



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2007, AT 4:44 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Library Manager (Jane Robinson), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and four members of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGIES Cr McLennan and General Manager, District Assets apologised for absence.

1. REPORT ON BCA ACCREDITATION (2.34)

A memo had been received from the Building Control Manager advising that the Council's application had been lodged with the International Accreditation New Zealand on 13 June. IANZ would advise a timetable to schedule a pre-evaluation, and once it had been completed, a full onsite assessment would be carried out with the view of attaining accreditation by 30 November 2007.

His Worship welcomed the Building Control Manager to the meeting and hoped he was finding his new job to his liking. He noted there had been an extraordinary effort by the staff in getting the Council to this point. He added that all local authorities bar one had applied for accreditation, and the Council was among the first half of applications received by IANZ.

The Building Control Manager said an extension had been issued by IANZ the previous week for the completion of the onsite assessment from November 2007 until June 2008. He added that he and counterparts were surprised by this and

really just wanted to get the job finished while the momentum was going. He thought the assessor was struggling for resources and that was where the extension had been driven from.

His Worship said the Government underestimated the resources needed to put this initiative in place. He believed that this was an example that was coming through that “*one policy did not fit all*” in the country.

Cr Davis recalled a meeting she had attended where it had been stated that Councils would not be given accreditation if the application was not in on time and was astounded the deadline had been extended. She said there had been a number of submissions criticising the Council for not being involved with a cluster group but she wondered how the Council would be getting on if it had been.

The Chief Executive said the Council had not had time to wait for something to happen and when it had been approached about the cluster group, it had already committed time and money and the group wanted the Council to pay again. He believed the Council had chosen the correct track even though it flogged the staff down to the ground to get it done. Now that the time had been extended he was concerned about the expectation that had earlier been put on staff to get the work done.

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

Cr Hellier extended a vote of thanks to the Building Department especially the Planning Administrator. He added that it had been a pity that central Government had not given the Council a template to start with.

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.1/2.14.2)

The Committee perused a summary of building consents issued for July 2007 together with comparisons for the previous two years had been received. Also circulated, was a schedule of resource consents issued to 31 July 2007.

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

The meeting concluded at 4:53 pm.