



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 11  
NOVEMBER 2008, AT 4:03 pm.**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Harvey (Chairperson) Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Grant (from 4.15pm), 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), Rooding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Jane Robinson, Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and four members of the public in the Gallery.

**APOLOGY** Cr Dixon apologised for absence.

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**1. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN**

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

**Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)**

The Parks and Recreation Manager made mention of the rhododendron festival recently held in the Gore Gardens. The Rhododendron Association had done a wonderful job again with the gardens and there had been a great turn out.

The Manager advised that the new Mataura Community Centre had been completed on time and on budget, ready for the official opening on Friday 14 November.

Cr Harvey complimented The Manager and his staff on the appearance of Gore's beautiful gardens. His Worship endorsed Cr Harvey's comments and encouraged everyone to attend the opening of the community centre. The centre would be a great asset to the town.

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

2. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN AOTEAROA PEOPLE'S NETWORK  
(25.9.1)

A memo from the Library Manager had been received about reaching a decision regarding the Council's participation in a joint Otago/Southland application for the Phase 3 rollout of the Aotearoa People's Network (APN).

The Library Manager had attended the recent Library Conference in Auckland and attended a presentation about the Aotearoa People's Network. The programme had originated in the United Kingdom, where over 4,000 libraries had implemented the programme that provided PCs, staff training and unlimited internet access to the public free of charge. Presently the public paid \$2 per 15 minute session.

His Worship encouraged the Council to be involved with the application. It would also be a way to encourage additional foot traffic to the library.

*Cr Grant now attended the meeting.*

Cr Davis queried whether there would be protective software to prevent users, especially children from accessing questionable material.

The Library Manager advised that protective software would be used; however You Tube and other social networking sites would not be filtered. The screens would be in easy view of staff and the children's area would house three computers, specifically for children.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council agree to participate in a joint Otago/Southland application to the Aotearoa People's Network.**

### 3. GORE DISTRICT COMMUNITY AWARDS (46.44.1)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager following the second Gore District Community Awards that were held on Saturday 1 November in the form of a Gala Dinner, guest speaker Sarah Ulmer and culminating with the presentation of eight awards before a sell-out crowd of 360 people.

The evening had been extremely successful and many positive and welcome comments had been received from a good number of people.

Cr Harvey paid tribute to the Human Resources and Administration Manager on her excellent organisation of the whole event.

Cr Sharp endorsed Cr Harvey's comments and thought Sarah Ulmer had been a great guest speaker.

Planning had already commenced for the 2009 event, which would be held on Saturday 31 October 2009.

Cr Davis advised that next year people wishing to attend would need to get tickets early, as they had sold out early this year.

Cr Highsted thought the quality of nominees was a step up from last year.

His Worship agreed that this year's nominees were exceptional. The night was really enjoyed by all. The Civic Award recipients were totally overwhelmed at receiving the award.

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

### 4. YOUTH EXO DAY FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 2008 (50.40.3)

Mr Martin Redhead was in attendance and advised that a Youth EXO Day Festival would be held on 13 December from 3pm to 9.30pm at The Calvin Church. A total of 800 youth were expected to attend from as far north as Christchurch. The vision was to provide a safe festival for young people. Events offered would include paintball, freestyle motor cross, music,

guest speakers and a dinner and concert in the evening. The cost would be \$10 per head.

Mr Redhead wanted the Council to support the EXO day by promoting it as a positive event for youth.

He thanked the Roding Manager and the Planning Consultant who had been very accommodating in organising the traffic management and resources.

His Worship congratulated Mr Redhead on his initiative and enthusiasm and acknowledged the Council's assistance with the event.

The meeting concluded at 4.21pm.

