



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2006, AT 4:00 pm

PRESENT Cr Davis (Chairperson), Crs Bolger, Dore, Harvey, Hellier, McFadzien, McIntyre, McLennan, Sutherland and Turnbull.

IN ATTENDANCE The General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), General Manager, Community Services (Miss Su Mohan Das), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore) Chief Financial Officer (Mr Doug Walker), District Promotions Manager (Mrs Melissa King), Civil Defence Officer (Mr Joe Cummings), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and members of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGIES Cr Ogg and the Chief Executive apologised for absence.

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Committee perused the Operations Bulletin containing reports from the District Promotions Manager, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Library Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager, Roding Manager and Animal Control Contractor.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

Cr McIntyre asked what the cost of the annual changeover of annuals was.

The Manager responded he did not have the figure on hand but would investigate and report back.



Report of the Roading Manager (2.1.6)

Cr Harvey felt it was time to enforce the skateboard ban in the Main Street. Complaints were being received and the Police needed to become involved.

Cr Sutherland also said young people were also riding bikes in a manner that endangered themselves and motorists.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the Police would enforce a Bylaw if the Council enacted one.

Cr Harvey moved THAT the Council commence proceedings to enact a Skateboard Bylaw that was drafted prior to the skateboard park being constructed.

The recommendation was seconded Cr Hellier.

The General Manager, District Assets could not recall whether the special consultative procedure had been undertaken for the Bylaw that had been drafted. It would be reported on at the May Council meeting.

The recommendation was put and it was carried.

Report of the Animal Control Contractor (34.2)

Cr Harvey was concerned at the amount of dog droppings that were left on urban streets. It was important that dog owners be reminded to pick up droppings.

Cr Davis suggested the Contractor report on the issue in her next report.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sutherland, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.

The District Promotions Manager departed the meeting at 4:14 pm

2. PRESENTATION FROM CIVIL DEFENCE OFFICER (45.6.1)

Mr Joe Cummings, Civil Defence Officer, provided a report and presentation to the Committee on the current situation in respect of civil defence activities in the Gore District. An overhead showing the regional civil defence organisation was displayed.



Cr Turnbull was concerned at the likelihood of electricity being cut during a civil defence emergency, and how fuel supplies would be maintained for emergency vehicles and Council vehicles.

The Officer did not believe it was within the brief of civil defence.

Cr Turnbull disagreed and said it should be an important part of civil defence. She recalled when Mataura had been cut off during previous flooding events and the access difficulties that had posed.

Cr Davis suggested that investigations be undertaken into the availability of fuel supplies during an emergency.

His Worship the Mayor attended the meeting from 4:26 pm

Councillors were concerned at the knowledge there were very few trained volunteers in both the rescue squad and welfare section. The Officer said he would ideally like about 100 to be available in the event of an emergency.

Cr McFadzien acknowledged the work done by the Civil Defence Officer and urged Councillors to encourage anyone interested in the community to join the civil defence organisation.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Hellier, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 4:43 pm

