



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2007, AT 4:32 pm.

PRESENT Cr Bolger (Chairman) Crs Dore, Harvey, Hellier, McFadzien, McIntyre, McLennan, Ogg, and Turnbull.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Office Manager (Mrs Margaret Evans) and the Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell).

APOLOGIES His Worship the Mayor and Cr Davis apologised for absence.

1. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2007 (1.1.3)

A financial report for the seven months ended 31 January 2007 had been circulated from the Management Accountant.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Hellier, THAT the financial report for the seven months ended 31 January 2007 be received.

2. GORE SKATE PARK (18.3.6.1)

A memo had been received the Management Accountant providing an update on the funding of the Gore skate park and the Council's present financial liability in regard to its underwriting role. The current liability outstanding as at 5 March 2007 was \$8,783.

The Chief Executive added there had been no change since the last report and it was taking longer than envisaged due to an issue with the Gore Host Lions overpaying the contractor. However, with ongoing fundraising, the debt would be repaid by the end of the financial year.

In response to Cr Dore, the Chief Executive said it appeared it had been difficult to get the money back from the contractor although he was not familiar with the details.

Cr McFadzien asked if construction of the skateboard park had been up tendered.

Cr Harvey replied it had not as it was a specialised business although the person who constructed it had submitted a final price.

The Chief Executive said the Council's underwriting role came about because it had been a competitive price and the contractor was available to do the job earlier than expected.

Cr Harvey was still disappointed the debt had not been repaid but the park was a great asset for the community.

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

The meeting concluded at 4:43 pm