



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2008, AT 4:40 pm.**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP) (Chairperson), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Gardyne, Grant, Heller, Highsted 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), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and one member of the public in the Gallery.

**APOLOGY** Crs Harvey and McLennan apologised for absence.

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1. KAIWERA DOWNS WIND FARM (11.14.3.1)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant about the two appeals lodged to the decision granting consent to the Kaiwera Downs Wind Farm, together with copies of the appeals from TrustPower Ltd and Upland Protection Society Inc and the associated reply.

His Worship asked Councillors to be careful about any comments made.

The Chief Executive said the matter was currently before the Environment Court. There was a mediation process to be exercised to resolve the appeals and he and the Planning Consultant would continue to meet with the parties involved to work towards a resolution.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Heller, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received.**

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.1/2.14.2)

The Committee perused a summary of building consents issued for July 2008 together with comparisons for the previous two years. Also circulated, was a schedule of resource consents issued to 3 August 2008.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the information be received.**

Cr Gardyne asked how long it took the Building Department to process consents. He had been advised recently that there was a three month turn-around.

The Chief Executive asked what type of consents.

Cr Gardyne replied it was for subdivisions.

The Chief Executive expressed surprise but there were cases where further information was required and the consent was put on hold until it was provided. He would check with the staff involved.

The meeting concluded at 4:47 pm.