

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008, AT 7.30 pm**

**Stephen Parry  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**19 November 2008**

## **A G E N D A**

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 28 October 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Community Services Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Operations Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Regulatory Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 11 November 2008.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS – as tabled at the meeting, pursuant to Section 46 (a)(7) of the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

3. OTAGO GOLDFIELDS HERITAGE TRUST CAVALCADE: WAIKAKA  
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4. RURAL HALLS AND DOMAINS SUB-COMMITTEE  
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6. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RESERVES WORKING PARTY  
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7. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

8. APPROVED URGENT LATE ITEMS

9. BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987:

(i) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held in Committee, on Tuesday 28 October 2008.

Confirmation of the Report of the Meeting of the Operations Committee, held in Committee, on Tuesday 11 November 2008.

(ii) OTHER BUSINESS

- Penny per Unit Agreement

## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2008

### 3. OTAGO GOLDFIELDS HERITAGE TRUST CAVALCADE: WAIKAKA

(Memo from Chief Executive – 13.11.08)

At the August meeting of the Council's Finance and Policy Committee a request for funding from the Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade, was considered. The following recommendation passed by the Committee, was subsequently endorsed by the full Council at its August meeting:

*THAT the Council approve an interest free loan of \$5,000 subject to receipt of a satisfactory business plan, in favour of Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade, repayable immediately after the event.*

The Host Committee has since advised that due to the budgeted outcome of the event it believes it will be inappropriate to take up the Council's offer of a loan. Please find enclosed, a letter received from the Host Committee Chairman outlining the Committee's situation and enclosing a proposed budget for the event.

The Host Committee Chairman, Mr Bill McCarthy is seeking a review of the Council's decision to not advance a grant of \$5,000.

It is hoped that representatives of the Host Committee will be present at the Council meeting to answer any queries that Councillors may have on the event and its financial viability.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

This is a purely political matter with no operational guidance necessary. However, to facilitate smooth debate and resolution of this particular issue, one of the following two recommendations should be able to be promoted to finalise this matter:

- 1. 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; or**

- 2. THAT the recommendation of the August meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee subsequently endorsed as a resolution by the Council at its August meeting approving an interest free loan of \$5,000 in favour of Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade, be rescinded;**

**AND THAT the Council advance a grant in the sum of \$5,000 in favour of the Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade;**

**AND THAT funding recovery for this grant be included in the 2009/10 Council Budget.**

4. RURAL HALLS AND DOMAINS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 13.11.08)

- ✦ Enclosed please find notes of the most recent meeting of the Council's Rural Halls and Domains Sub-Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the notes of the Rural Halls and Domains Sub-Committee be received,**

**AND THAT the recommendations contained therein be adopted.**



Cr Sharp advised the Rugby Club utilised the hall regularly, and wedding functions were held there.

WAIKAKA COMBINED SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Cr Sharp advised the Association had not applied the previous year. The complex was used a lot, especially by the rugby club.

MANDEVILLE PUBLIC HALL SOCIETY

Cr Grant advised that the Society had also made an application to the Southland District Council.

Cr Bolger noted that the Society had had a big rate increase.

CAMP COLUMBA

The Chief Executive confirmed that Camp Columba paid rates of \$1,500 per year.

Cr Grant noted that the Camp's bank balance was in the vicinity of \$80,000 and queried whether its hire rate was high enough. He suggested an amount to cover its rates.

After due consideration, the Sub-Committee granted the following:

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council ratify the distribution of grant monies to the following organisations:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
Camp Columba	Ritchie hall – line and insulate	\$8,708	\$2,000
Waikaka Public Hall Soc Inc	Finalise payment of internal repainting For re-roofing of kitchen, meeting room and toilet lean-to.	\$5,000	\$3,000
Pukerau Hall and Reserve Public Hall	To sand and resurface hall floor	\$4,000	\$3,000
Waikaka Combined Sports Assn	To purchase two new ovens for the kitchen.	\$1,419	\$1,000
Mandeville Public Hall Society Inc	Resurfacing hall floor	\$4,026	\$3,000

The meeting concluded at 2:39pm.

