

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2008, AT 7:30 pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), 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), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and 1 member of the public in the Gallery.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 22 July 2008, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.**

Clause 5 – Committee Representation (46.11.1/37.28)

Cr Gardyne said he had made the suggestion that Cr Dixey's involvement with the Youth Council and Cr Highsted's business experience were appropriate qualifications for the Stage 3 Management Committee.

Cr Harvey did not recall Cr Gardyne making any such comments about the Youth Council.

His Worship thought he had.

The Council *agreed* to note and include Cr Gardyne's statement.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Regulatory and**

**Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 12 August 2008, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 August 2008, as presented, be ratified.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 August 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 August 2008, as presented, be ratified.**

## 2. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Council perused the Operations Bulletin containing reports from the Roading Manager, Assets Manager and the Animal Control Contractor.

### Report of Animal Control Contractor (34.4.1)

His Worship expressed concern about the animal welfare issues.

Cr Davis asked if there was anything recorded on the Council's dog register about the owner's record.

His Worship assumed that once something was proven against an owner the register would be flagged.

The Chief Executive added the Council had the provision to include dogs in a probationary frame and the ability to classify dogs as dangerous or menacing.

### Report of Asset Manager, Utilities (2.1.7)

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager advised the weir had to be slightly modified. There had been modifications made to the gates and the latest issue had not been included in the initial contract. Design had been completed but there would not be major cost associated with the weir as it was a simple construction.

In response to Cr Sharp, a security fence was needed to protect the equipment contained around the plant.

Report of the Roothing Manager (2.1.7)

In response to Cr Harvey, the Manager said there were a number of potholes in some gravel roads and also some of the sealed roads which was a little unusual. It was due to the wet and cold weather experienced.

Cr Dixon asked if farmers who dropped mud on the roads were charged.

The Manager replied that if the offender could be identified, they were charged. In instances where dairy conversions were being undertaken the contactors were required to remove the mud and replace the gravel.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager advised that some new asphalt footpaths were not edged with timber. Once conditions were suitable the grass would be brought flush with the footpath.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.**

**2008/93**

4. RECONSTITUTION OF SOUTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (4.6.1/46.11.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from Environment Southland advising that under the recently enacted Land Transport Management Act, Regional Councils must reconstitute their Regional Land Transport Committees. Cr Davis was the Council's current representative.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Council affirm Cr Davis as its representative on the reconstituted Regional Transport Committee, with Crs Dixon and Highsted being the designated alternates.**

**2008/94**

5. RURAL HALLS AND DOMAINS COMMITTEE MINUTES (1.7.4.3)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Halls and Domains Sub-Committee, held on 18 July. The meeting had been convened to consider rating liability of the Kaiwera Hall.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gardyne, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the minutes be received,**

**AND THAT the recommendations contained in the minutes be adopted.**

**2008/95**

**6. CIVIC AMENITIES REFUND – ANNUAL REPORT (17.4.1)**

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a schedule of organisations that had been successful in having fees, or part thereof, waived during the 2007/08 financial year. The fees related to hire charges associated with the usage of civic amenities.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the information be received.**

**2008/96**

**7. DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR – HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE (48.7)**

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from the Department of Labour advising that the Council had fulfilled the improvements sought in an improvement notice issued on 2 April.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the letter from the Department of Labour be received.**

**2008/97**

**8. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT (46.36.2)**

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 14 July had been circulated.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report of the meeting held on 14 July be received,**

**AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.**

**2008/98**

9. BASIS OF ELECTORAL SYSTEM – 2010 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS (33.16.2)

A memo had been received from the Electoral Officer advising that local authorities had to make a decision before 12 September about which electoral system was to be used for the 2010 elections. Five percent of electors (449 signatures) could demand a poll provided it was received by 28 February 2009.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the status quo – First Past the Post - remain.**

**2008/99**

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Dixey reported on the recent Youth Council meeting and thanked the media for the good publicity and interest in what the Youth Council was doing.

His Worship thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the Local Government New Zealand conference in Rotorua in July. He referred to some of the highlights from it.

Cr Dixon agreed and had also enjoyed his attendance.

Cr Sharp referred to the future rating options for local authorities and how in 10-15 years time what the Gore District might do about it. He encouraged other new Councillors to attend a future Conference.

Cr Heller had attended a Venture Southland meeting. He said the perception was that all Councillors received minutes and other information. He recommended that Venture make a presentation to the Council at some time as there was some solid work being done.

Cr Highsted assumed the Council's LTCCP would identify any potential rating problems. He had attended a meeting of the Community Networking Trust and had recently been a judge at the Sister City essay competition.

The meeting concluded at 8:16 pm