



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 13 MAY
2008, AT 4:04 pm.**

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Harvey (Chairperson) Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Grant, Heller, Highsted, McLennan and Sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Aquatic Services Manager (Ms Kim Peterson), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell, Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Judges (Mr John Wilson, Ms Shona Hewlett, Miss Trudie South, Mr Alan Byrne), Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Contestants (Miss Diane Bishop, Miss Kirstin Chittock, Miss Cath Lyall, Miss Kristy Mearns, Miss Vicky Murray, Miss Melissa Whitefield) and one member of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Gardyne apologised for absence.

1. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Committee perused the Community Services Bulletin containing reports from the District Arts and Heritage Curator, District Promotions and i-SITE Visitor Information Centre, Library Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager and Aquatic Services Manager.

Report of the District Arts and Heritage Curator (23.5)

His Worship advised that the Arts and Heritage Curator had been recognised at the recent annual Museums Aotearoa Conference as a leading practitioner in his field and congratulated him for continuing to provide real value for the community.

Report of the District Promotion and i-SITE Visitor Information Centre (18.18)

Cr Heller spoke on behalf of Cr Gardyne and asked why the cost of sales had not been provided.

The Chief Executive advised it had not been forgotten but a key staff member being on leave had prevented it being included. It would be in the next month's report.

The Curator suggested the agency fees paid when taken off the agency fees collected in the estimates budget, would provide the same information as it was tracking against the projected income.

Cr Heller said he would prefer to see the gross surplus on a month by month basis.

The Curator said it would be done, but it was more work for the staff.

Cr Davis asked what the pressing need was for this information. It was already well documented in the annual plan and she questioned whether it was something the Council should be delving into.

His Worship said the report would be provided for the next meeting and the reason for it would no doubt be discussed at that stage.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

The Parks and Recreation Manager reported staff were busy with the leaf fall clean up and working hard to keep up.

Cr Harvey noted the photos of the town to be used in the forthcoming Expo were outstanding.

His Worship noted he had met with the new Vicar at Holy Trinity who wanted to pass on her congratulations about the town from a physical perspective. It was very welcoming.

In response to Cr Harvey, the Manager confirmed work on the Mataura Community Centre was underway.

Report of the Aquatic Services Manager (24.11)

In response to Cr Dixon, the Aquatic Services Manager advised the increase in numbers was due to the “learn to swim” programme which was run by the Council.

Cr Bolger said the numbers had significantly increased for both Gore and Mataura. He knew the pools would never pay their way but it was coming a close second and congratulated the Aquatic Services Manager.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Community Services Bulletin be received.

2. GORE GOLD GUITAR YOUNG AMBASSADOR COMPETITION
(18.52)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive about the 2008 Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Competition. The six contestants were welcomed by Cr Harvey. Each then gave a presentation on the topic “*Destination Gore: a little bit wild, a little bit out there*”.

The meeting concluded at 4:46 pm.