

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 3 October 2017, at 4.00pm

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

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Communications/Promotions Manager (Sonia Gerken), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), District Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), Aquatic Services Manager (Ms Kim Peterson), 3 Waters Project Manager (Mr Sam Bunting), senior Visitor Centre Consultant (Miss Nicole Parry) and one member of the public in the gallery.

**Apology** Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

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**1. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR**

The Council perused a report from the District Arts and Heritage Curator.

Cr Phillips visited the Gallery with Zone 6 Community Board representatives following a recent meeting in Gore and was proud of the comments received from out of town visitors.

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

**2. REPORT FROM THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER – AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Council perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

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

**3. SOUTHLAND REGIONAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE 2018-2028 LTP REQUEST (SC1863)**

A memo from the District Arts and Heritage Curator had been received and was perused by the Council. A copy of a letter and supporting documentation from the Chair of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee, Cr Paul Duffy, had also been circulated.

The Curator said it was a very exciting project and Gore would have an integral role in the cataloguing and digitising of the regional collections. David Luoni had already done an initial scoping study. He did not expect there was a need for the Gore District Council to levy an increase in the Southland regional heritage rate of \$4.35, but thought a \$1.00 increase from the 2020-21 year would be required.

**Cr Highsted recommended THAT the information be received,**

**AND THAT an increase in the Southland Regional Heritage Committee rate of \$1.00 for the 2020-21 year be approved.**

**The recommendation was seconded by Cr Reid.**

Cr Beale asked if there was any other area in New Zealand that had regional storage facilities.

The Curator said there were some and Te Papa had been using off site storage facilities for some time. A facility that was not well planned caused potential problems. What was planned for Southland was digitally cataloguing collections that were perfectly packaged, managed and stored. The way people accessed collections had changed enormously and much of it was being done on-line. Long term care did not need to be as expensive and complicated as it perhaps used to be.

His Worship said the project was definitely the way forward and he congratulated the Curator on the work he had done to date on it.

**The recommendation was put and it was carried.**

4. REPORT OF GORE DISTRICT LIBRARIES – AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2017

The Council perused a report from the District Library Manager.

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

5. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

Cr Beale expressed frustration at the actions of a person who had cut and stolen chains along the riverbank.

The Manager concurred with the senseless vandalism and advised Environment Southland would be replacing the chains.

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

6. REPORT FROM GORE VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

The Council perused a report from the Gore Visitor Centre senior Consultant.

In response to Cr D Grant, the consultant advised the Centre still received commission from larger companies, but niche bookings made through the i-Pad did not attract commission.

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

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS/PROMOTIONS MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Communications/Promotions Manager.

Cr Reid said the website was very good and the Facebook page was ideal for keeping people informed.

His Worship agreed and said there were about 7000 visitors to the website a week.

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

**8. REPORT FROM EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR**

The Council perused a report from the Events and Promotions Coordinator.

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

**9. SUMMARY REPORT – TULLOCH PARK REDEVELOPMENT (SC1229)**

A report from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received together with concept plans from Rowe Baetens Architecture for the redevelopment of Tulloch Park.

The Council had committed \$500,000 to the redevelopment project. In addition, a grant of \$150,000 had been secured from the Coster Fund, making a total of \$650,000 available.

Cr Highsted asked about the communication plan going forward and how the message would be promoted to the Mataura community.

The Communications Manager advised a plan would be developed in association with the Parks and Recreation Manager.

Cr Phillips said the working party was very happy with the concept plans presented and were excited about the project being completed.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Phillips, THAT the Council adopt in principle the concept plans from Rowe Baetens Architecture as the new recreational package for Tulloch Park and communicate this to the community,**

**THAT Council officers continue to work with the working group and consultant to develop a project delivery plan,**

**THAT Council officers and the working group actively seek external funding to enable the project concept to be delivered with no additional Council financial inputs,**

**AND THAT Council approval be sought before any project component progresses to implementation.**

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm