



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2006, AT 5:23 pm.**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP) (Chairperson) Crs Bolger, Dore, Harvey, Hellier, McLennan and Sutherland.

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), the General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore) Chief Financial Officer (Mr Doug Walker), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell), Environment Southland Councillors (Cr David Falconer and Cr Neil McPhail) and three members of the public in the Gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Crs McFadzien, McIntyre, Ogg and Turnbull apologised for absence.

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**1. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR AND WOOSH BROADBAND (50.49.1)**

Mr Steve Canny from Venture Southland was in attendance and spoke about the current developments in the energy sector and the Woosh broadband service.

His Worship thanked Mr Canny for his presentation.

Cr Harvey said at a recent economic development conference he had attended in Dunedin, Venture Southland appeared to be ahead of other such organisations.

**2. PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENT SOUTHLAND (46.24.3)**

Mr Chris Arbuckle, Environmental Information Manager with Environment Southland was in attendance and spoke about the air quality monitoring programme specific to Gore and local environs which had been upgraded to meet monitoring requirements associated with recently introduced National Environmental Standards (NES) for air quality.

His Worship thanked Mr Arbuckle for his presentation. He asked the Environment Southland Councillors present at the meeting if there were any further issues to be discussed.

Cr Neil McPhail believed education was the answer and noted that people tended to look at industries for causing pollution when in fact it was the household fires. He thanked the Council for his invitation.

Cr David Falconer said the high air emissions could be due to rogue fires which could impact on industry consents in the future.

3. MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS (34.4.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive on how Council staff were implementing the new laws that applied for microchipping of dogs. A copy of the information sheet given to owners with newly registered dogs needing microchipped was also circulated.

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

4. ROAD NAME CHANGE – SECTION OF RAILWAY ESPLANADE (3.24.9)

A memo had been received from the Roding Manager, together with a letter from several residents of Railway Esplanade, about the possible name change of the section of Railway Esplanade west of Huron Street. The residents had requested that the name be changed to Latham Lane, however, the Manager believed it should be changed to River Terrace so as to not incur the additional costs associated with a new street name. Letters had been sent to each of the residents who would be affected.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Sutherland, THAT the information be received.**

5. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.1/2.14.2)

A summary of building consents issued for August 2006, together with comparisons for the previous two years had been received. Also circulated, was a schedule of resource consents issued to 31 August 2006.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Hellier, seconded by Cr Dore, THAT the information be received.**

Cr Harvey wondered if the town boundaries would need to be reviewed due to new subdivisions.

His Worship believed the Council would need to look at it in the future.

The Chief Executive said it would need the Council's decision to proceed and noted for example that the subdivision at the end of Coutts Road was rural but it should really be urban. He believed therefore that the boundaries would need to be changed.

Cr Bolger cautioned any action because of the implications to incidence of rating.

The meeting concluded at 6:26 pm.