

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008, AT 7:35 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), 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), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and 3 members of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Bolger apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Gardyne, **THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 28 October 2008, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Harvey, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Clause 3 – Gore District Community Awards (46.44.1)

Cr Highsted clarified he was impressed with the quality of the nominees and the function had been a step-up from last year.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr McLennan, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee meeting

held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Sharp, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Sharp, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Davis, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Clause 6 – Significant Trees Register (18.5)

Cr Dixon thought it was unfair to a resident if a tree was tagged as significant, and thought the Council's priorities were wrong.

The Parks and Recreation Manager explained the process for having significant trees included on a register. It was currently out for consultation and there was no certainty that all trees would be included on the register.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Harvey, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Sharp, **THAT** the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Dixey, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2008, as presented, be ratified.

2. OTAGO GOLDFIELDS HERITAGE TRUST CAVALCADE:
WAIKAKA (1.62)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following the Council's decision in August to approve an interest free loan of \$5,000 subject to the receipt of a satisfactory business plan in favour of the Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade. The loan was to be repayable immediately after the event.

The Host Committee had advised that due to the budgeted outcome of the event, it believed it would be inappropriate to take up the loan offer. A copy of a letter from the Committee together with a proposed budget had also been circulated with the agenda.

The Chairman of the Waikaka Cavalcade, Mr Paul McCarthy, was in attendance at the meeting and had been granted speaking rights by His Worship.

Mr McCarthy explained the responsibilities of the host town. A budget had been provided which showed there was not a huge profit likely to be made. The budget was reliant on 800 people attending the hoe-down. Any profit made would be channelled back into the sports complex at Waikaka. He requested the Council reconsider making a grant towards the event rather than a loan.

Cr Highsted asked whether the budget included the Council's funding.

Mr McCarthy replied it did not.

Cr Heller said if it was, then that could result in a \$6,520 profit. He thought a loan would be appropriate based on the budget presented.

Mr McCarthy said the budget was break-even and if there were less than 800 people at the hoe-down then it would run at a loss.

Cr Davis asked if additional costs could be charged for accommodation to increase the income.

Mr McCarthy said the charge for motor homes was based on what had been charged in previous years.

Cr Sharp said he had attended nine cavalcades and they were well supported. He had been reliably informed that no host town had yet run at a loss.

Mr McCarthy said Waikouaiti had received \$15,000 in grants the previous year.

In response to His Worship, the Cavalcade Secretary advised applications had been made to several charitable organisations. It was still awaiting a response from the Community Trust of Southland but all others had been declined.

The Chief Executive said the decision to make a grant or a loan was political and it was possible for the Council to step outside its budget and approve grants for meritorious events.

Cr McLennan moved THAT subject to providing the appropriate financial information after the cavalcade, that the Council's position about a grant be subject to review.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.

Cr Gardyne suggested the Council consider how infrequently the Waikaka community put its hand out for money. There was an energetic Committee involved. What was required was assistance from the Council to the Waikaka community.

His Worship did not dispute that. He felt there was a will around the table to offer assistance to the event.

Cr Highsted moved as an Amendment, THAT the Council decline the request for a grant in the sum of \$5,000 submitted by the Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade and reaffirm its earlier offer of approving an interest free loan repayable immediately after the event.

The Amendment was seconded by Cr Grant.

Cr Grant added it had taken 19 years for the cavalcade to get to Waikaka, yet the Council found money for the Moonshiners Festival every year.

The Amendment was put and it was lost.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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3. RURAL HALLS AND DOMAINS SUB-COMMITTEE (1.7.4.3)

Notes from a meeting of the Rural Halls and Domains Sub-Committee, held on 11 November, detailing a schedule of grants to be made, had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT with the first sentence on page 2 of the notes being deleted, the notes of the Rural Halls and Domains Sub-Committee be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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Cr Gardyne clarified on page 1, under the Waikaka Public Hall Society, that given the scheme related to rural halls and domains, they should take priority over other applications for funding.

4. RURAL SPECIAL FUND COMMITTEE (1.8.1)

Notes from a meeting of the Rural Special Fund Committee held on 11 November, had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the notes of the Rural Special Fund Committee be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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Cr Gardyne clarified, and the Council *noted* in paragraph 2, line 6, the word was appropriate, *not* inappropriate as had been recorded.

5. PARKS AND RESERVES WORKING PARTY SUMMARY REPORT (18.74)

A comprehensive report by the Parks and Recreation Manager of the Parks and Reserves Working Party had been circulated, together with a series of appendices referred to within the report.

Cr Harvey presented the report and spoke highly of the effort put in by the Working Parties since 2004. He acknowledged the

efforts of the Manager for presenting a wide range of information to the Working Party.

Cr Dixon referred to creating an area for a pet cemetery at Bannerman Park. He said there was a demand for such a facility.

The Manager advised he had ascertained there was a Council in the North Island that operated a pet cemetery.

His Worship suggested rather than incorporating it into the working party report that the Manager report separately to a future meeting.

Cr Gardyne suggested a pet cemetery not get into the public. People just had to take their animals to the vets. To spend \$1.6 million or thereabouts on parks and reserves was something that would have to be addressed at some point. It was people's individual gardens that provided colour in the community, not just the Council's parks and reserves. A spend of \$1.6 million would not be sustainable into the future. The costs and delivery of services was not debated at all by the Working Party. He had asked for that information to be provided on at least two occasions. There were some Councils in New Zealand that had gardens tended by private individuals, such as Kerikeri. The recommendations were fine, but the Council would have to address the costs at some time.

His Worship said costs had been addressed and debated previously and the Council decided to provide additional funding last year.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Council receive and approve the actions contained within the report of the Parks and Reserves Working Party.

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RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the Council enter into dialogue with interested parties to discuss the future of playgrounds and reserves at Merlin Place, Sword Street and Moa Place.

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RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the Council give direction to Council officers to enter into dialogue with the Gore Vintage Car Club with a

view to it purchasing some adjoining lands to its existing block. Should it not want to entertain this, then Council officers shall undertake to find prospective purchasers for the section of land fronting Waimea Street, with any result coming back to the Council for a final decision.

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Cr Harvey moved THAT \$15,000 be included in the draft estimates for the upcoming iteration of the 2009-19 LTCCP to install a slide at the Salford Street playground.

The motion was seconded by Cr Sharp.

Cr Davis asked if there was any likelihood of reserve contributions being available to fund the slide at Salford Street.

The Park and Recreation Manager advised he was investigating whether that was possible.

Cr Dixey moved as an Amendment THAT it be delayed until the 2010 year.

The amendment was seconded by Cr Dixon.

The Chief Executive said it could be included in the draft LTCCP but could be withdrawn at any time by the Council.

With the agreement of Cr Dixon, Cr Dixey withdrew his Amendment.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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6. REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Dixey attended the recent annual meeting of the Combined Courts Association. Its members were looking forward to getting into the new indoor centre.

Cr Davis reported on the St James Theatre Trust fly tower project which was progressing extremely well and under budget. It was on target to be officially opened on 28 February at a gala event.

Cr Sharp attended a meeting of Solid Energy and residents of Te Tipua. He was staggered at the size of the company's development at the New Vale coal mine and encouraged other Councillors to view it if they were able.

His Worship referred to the opening of the Mataura Community Centre on 14 November. It had been a great day and he had also attended the first function held in it the following evening. Everything worked well and good comments had been forthcoming.

The meeting concluded at 8:32 pm