5. RURAL SPECIAL FUND COMMITTEE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 13.11.08)

- ✦ Enclosed please find notes of the most recent meeting of the Council's Rural Special Fund Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the notes of the Rural Special Fund Committee be received,**

**AND THAT the recommendations contained therein be adopted.**

**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL SPECIAL FUND COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON 11 NOVEMBER 2008, AT 2.40 PM**

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor (Chairman), Cr Bolger, Cr Gardyne, Cr Grant and Cr Sharp

**In Attendance:** The Chief Executive

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**1. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RURAL SPECIAL FUND**

His Worship welcomed Committee members to the meeting and asked the Chief Executive to explain why the Terms of Reference of the Rural Special Fund were being mooted for review. The Chief Executive advised that the request for review had come from Cr Gardyne who was concerned that Clause 5 of the Terms of Reference was not being appropriately applied by the former members of the Rural Special Fund Committee. The Chief Executive said that the previous Rural Special Fund Committee had an unwritten understanding that no applications for funding would be invited for an indefinite period to allow the capital sum of fund to accrue interest and increase. He said this is why Clause 5 and its provision for up to 30% of interest to be dispersed to worthy organisations during the period 1 July 2005–30 June 2008, was not actioned.

The Chief Executive said he was still of the view given to the May meeting of the Council's Finance and Policy Committee that the Committee's approach was prudent given the rapid erosion in the value of the fund due to decisions taken by the Council in the 1990s.

Cr Grant stated that he was happy to defer any disbursement of funds until such time as the capital sum had reached a level of \$500,000. Cr Sharp agreed with this suggestion.

Cr Bolger expressed a wish to see the capital sum increase but was not altogether comfortable with no funding applications being considered or invited until such time as the capital sum had increased to \$500,000. Cr Bolger thought that the Committee should give greater consideration to the use of loans as opposed to grants to organisations in the interest of preserving the capital sum of the fund.

Cr Gardyne did not agree with these views. He stated that Clause 5 of the Terms of Reference mandated the Committee to invite applications for funding from the rural area of the Gore District utilising up to 30% of interest accrued from the fund. Cr Garydne asserted that the previous Rural Special Fund Committee had stepped outside the Terms of Reference and acted inappropriately by not inviting applications for funding. Other Committee members disagreed with this interpretation.

Cr Gardyne cited the plight of the Waikaka Squash Club which was fundraising for a project yet had little options in respect of accessing philanthropic funding sources due to the Waikaka area being outside the defined geographical area of operation and benefit of the Maitara Licensing Trust. He said the Rural Special Fund was an inappropriate funding vehicle for the Waikaka Squash Club which was being shut out by the Committee's decision not to permit funding applications and dispersal of a portion of the interest earned.

The Chief Executive advised that in the year ending 30 June 2008 the Rural Special Fund had earned a total of \$22,192.69 in interest. He advised that as at 30 June 2008 the Rural Special Fund balance stood at \$281,756.30.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Rural Special Fund be left to accrue interest for a further three year period, with no applications for funding from community organisations being invited during that time,**

**AND THAT this policy position be reviewed in three years time.**

## 2. REVIEW OF LOAN TO CROYDON AVIATION HERITAGE TRUST

The Committee considered a letter received from the Chairman of the Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust requesting that consideration be given to the repayment of the loan by way of regular instalment or converting its status to that of a grant.

None of the Committee members were prepared to change the status of the loan to that of a grant. Members of the Committee noted that the previous item discussed was resolved on the basis of endeavouring to see the capital sum of the fund increase and therefore any relaxation on the repayment of the loan would undermine this objective.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust's request for conversion of a \$10,000 loan to a grant be declined,**

**THAT the Trust's alternate request of repayment of the loan by way of regular instalment be agreed to on the basis of annual payments of \$2,500 being made with effect from the 2009/10 financial year,**

**AND THAT in the event that regular payments are not forthcoming, the Council indicate that it may recover the outstanding monies owed by a commensurate reduction in the annual grant paid by the Council to the Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust.**

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

## 6. PARKS AND RESERVES WORKING PARTY SUMMARY REPORT

(Report from Parks and Recreation Manager – 17.11.08)

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is a summation of the issues, outcomes and recommendations from meetings held by the Parks and Reserves Working Party which was charged with undertaking a review of the Districts Parks and Reserves. During the estimates setting process for the 2006-16 LTCCP, the cost of the Councils parks and reserves activity was the subject of some discussion and debate. Consequently it was suggested that the Council set up a working party to analyse this issue in some depth and report back its findings and recommendation in order that any change could be profiled in the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

Before introducing the working party and its findings, it is timely to review the Parks and Reserves Summary as stated in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

### *INTRODUCTION*

*Under the Reserves Act 1977, the Council has a responsibility for the provision, maintenance and preservation of reserves on behalf of the community. The types of reserves administered by the Council include:*

- *Sportsgrounds*
- *Parks*
- *Rural Reserves*
- *Playgrounds*
- *Roading and esplanade reserves*
- *Public open spaces*

*The above recreational areas are part of the Council's on-going support to the Southland Leisure Strategy and its objectives to increase public participation in sporting and more active leisure time pursuits. The provision of parks and reserves is also consistent with the Councils commitment to continue its work with Sport Southland in implementing an "active community" programme in the Gore District.*

## WHY IS THE SERVICE PROVIDED?

*The provision and maintenance of parks, reserves, sportsgrounds, and street gardens creates a pleasant environment in which to live and work, and thereby promote the quality of life. The district's network of safe, functional, and attractive parks and reserves has a positive effect on the community's sense of place and provides them with a variety of locations to pursue outdoor activities. Providing and maintaining these areas also help to ensure that our environment is appreciated, protected and sustained for future generations.*

*Likewise, the development and maintenance of sports areas by the Council helps fulfil the community's need for sports and recreational facilities.*

## PARKS AND RESERVES ARE PRIMARILY LIMITED TO TWO COMMUNITY OUTCOMES:

Community Outcome	Contribution from the Council's Parks and Reserves
<i>Lifestyle and Culture</i> 'Southland is a great place to live'	The District's well maintained parks and reserves, sports fields and other recreational areas contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors, and make the District a great place to live.
<i>Environment</i> 'A treasured environment which we care for and that supports us now and into the future'	The District's well maintained gardens beautify the urban environment, while its rural parks and reserves fulfil a conservation function through the planting of native plant species and other measures.

## THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY IS:

*"To provide quality parks and reserves that enhances and enriched the Community"*

The full LTCCP Parks and Reserves summary is attached in **Appendix I**.

## **The Parks and Reserves Working Party**

The Parks and Reserves Working Party was formed after a meeting of the Council on 17 January 2006 to investigate concerns relating to the location and levels of service currently provided. The working party was also charged with determining the appropriate way forward for meeting the public expectation for this activity. The working party has been meeting since 2006. The approved terms of reference set for this working party are:

- a. *To critically examine the number of parks, reserves and recreation areas in Gore, Mataura and the rural area of the Gore District to ascertain whether they are still meeting the needs of the community, having regard to current usage levels;*
- b. *To critically examine levels of service provided to parks, reserves, recreation areas and garden plots in Gore, Mataura and the rural area of the Gore District to ascertain whether they are meeting the needs of the community; and*
- c. *To recommend to the Council the disposal of surplus reserves and changes in service levels as a result of the analysis undertaken in (1) & (2), above.*

### Make up of Parks and Reserves Working Party

Membership of the working party was as follows:

#### **2004 Council**

- His Worship the Mayor
- Cr Davis (Chair Operations Committee)
- Cr Bolger
- Cr Harvey
- Cr McLennan
- Cr Sutherland
- Cr Turnbull (from 28 August 2007)

#### **2007 Council**

- His Worship the Mayor
- Cr Harvey (Chair Community Services Committee)
- Cr Bolger
- Cr Davis
- Cr Dixey
- Cr Dixon
- Cr Gardyne
- Cr McLennan

Members of staff that have attended the meetings:

- the Chief Executive (Steve Parry)
- the General Manager District Assets (Neil Jorgensen)
- the Parks and Recreation Manager (Ian Soper)
- the Administration Manager (Susan Jones)

## The History

The working party discussed issues in segments progressively throughout this period. There were two interim reports to the Council on the following dates:

- 12 March 2007 - Memo from the Chief Executive/Parks and Recreation Manager
- 14 August 2007 Finance and Policy Committee - Memo from the Parks and Recreation Manager dated 26 July 2007

In addition to these formal reports there were numerous reports and updates given to the Council in the Parks and Recreation Manager's monthly Operations and Community Services Committee reports.

The working party separated its attention and focus throughout the process. This was because of a timing issue relating to the 2007 annual plan process. As the working party worked through the initial issues of a critical examination of the level of provision currently provided bearing in mind current usage, trends and future need also questioning whether the level of service provided and was still relevant.

This culminated in a preliminary report to the Council in August 2007 (**Appendix II**) which outlined where the working party had got to, noted that at the Council's Extraordinary meeting in April 2007 the Council resolved to address the question of Potential Disposals at its 14 August 2007 Finance and Policy Committee Meeting. It asked the Council for guidance on a way forward to progress the question of "Potential Disposals". The Council, in August 2007 resolved inter alia, "THAT the Council form a new Parks and Reserves Working Party after the October elections to discuss the potential disposal of parks and reserves as highlighted in this report" That resolution was thereafter implemented as the way forward.

## **OPTIONS AND INFORMATION EXPLORED**

Throughout the life of this working party there have been numerous meetings that have systematically worked through the questions posed in the terms of reference. Copies of all these meetings are in the Councils files and are available for your perusal if required. Copies have not been supplied due to the physical size of the documentation concerned.

Meetings were held on:

09 May 2006  
21 June 2006 (tour)  
11 October 2006  
20 February 2007  
19 September 2007  
28 January 2008 (tour)  
15 February 2008  
27 March 2008  
03 June 2008  
30 October 2008

Many items that were raised in the parks and reserves working party meetings were discussed further at the Annual Plan meetings in 2007. At this time issues that were not addressed in the budgets of the day were discussed, debated and finally after many amendments adopted for inclusion in the 2007 Annual Plan.

Some issues discussed at length by the working party following an initial and subsequent tour of the parks and reserve assets that within the District have been:

- the quantity of reserves, playgrounds, sports fields, passive reserves, street plots and their locations in relation to the public accessibility;
- current trends and utilisation of parks, reserves and recreation areas;
- examination of the reserves budgets in relation to the levels of service being provided;
- the implications of assets other than reserves upon the reserve budgets;
- comparison of Gore District's cost structures in relation to other New Zealand councils;
- assessment of playgrounds located in close proximity to another;
- liaison with members of Pioneer Park and the Golf Driving Range Committees to discuss future requirements; and
- being furnished with advice from Mr John Bannerman about historical facts relating to Bannerman Park and how it came into existence.

## **SOCIAL WELLBEING IMPACT**

The social wellbeing of our population will be increased from the provision of quality amenities such as parks, reserves, sportsgrounds and playgrounds. This provision is conducive with providing locally accessible options for the public to partake in. The Council has historically been nationally renowned for a good level of provision for its population and as current custodians of those assets put in place by the Districts forefathers there is a need to prudently manage them for future generations.

## **ECONOMIC WELLBEING IMPACT**

The Economic benefits may be seen to be subjective, but where people have a pleasant environment in which to work and live it means that a positive mindset is in place. This in turn flows onto other positive activities in those people's lives. Celebrations and events in and on reserves display a state of vibrancy in a community and creates a healthy community spirit. This is encapsulated in the phrase "Southland, the spirit of a nation" on the other side of the equation it is acknowledged that maintenance of the numbers of parks, reserves, shrubberies and playgrounds of the current standards does come at an economic cost to ratepayers.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING IMPACT**

This activity is fundamental to the profile of our environment. The results of the working parties findings underpin the environmental wellbeing of our district and provide a platform for this to continue into the future. This report will only have a positive effect on the environment.

## **CULTURAL WELLBEING IMPACT**

There should be no increase or decrease in cultural impacts from the findings in this report. As noted in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, the community outcome of 'Southland is a great place to live' confirms the positive impact this activity has upon Culture in our District.

## **IMPACT ON PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY OUTCOMES**

This report reflects a positive impact upon the Parks and Reserves activities stated Community Outcomes with a stronger emphasis on the environment.

### *LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE*

‘Southland is a great place to live’

### *ENVIRONMENT*

‘A treasured environment which we care for and that supports us now and into the future’

## **IMPACT ON LTCCP**

The recommendations contained within this report do not have any significance impact on the Council’s LTCCP.

## **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

### The Consultation

From comments throughout the deliberations it was obvious that the Councillors involved in the current working party have had the opportunity to gauge public opinion on this matter as they canvassed the public during the election campaign.

At both the 2007 and 2008 Council Annual Plan Expo there was the opportunity for direct dialogue with the ultimate consumers of the Parks and Reserves product being showcased. There were copies of the working parties interim findings report (August 2007) made available at the 2008 Expo highlighting the potential disposals list of reserves and photos of these. Feedback at the Expos was predominately supportive of retention as opposed to disposal of reserves. This sentiment has been expressed by many Councillors following newspaper articles highlighting the process that the working party has been asked to undertake.

The working party invited members of Pioneer Park and the Golf Driving Range Committees to a working party meeting to discuss their future requirements and where they see the future for their respective enterprises. A meeting where good dialogue was had and valuable opinions expressed by all concerned. The Councils Arts and Heritage Curator Mr Jim Geddes also gave the working party

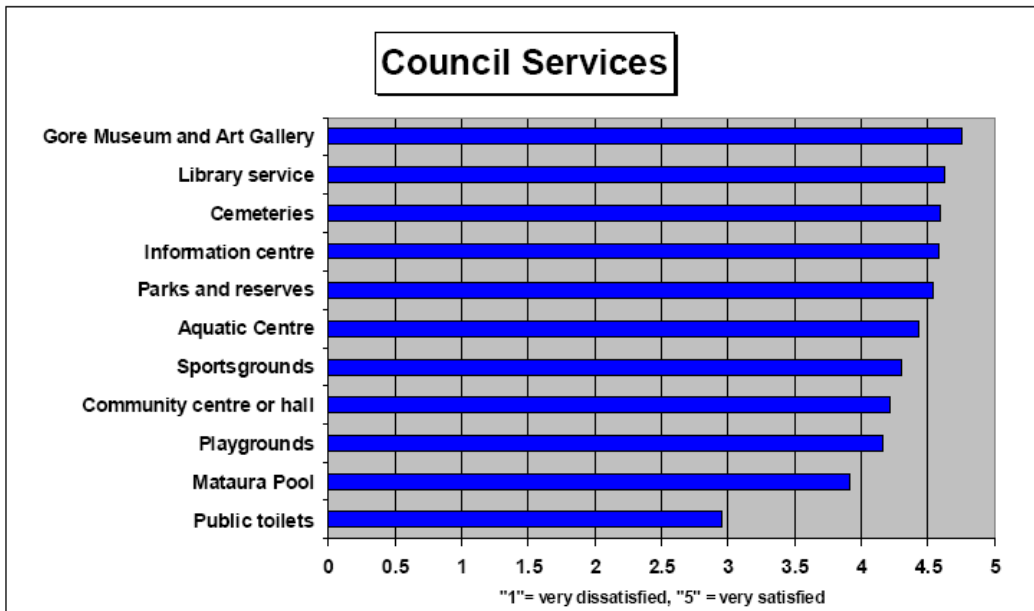
some insight into the future plans that the Pioneer Park Trust has for this site.

The working party had the Council's local solicitor Mr John Bannerman present at one of its meetings, where he gave a very in-depth account of historical intent as it related to Bannerman Park.

There was also consultation with the Department of Conservation relating to any proposed change to reserve classified lands.

Recently available information from the 2008 residents survey has confirmed the public's satisfaction with current service levels.

**Graph 20: Summary of satisfaction levels regarding Council services**



Council Services	Satisfaction level
Gore Museum and Art Gallery	4.75
Library service	4.62
Cemeteries	4.59
Information centre	4.58
Parks and reserves	4.54
Aquatic Centre	4.43
Sportsgrounds	4.30
Community centre or hall	4.21
Playgrounds	4.16
Mataura Pool	3.91
Public toilets	2.95

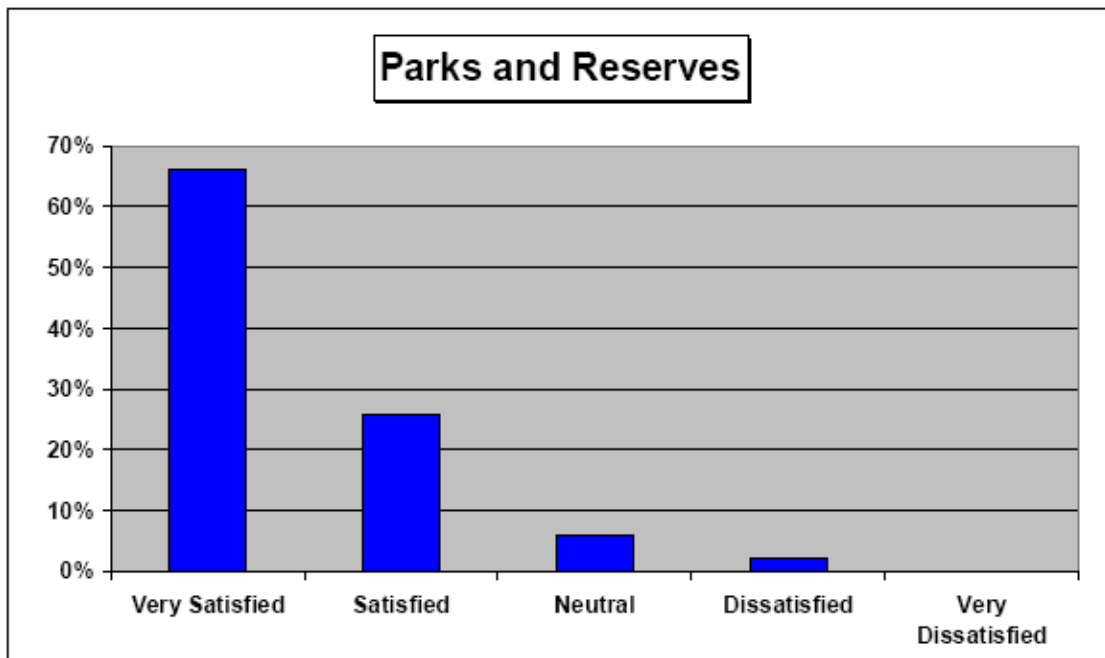
It can be seen from the above excerpt from the Residents Survey 2008 the Parks and Reserves rate 4.54 out of 5.

Further in the following table it can be ascertained that residents surveyed who rated the service provided as **Neutral** or below totalled only 8% compared to 92% stating that they were **Satisfied** or **Very Satisfied** with the parks and reserves activity. It is also pleasing to note the percentage of respondents reported as having visited a park or reserve in the previous twelve months.

#### 4.5 Parks and reserves

Two-thirds of respondents (66%) had visited parks or reserves in the district within the last 12 months. Of these respondents 92% were satisfied, with 66% very satisfied and 26% satisfied. Only two percent of respondents were dissatisfied.

*Graph 24: Level of satisfaction of parks and reserves*



Parks and Reserves	Raw Data	Percent
Very Satisfied	172	66%
Satisfied	67	26%
Neutral	17	6%
Dissatisfied	5	2%
Very Dissatisfied	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>100%</b>

