



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2007, AT 4:06 pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), General Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Office Manager (Mrs Margaret Evans), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and 14 members of the public in the Gallery.

**APOLOGY** Cr Hellier apologised for lateness.

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Cr Davis extended thanks to Councillors and staff for their hard work and commitment over the past three years. It had been a pleasure and a privilege to work with everyone.

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Committee perused the operations bulletin containing reports from the Gore i-SITE Visitor Centre, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Library Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager, Roading Manager, Asset Manager, Utilities and the Animal Control Contractor

Report of the Gore i-SITE Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (18.18)

Cr Davis asked when the District Promotions Manager was expected to return from maternity leave.

The Chief Executive advised the Manager was due back at the end of November but was planning to extend her leave, although

she was still heavily involved in some things particularly the Hokonui Moonshine Festival.

Report of the Library Manager (25.1)

In response to Cr Turnbull, the Chief Executive advised residents in Riversdale were entitled to use the Library at a small cost.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

Cr Harvey was pleased with the donation of rhododendrons from the Gore Garden Club and wanted the Council to show its appreciation for the work it did, especially with the organisation of the Rhododendron Festival.

In response to Cr Davis, the Parks and Recreation Manager advised a letter of thanks had been sent to the Club.

Cr Turnbull was pleased the upgrade of Bridge Street in Mataura had been completed and was sure it would be well used.

His Worship thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for its assistance with the Waikaka Walkway.

Report of the Roding Manager (2.1.6)

The Roding Manager said that remote kerb and channel cleaning had not been completed as advised in his report.

Report of the Asset Manager, Utilities (2.1.6)

The Asset Manager, Utilities advised there had been 574 tonnes refuse taken to the transfer station for the month of August. He added there had been two schools who had visited the transfer station operation.

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

2. GRASS PLOTS – POMONA STREET (18.9.5)

A memo had been received from the Roding Manager, together with a petition requesting the removal of grass verge plots and the replacement with widened seal in Pomona Street, Gore. An aerial photograph had also been circulated.

Cr Davis thought the residents had been proactive in asking for the Council's help.

The Chief Executive thought the Council needed to address what type of environment it was trying to create and be consistent. He was unaware of what the Council's policy stated in relation to grass verges and kerb channelling. It appeared that grass verges unaccompanied by channelling were used for parking and he was concerned that removal of them could create a drag street and endanger children. He believed that the Council needed an overall policy and clear pathway so that everyone involved knew exactly what it wanted in relation to its streets.

The Roading Manager said the Council needed to look at what the expected functions of individual streets were, and whether the prime reason was for it to be used as a thoroughfare or to service the houses in it. That would provide a significant effect on what roading treatment would be used on the street. He asked how the Council wanted its streets to look in the long term.

The Parks and Recreation Manager said an overall streetscape plan would be beneficial to all.

**Cr McLennan moved THAT the report be received,**

**THAT a working party be formed to formulate a streetscape policy for the urban areas within the Gore District,**

**AND THAT there be a moratorium on any further significant changes to the streetscape of urban streets in the Gore District until the streetscape policy has been ratified by the Council.**

**The recommendation was seconded by Cr Sutherland.**

Cr Bolger said a working party needed to be set up to deal with the issue in Pomona Street. Although one of the solutions was to remove the grass verges, he understood the staff's concerns and did not want the whole town to lose them. He felt the Council wanted to assist the residents of Pomona Street but this solution was not for everyone. He thought kerb channelling should be investigated and hoped a working party would address the residents concerns.

Cr Harvey said Pomona Street was very close to two schools and there was an overflow of parking from them. He sympathised with the residents but the Council needed to investigate further.

Cr Turnbull sympathised as well and concurred a working party should be set up.

His Worship endorsed the idea of an overall streetscape policy, but did not want to see the concerns of the Pomona Street residents being lost. The Council should have some direction and a timeframe for them to assure something would happen.

The Roding Manager said a working party could be formed once the new Council had been elected and it would take a couple of months to make a decision. If the decision was to remove the grass verges, the actual work would not be carried out for some time as there was no provision for it in the current budget.

His Worship said he would like to see a decision reached before Christmas.

**At the suggestion of Cr Davis, Crs McLennan and Sutherland were agreeable to including the following in the recommendation.**

**THAT a working party be formed to address the Pomona Street issue once the new Council had been elected and report back to the Council in a timely manner.**

Cr McLennan said he wanted the whole District treated fairly.

**The recommendation was put and it was carried.**

Cr Davis thanked the residents of Pomona Street for attending the meeting and hoped a decision would be reached.

**3. PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE – SECTION OF RAILWAY ESPLANADE (3.24.9)**

A memo from the Roding Manager had been received about the proposed road name change for the section of Railway Esplanade from Huron Street to the west boundary of the adjacent Latham Reserve that residents had requested to be renamed as Latham Lane. An aerial photograph had been circulated.

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

**AND THAT the section of Railway Esplanade between Huron Street and the west boundary of Latham Reserve be renamed Latham Lane.**

In response to Cr Harvey, the Roding Manager advised the numbering of houses would not affect anyone else further along River Terrace or Railway Esplanade.

4. PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE – FLOOD CHANNEL ROAD  
(3.24.9)

A memo had been received from the Roding Manager following a request from residents of the Flood Channel Road that their road become an extension to the existing McBride Road. An aerial photograph had been circulated.

The Roding Manager said it would not affect the numbering of properties on McBride Road, only those on Flood Channel Road.

*Cr Hellier attended the meeting from 4:31 pm.*

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Turnbull, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the report be received,**

**AND THAT Flood Channel Road between McBride Road and Carteret Street become an extension of and renamed as, McBride Road.**

The meeting concluded at 4:32 pm.