry. She said problems raised by members of the public mostly related to poultry on rural properties adjacent to urban areas wandering onto urban properties.

Cr Reid asked whether there should be a bylaw to cater for the intersection between rural/urban areas.

The Chief Executive advised the application of the relevant bylaw was something to be reviewed, rather than reviewing the bylaw itself.

Cr Beale said the issue of keeping poultry could be problematic between neighbours, but communication was key in preventing and overcoming the issue.

Cr Davis asked whether the issue could be monitored.

In response to Cr Bolger, the Administrator said the issue affected properties on Salford Street, which were adjacent to a rural property.

The Chief Executive advised owners had a responsibility to prevent wandering stock.

The Administrator said the application of the bylaw in relation to poultry appeared to be particularly problematic and Council staff were looking into the issue further.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Davis THAT the report be received.

2. BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2017

The Committee considered a report prepared by the Building Control Manager.

The Building Control Manager said there had been a lot of building activity in the area, which was being managed well. He also said a new member of staff was due to commence employment on 8 May.

Cr Beale said he had been advised of concerns from local residents about intermittent noises coming from the Ezi Clean Car Wash. He asked whether potential restrictions on noises of this nature could be taken into account in future developments.

The Chief Executive advised noise limits were in place, with variable limits applied depending on the time of day or night. He said it was unlikely the limits were being exceeded in this instance.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Phillips THAT the report be received.

3. BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED

The Committee perused a schedule of building consents issued for March 2017.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dickson, seconded by Cr Davis THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm.