

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 16 April 2019, at 4.08pm.

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

**In attendance** Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Community Services (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh), Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas) District Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), Aquatic Services Manager (Mr Martin Mackereth), Gore Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Renatta Hardy), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Planner (Fran Davies) Animal Control Administrator (Rowena Burnby), and one member of the public in the gallery.

**Apologies** Cr Davis and the Chief Executive apologised for absence.

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## 1. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

A report from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received.

The Manager informed the committee the official opening of the new pump track at Tulloch Park had been very successful and had attracted a lot of attention from both locals and visitors from out of the district.

Cr Sharpe asked if any progress had been made with the Huron Street intersection.

The Manager said the Roding Manager and the Police had met and a report would be forthcoming. There was an agreement in place to retrench approximately half a metre of shrubbery.

The Transport Manager said the issues had been discussed with the police and while there was some interference with vegetation, traffic was not adhering to the rules. NZTA have agreed to put in a traffic count to monitor speed and that information will be passed on to the police.

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

## 2. REPORT FROM TOURISM/VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

The Council perused a report from the Tourism/Visitor Centre Senior Consultant.

The Coordinator said Gore accommodation was at capacity despite heading into the shorter visitor season.

In response to a question from His Worship, the Coordinator said at the time of reporting, all available accommodation in the town was fully booked.

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

## 3. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ARTS HERITAGE CURATOR

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

Cr Beale said he would like to acknowledge the Gore Host Lions Club's contributions both monetary and labour, to the gallery.

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

## 4. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Library Manager.

The Manager said planning was well underway to move the library to the James Cumming Wing. She also said the school holiday programme "Reading with Walter" had been very popular and successful in building confidence in hesitant or nervous readers.

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

## 5. REPORT FROM EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

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

The Coordinator said the latest Gore Event Guide for Queens Birthday was being distributed this week including rural delivery. She thanked the Gore River Valley Lions for their assistance in distributing the booklets.

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

**6. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING MANAGER**

A report from the Communications/Marketing Manager had been received.

The Manager said communication regarding the closure of the library and subsequent relocation to the James Cumming Wing had been distributed in a timely manner.

Cr Gardyne praised the new Citizenship ceremony format including afternoon tea and noted it was enjoyed by all.

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

**7. REPORT FROM AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER**

A report from the Aquatic Services Manager had been received.

The Manager informed the committee that since writing the report, the Pool Safe Qualification Achievement had been received. The Event Centre Supervisor had visited the Ashburton District Council and helped explain and set up Pickleball for its EA Networks Centre.

Cr Highsted asked if bleacher support work at the stadium was on target for completion.

The Manager said there was still time until the netball season commenced, but the work was currently on target.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.27pm.