

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2008, AT 4:37 pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The 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), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and two members of the public in the Gallery.

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

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**1. PROCESSING OF SUBDIVISION CONSENTS (11.4)**

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant following a question raised at the August Committee meeting about the timeframes taken to process subdivision consents. A table had been circulated showing that the 30 consents lodged so far in 2008, 19 had been completed within one month, 8 had been completed in less than two months and 3 had taken longer than two months to process.

Cr McLennan felt any complaints about the length of time to process subdivision consents should be referred to the staff. It appeared that delays occurred when third parties were involved.

The Planning Consultant advised it had been a good opportunity to advise the Council what the process involved. He acknowledged the staff did not always get things right but he was happy to respond to any questions people had.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the information be received.**

2. STOPPING OF UNFORMED LEGAL ROAD (3.24.6.19)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant about a subdivision consent lodged by T L & D E Affleck Family Trust. The applicants had determined that a shed and woolshed had been located partly on the unformed legal road of Robertson Road in North Chatton and as such were willing to enter into negotiations with the Council to acquire the legal road. As the legal road served only land owned by the applicants, it was capable of being stopped under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1981. A plan showing how the land would be allocated had been circulated.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the Council agree to the closing of the paper road at 192 Robertson Road and its transfer to the owner(s) of the adjoining land,**

**THAT action be taken as required by the Public Works Act 1981 to provide for stopping of the paper road.**

3. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.1/2.14.2)

The Committee perused a summary of building consents issued for August 2008 together with comparisons for the previous two years. Also circulated, was a schedule of resource consents issued to 1 September 2008.

The Planning Consultant advised in regard to the Kaiwera wind farm land use subdivision consent, the Environment Court had issued direction in relation to the Trust Power appeal and it was proposed to be reported on in the Environment Court on 25 September. The appeal by Uplands Trust had issues with information raised during the appeal process that had not been dealt with in the first appeal and the Court could not give any support. Legal arguments on those points would be addressed on 25 September.

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

The meeting concluded at 4:42 pm.