

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2008, AT 7.30 pm

**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

20 August 2008

A G E N D A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 22 July 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Regulatory Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 12 August 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 12 August 2008

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS – as tabled at the meeting, pursuant to Section 46 (a)(7) of the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT
1987:

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(ii) OTHER BUSINESS

- Penny per Unit Agreement

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 2008

3. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Operations Bulletin containing reports from the Roding Manager, Assets Manager, Utilities and the Animal Control Contractor is enclosed with the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Bulletin be received.

4. RECONSTITUTION OF SOUTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 18.08.08)

- ↳ Please find enclosed a letter received from Environment Southland advising that under the recently enacted Land Transport Management Act, Regional Councils must reconstitute their Regional Land Transport Committees. Accordingly, the Gore District Council will need to affirm its representation on the Regional Transport Committee.

Cr Davis is the Council's current representative.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council affirm Cr Davis as its representative on the reconstituted Regional Transport Committee, with Crs Dixon and Highsted being the designated alternates.

5. RURAL HALLS AND DOMAINS COMMITTEE: MINUTES

(Memo from Chief Executive – 18.08.08)

- ✦ Enclosed, please find minutes of a recent meeting of the Rural Halls and Domains Committee, convened to consider rating liability of the Kaiwera Hall.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes be received

AND THAT the recommendations contained in the minutes be adopted.

6. CIVIC AMENITIES REFUND – ANNUAL REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 18.08.08)

As Councillors will be aware, a small sub-committee comprising of Cr Bolger and myself meets on an as required basis throughout the year to consider applications received for the waiver of fees and hire charges associated with the usage of civic amenities. The Council has set aside the sum of \$3,000 in its budget to cover the waiver of such fees which, in the main, tend to cover hall hire.

- ↳ Attached is a schedule of the organisations that have been successful in having fees, or part therefore, waived during the 2007/08 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

CIVIC AMENITIES REFUNDS
(1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008)

Name of Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Southland Reading Association	Hire of JC Wing for reading programme	\$231.11
Gore Historical Society	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$142.22
Gore Host Lions	Hire of JC Wing for fundraising dance	\$262.22
Gore Search and Rescue	Hire of Hamilton Park Hall for exercise	\$55.11
Mataura Guides	Hire of Senior Citizens for fundraiser	\$64.00
Gore Fire Brigade	Hire of JC Wing for honours night	\$373.33
Gore Organic Group	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$59.56
Gore Counselling Centre	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$88.89
Gore JPs Association	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$84.44
Southern Reap	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$106.67
Gore Community Patrol	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$90.67
Gore Historical Society	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$81.78
Southern Reap	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$75.56
Hokonui Aquatics	Hire of pool for triathlon	\$386.67
Gore High School Centennial	Hire of plants for centennial	\$133.33
Gore JPs Association	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$84.44
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Gore Boxing Club	Hire of JC Wing for tournament	\$257.78
Gore Historical Society	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$37.33
Mataura School	Hire of Town Hall	\$200.00
Gore Parents Centre	Hire of JC Wing for fundraiser	\$111.11
Gore Historical Society	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$124.44
Hokonui Horizons	Hire of JC Wing for meeting	\$93.33
Riversdale Playcentre	Hire of plants for fundraiser	\$44.44
TOTAL		\$3,247.99

7. DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR: HEALTH AND SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 18.8.08)

- ↳ Please find attached a letter received from the Department of Labour advising that the Council has fulfilled the improvements sought in an Improvement Notice issued on 2 April 2008.

This really brings this matter to a close; however I am currently in the throes of organising some workshops for staff in order that they can be familiar with the new workplace harassment and workplace stress policies.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the letter from the Department of Labour be received.

8. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 18.08.08)

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Matura Community Board held on 14 July 2008 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the meeting held on 14 July be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

9. BASIS OF ELECTORAL SYSTEM – 2010 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

(Memo from Electoral Officer – 18.08.08)

BACKGROUND

The Local Electoral Act 2001 offers local authorities the choice between two electoral systems for local government elections. The options are first past the post (FPP), or the single transferable vote (STV).

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act states that local authorities may, not later than 12 September this year resolve that the next two triennial elections of the local authority and its community boards and any associated election, will be held using a specified electoral system. Any resolution to change the basis of the electoral system takes effect for the next two triennial election.

RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL

Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act states that every local authority must, not later than 19 September this year give public notice of the right to demand, under Section 29, a poll on the electoral system to be used for the elections of the local authority and its community boards.

Should a valid demand for a poll be received, a poll will be held on whether the First Past the Post or Single Transferable Vote electoral system will be used for at least the next two triennial general elections (2007 and 2010) of the Gore District Council.

PROCESS TO FOLLOW

The process that the Council can follow to determine its electoral system for 2010 and beyond is:

- (i) The Council can make a decision on which electoral system is to be used, with the required public notification to follow.
- (ii) Five per cent of electors can demand a poll on the issue.
- (iii) The Council may choose of its own volition to hold a poll on the issue, irrespective of whether or not a poll is demanded by electors.

A valid demand must be made in writing and be signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Gore District. This will require

449 elector signatures. Any demand must be received by the Council by Saturday 28 February 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council determine the system of voting it wishes to implement for the 2010 local authority elections.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

His Worship to move

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely the items as listed below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<u>General Subject Matter</u>	<u>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</u>	<u>Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</u>
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Other Business

Penny Per Unit Agreement

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Section 7 (2)(i)

