



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 9
SEPTEMBER 2008, AT 4:01 pm.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE 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), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson), Aquatic Services Manager (Kim Peterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell and two members of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGIES Crs Dixon and Grant and Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry) apologised for absence.

1. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Committee perused the Community Services Bulletin containing reports from the District Arts and Heritage Curator, Library Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager and Aquatic Services Manager.

Report of the District Arts and Heritage Curator (23.5)

Cr Harvey expressed interest in visiting the Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre at Mandeville once the Southern Odyssey arts and heritage trail initiative had been completed.

His Worship said recent coverage on TV One's Good Morning Show had been great publicity for the Gore District and congratulated the District Arts and Heritage Curator on his presentation.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

Cr Harvey was pleased with the progress being made by Signal Management Group on the Mataura Community Centre.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the project was on track and on budget.

Report of the Aquatic Services Manager (24.11.1)

In response to Cr Harvey, Cr Heller advised there had been an 18.2% increase in attendance at the pool and he congratulated the Aquatic Services Manager and her staff on attracting people to the pool.

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

Cr Gardyne attended the meeting from 4:09 pm.

2. SPORT SOUTHLAND – ANNUAL REPORT (50.34.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager, together with a copy of the 2007/08 Annual report from Sport Southland. The local Sport Southland Co-ordinator, Mr Richard Pasco was in attendance and spoke about the various activities and projects he was involved with.

In response to Cr Harvey, Mr Pasco advised that Sport Southland was currently in the process of setting up an OSCAR programme which could use the indoor events centre as its base. With funding of \$16,000 per annum, there could be a range of activities available for the school age children. Policies and procedures were currently being prepared.

His Worship asked about a walking track from Gore to Dolamore Park and how far it had progressed?

Mr Pasco advised it had been submitted to the LTCCP and recently had been submitted to the Environment Southland Active Leisure Transport Strategy which had been put on hold. He had spoken with the Roding Manager who had intimated such a track was feasible. Applications had been made to the Mataura Licensing Trust and the Community Trust of Southland for funding a trail from the existing mountain bike track to Dolamore Park and he hoped that once it was completed, it would not be too difficult to get the rest done.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the project had been flagged in the Council's Activity Management Plan.

The Roding Manager added it had also been flagged in the Southland Active Transport and Regional Land Transport Strategies but it needed to go through the upcoming LTCCP review to have funding approved by the public and the Council.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Parks and Recreation Manager advised a walking track to Mataura had been flagged as a potential project to be explored.

Cr Harvey advised there was quite a lot of swamp land on the road to Mataura and it could prove difficult to make a track.

His Worship thought a walking track from Gore to Mandeville could be a good idea.

Mr Pasco agreed and asked whether there was potential for the track to be built on the roadside.

The Roding Manager said he had taken the steps required for the potential walking tracks by including them in the various strategies to enable the Council at some point to apply for funding. The next step would be to investigate the routes and construction if a track to Dolamore Park from Gore was approved by the public and the Council.

The Parks and Recreation Manager thanked Mr Pasco for the activities he was involved in and thought the District was lucky to have a person with such drive and passion.

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

3. GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL RESIDENT SURVEY 2008 (1.36)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive, together with a copy of the 2008 survey report, after a survey was undertaken by the Southern Institute of Technology to measure the Council's performance on a number of activities.

Cr Harvey found the survey results to be very interesting and thought it was a positive document for the staff. He felt the public toilet cleaner was doing her best in a difficult situation.

His Worship said he was pleased with the results as it was difficult to always know what the public's pulse was. He thought it would give the Council confidence it was on the right track in most areas. Although the footpaths and toilets had been given the lowest rating, the Council had already put



funding aside for these issues to be dealt with in the short term. He would have liked the survey to have been expanded to include governance. He would take any comments made on board and felt the survey reflected Gore was a good place to live.

Cr Dixey was concerned about the misinformation surrounding recycling. He felt it would be a big job to educate the public on what was involved with recycling and the associated costs.

Cr Heller asked why the wheelie bin service had been included in the survey as it was a private business.

His Worship replied the survey was a template used by other Councils and wheelie bins had been included in error. However, the results were fair for Paddy's Bins and the Council needed to consider that.

Cr Davis agreed and thought it would be very helpful to have the information when considering recycling initiatives.

His Worship said the whole survey was a good tool for the Council to use in its LTCCP review and to refer to when developing plans.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the survey report be received.

4. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Committee perused the operations bulletin containing reports from the Animal Control Contractor, Asset Manager, Utilities, Roading Manager and the Civil Defence Officer.

Report of the Asset Manager, Utilities (2.1.7)

The Asset Manager, Utilities reported there were three conditions the Council needed to take action on for the Coopers Well water supply consent.

Cr Sharp referred to condition 7 of the consent and wondered whether there were measures in place to stop the town suffering water shortages during a future drought regardless of whether water was provided to the new dairy factory.

The Manager replied that condition 7 allowed for the Council to ask for conservation measures not straight out hosing restrictions. Water restrictions would only be imposed when the well was not meeting water flows.

His Worship said the Council had a responsibility to provide wells and a water supply that was safe for the community. The

restrictions would only come into place when the wells could not cope. The staff were currently monitoring and sourcing more options for the water supply and he believed the Council would not allow a water shortage.

Report of the Roothing Manager (2.1.7)

The Roothing Manager reported that the numbers of gradings had been increased to address pothole issues.

Cr Sharp asked if the new Works contract would be brought before the Council prior to being approved.

The Manager replied it would be at the next Council meeting.

Cr Sharp felt there were issues with the contract that required addressing.

The Manager advised there were some variations to the specifications to fine tune the contract to achieve the best outcome. The current contract was for an initial period of three years, with potential for two extensions of two years each. Approval was required by the Land Transport New Zealand as it was a major funder of the work. The contract was currently at the end of the first three year period.

In response to Cr Sharp, His Worship said there had not been a date set for the meeting about the Stock Droving Bylaw.

Cr Davis asked whether the clean up of Huron Street would be on charged to the person responsible.

The Manager replied he would check, but usually if the offender was known, they would be charged.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.

The meeting concluded at 4:25 pm.