

Report of the ordinary meeting of the Operations Committee held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore on Tuesday 6 June, at 4.50pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Davis (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, Highsted, 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 Standring), Communications Manager (Sonia Gerken), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Senior Corporate Support Officer (Ceri Macleod), 3 Waters Project Manager (Mr Sam Bunting), Animal Control Officer (David McKewen) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr P Grant apologised for absence.

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

1. REPORT FROM 3 WATERS ASSET MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager for April and May 2017.

The Manager said river levels were slowly lifting which should have a positive impact on water levels. He said he was surprised at recent low water levels but reported these were slowly returning to more usual levels.

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

2. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROGRESS REPORT (SC1433)

The Committee perused a progress report from the 3 Waters Project Manager regarding upgrades to the water treatment plant.

The Manager said the East Gore water treatment pump design was progressing well and was due for completion by the end of the month. He said a report including projected costs should be ready to be tabled at the next Committee meeting. He said the NO-DES truck work was progressing well with 15-20kms completed to date and a huge improvement noted in water quality. He said early indications suggested manganese and iron upgrades may not be required in the future.

Cr Beale asked how often filters were having to be changed on the NO-DES truck. The Manager said two sets of filters had been replaced after two days flushing, which in the scheme of things did not represent too much of a problem.

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

3. MATAURA RIVER WATER QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE OF THE COUNCIL'S WASTEWATER DISCHARGE CONSENTS (SC0601 and SC0613)

The Committee perused an update report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager regarding the quality of water discharge, as requested at the last Committee meeting.

Cr Bolger asked whether E.coli numbers grew or whether they died off over time.

The Manager said in theory they grew depending on environmental conditions and that this needed to be prevented when sending a sample to the lab.

Cr Gardyne asked where the sampling sites were.

The Manager said sampling occurred at the wastewater discharge point. He said he believed the Environment Southland sampling point was at the Gore bridge.

Cr Bolger asked whether water quality improved further downriver, past Mataura.

The Manager felt the quality would continue to degrade further down-river, but he did not have that information to hand.

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

4. REPORT FROM THE TRANSPORT MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Transport Manager.

Cr Davis asked for further clarification on the Mataura beautification/Coster Park section of the report. The Manager confirmed the work had been undertaken on Bridge Street in Mataura and had been requested by the Mataura community as associated works to the back filling of the concrete plots.

The Manager confirmed the outstanding roading works associated with the departure of Downer had been completed.

Cr Beale said it was pleasing to see progress on the projects outlined in the report and that local contractors were on board and doing a good job.

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

The meeting concluded at 5.07pm.