

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 4 June 2019, at 4.03pm.

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

In attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Communications/Marketing Manager (Ms Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas) District Library Manager (Lorraine Weston-Webb), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Emma Carle), Aquatic Services Manager (Martin Mackereth), Gore Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Renatta Hardy), Building Control Manager (Russell Paterson), Planning Consultant (Keith Hovell), Planning Manager (Dean Balkin), Senior Regulatory Officer (Frances Shepherd), Planner (Fran Davies) Animal Control Officer (David McKewen), Arts and Heritage Curator (Jim Geddes) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr P Grant apologised for absence.

1. REPORT FROM MIGRANT SERVICES COORDINATOR

The Council perused a report from the Migrant Services Coordinator.

Cr Reid presented the report in the Coordinator's absence and informed the Committee that the process was underway to become an Accredited Welcoming Communities Council. It was expected that by the end of June a final version of the applicant manual would be completed and accreditation could be applied for in September/October.

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

2. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING MANAGER

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

The Manager noted the Annual Residents' Survey had closed and she was awaiting results.

In response to a query from Cr Reid, the Manager explained that once a particular demographic of the population had been surveyed satisfactorily, no further opinions would be sought from that demographic.

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

3. REPORT FROM TOURISM/VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

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

The Consultant, in reply to a question from the Chairman said retail sales had been very positive during Gold Guitars week and Moonshine sales had been popular.

Cr Dickson asked why Intercity had changed the bus route for the Dunedin to Te Anau journey. The Coordinator explained the location of the stop remained the same but the duration had been shortened. It was hoped the longer stop could be reinstated in the future.

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

4. REPORT FROM AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

A report from the Aquatic Services Manager had been received.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Manager said the single closure of the facility due to high winds had not affected usage of the stadium.

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

5. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR

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

The Curator expressed his delight in having received funding from Community Trust Southland in addition to that from the Provincial Growth Fund for the Maruawai Project. Detailed design can now progress.

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

6. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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

The Manager commented that the asbestos assessment of Council property had been undertaken over the last 6-8 weeks. A report would be forthcoming and presented to the Council.

In response to a question from Cr Reid regarding the Silver Birch tree issues raised by the Croquet club, the Chief Executive said members of the Club had asked for the item to be removed from an earlier agenda. To the best of his knowledge the matter had not been raised by the club since.

Cr Sharp asked who had been responsible for the removal of the tree at the Huron Street intersection. The Manager confirmed Reserves staff had undertaken that process.

The Chairman asked if there was an update on the Gore town signage that had been discussed at a Council meeting held at the end of last year.

The Communications Manager said the billboard option was being explored along with signage that would fit with that. The Chairman commented that six months had lapsed since the last discussion and it needed to be followed up.

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

7. DOG PARK – LOCATION REPORT (SC1976)

A report from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received detailing the proposed locations and configurations of the two dog parks in Gore and Matura.

The Manager noted no definitive size of dog had been determined when segregating the animals by size and this decision would lie with the owner.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager said the area was future proofed in regard to walking tracks, and expansion could be accommodated.

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

AND THAT the Council approve the two locations defined in the report for dog parks to be located at Henderson Park, Matura and Hamilton Park.

8. REPORT FROM EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

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

The Coordinator updated the Committee and said the Freeze Ya Bits Off busking competition attracted 40 entrants and was very successful and of a high standard. The marquee erected in Medway Street worked well and was a good environment for the Warratahs and appropriately cold for the busking competition the next day. She noted there was an opportunity to expand school participation from further afield for the schools busking competition.

His Worship commented on the calibre of the coordination of the event and positive experience of the crowd.

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

9. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Library Manager.

The Manager provided an update and said the after hours return facility was now in place. Chromebooks had been added to Gore as a test site providing new software and hardware for public use.

The Manager said comments from users about the new location of the library were being collected via a book and even though walkways had been reduced, there had been a positive response from the public. There had been careful layout planning with only 61% of previous space available for use meaning less seating, and the childrens area was less spacious than before.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.41pm.