

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2008, AT 7:30 pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and 3 members of the public in the Gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Cr Harvey and the Chief Executive apologised for absence.

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1. REQUEST FOR SPEAKING RIGHTS – GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION STAFF ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS (37.5)

His Worship advised he had a request from Andrew Morrison of Federated Farmers to make comments about the proposed use of the James Cumming Wing for staff accommodation. He advised he had allowed him the opportunity to make a brief statement.

A copy of Mr Morrison's email was tabled at the meeting. He said Federated Farmers were concerned about the precedent being set. The organisation had concerns that next year there may be additional rooms taken. He said the Wing was a community asset, not a Council asset. It had taken 12 years for the money to be released for the building to be constructed. The former Gore Borough Council did not contribute much funding at all. He said his organisation was happy to accommodate temporary use of the rooms as office space. When the LTCCP was being produced next year an indication of any additional

staff numbers would be available and how they would be accommodated.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Heller, **THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 26 August 2008, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, as presented, 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 Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, as presented, be ratified.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Gardyne, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Gardyne, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, as presented, be ratified.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, **THAT** the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixey, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2008, as presented, be ratified.

Clause 2 – Gore District Council Administration Staff Accommodation Requirements (37.5)

Cr Gardyne reiterated what he had said about accommodation for administrative purposes. The recommendation should be tagged that the Council recognises the High Court ruling and accepts the integrity of that document. He felt Mr Bannerman had erred by saying the work of the Trust had been concluded given the fact that the money had been expended. However, he felt it was important that whilst recognising the Trust no longer existed, the spirit it strived for should be noted.

**Cr Gardyne moved THAT whilst the Trust no longer existed, the spirit it strived for should be noted and added to the recommendation.**

**The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.**

His Worship believed the input of the people behind the construction of the James Cumming Wing was valued and the Council looked after the intention of the former Trust very well. He did not believe what the Council had in mind was substantially changing the use of the facility nor did he think the Council was setting any precedent that would be earth shattering in the future. In his view, it was a pragmatic decision that made a lot of sense.

3. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

Cr Gardyne referred to a request he had made for clarification on the way the Chief Executive was engaged in studies outside of work at Otago University. He had received a memo addressed to Councillors but he had asked for a report to be provided as an agenda item.

**He moved THAT it be considered as urgent late business.**

Cr Bolger questioned the urgency.

**His Worship agreed and the motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

4. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES WORKING PARTY SUMMARY REPORT (10.11.5)

A comprehensive report from the Parks and Recreation Manager comprising a summation of the issues, outcomes and

recommendations from meetings held by the Public Conveniences Working Party which had been charged with finding solutions to the poor state of the town's public conveniences had been circulated. A letter from C J Coachlines in Hamilton expressing concern at the state of the Main Street toilets was tabled at the meeting.

Cr Davis acknowledged the assistance of her fellow Councillors on the Working Party and also those on the previous Working Party. The Working Party had explored providing a manned facility and also reworking the existing toilets. A manned facility proved to be too expensive and renovating the existing toilets had not come to fruition despite receiving expressions of interest from two local building firms. Unfortunately neither was able to provide quotations or commit to the work. She added that the proposed units in Main Street were also transportable if needed.

The Parks and Recreation Manager also acknowledged the work of both Working Parties.

The cost of a security camera linked to the other security cameras located in the central business district and monitored at the Gore Police station was estimated to cost \$24,000. The Working Party was of the opinion that there was a strong need for a security camera to be installed.

Cr Sharp was in favour of the proposal and queried whether there was room for another set of three toilets if needed.

The Manager said it would be a tight fit as the site was wedge shaped. He added that with the proposed configuration, one facility had been converted to have 3 urinals included which would allow 8 persons at any one time to be accommodated.

Cr Gardyne queried the difference in cost of the Novaloos and the proposed new facilities. He referred to the future development at the heritage precinct and the necessity to provide a comfort stop at the Main Street site would diminish. He believed a 3 cubicle unit would have been prudent given the development at the precinct was more medium term than long term.

**Cr Gardyne moved THAT one cubicle of three units be installed at the Main Street site.**

**The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

His Worship accepted there would be an increased need for toilet facilities at the heritage precinct when the development work in that area was progressed, but also thought there was room for the existing Novaloos near the library as well as a new set in the Main Street.

The Manager advised the difference in cost between the Novaloos and the proposed Main Street facility was due to the increased cost of steel.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Heller, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council approve the replacement of the existing Main Street public conveniences with two, three cubicle Novaloo units,**

**AND THAT a loan be raised to fund the combined public convenience replacements to a maximum value of \$420,000.**

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5. GORE DISTRICT TRADE WASTE BYLAW 2008 (22.11)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the draft Trade Waste Bylaw had been publicly notified for submission on 13 March. The Local Government Act provided that a territorial authority must send a copy of the proposed bylaw to the Minister of Health for comment before adopting a new trade waste bylaw. Copies of correspondence exchanged with the Ministry of Health had been circulated. A copy of the Bylaw had been circulated, which remained unchanged from the document approved by the Regulatory and Planning Committee earlier in the year.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Council adopt the Gore District Trade Waste Bylaw 2008.**

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6. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT (46.36.2)

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community board held on 1 September had been circulated.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report of the meeting held on 1 September be received,**

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

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The meeting concluded at 7:57 pm