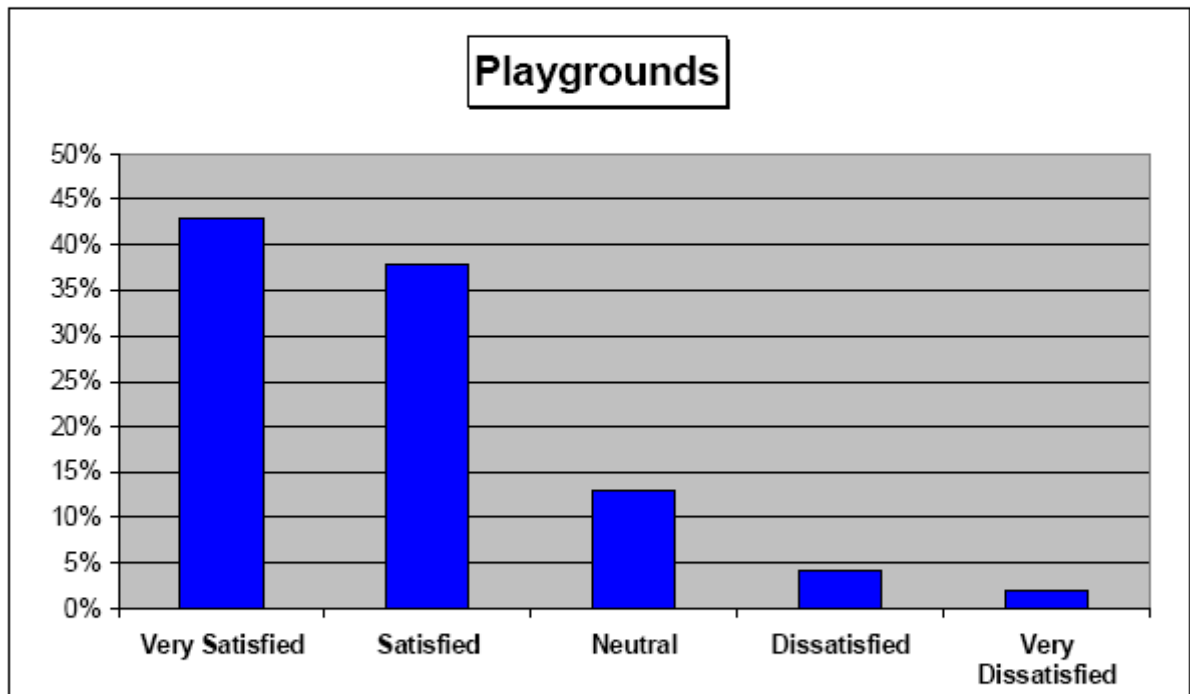
In addition the Public Satisfaction Survey also questioned the public on playgrounds. In the following table it can be ascertained that residents surveyed rated the service provided as **Neutral** or below totalled 19% compared to 81% stating that they were **Satisfied** or **Very Satisfied** with the Districts playgrounds.

#### 4.7 Playgrounds

38% of the respondents had visited or used playgrounds in the area during the past 12 months. Of these respondents, 81% were satisfied, with 43% very satisfied and 38% satisfied.

Only six percent of respondents showed levels of dissatisfaction, with 4% dissatisfied and 2% very dissatisfied. Those respondents who were dissatisfied with playgrounds concentrated their suggestions for improvements on providing more equipment.

*Graph 26: Level of satisfaction of playgrounds*



Playgrounds	Raw Data	Percent
Very Satisfied	65	43%
Satisfied	57	38%
Neutral	20	13%
Dissatisfied	6	4%
Very Dissatisfied	3	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>100%</b>

Also of interest from the Public Satisfaction Survey was responses received on high priority issues. The table overleaf shows that beautification, recreation/sport facilities/sportsgrounds all rate highly in survey respondents priorities.

## 6.2 High priority issues

Respondents were asked to list the three main services or facilities that they thought the Council should give a high priority to over the next 12 months. The main issue which emerged was footpaths with 25% of respondents mentioning this.

The next most important priorities were issues regarding recycling and waste services (24%), the beautification and cleaning of towns (15%), and roading (14%). Other priorities mentioned concerned recreation/sports facilities/sportgrounds, Council expenditure and rates, public toilets, and water issues, refer table 6.2 below.

*Table 6.2: High priority issues*

High Priority Issues	Raw Data	Percent
Footpaths	101	25%
Recycling /Waste services	96	24%
Beautification, upgrade, maintenance, and cleaning of town/areas	61	15%
Roading	56	14%
Recreation/sport facilities/sportsgrounds	43	11%
Council expenditure/rates	42	11%
Public toilets	34	8%
Water issues	24	6%
Council communication/teamwork	19	5%
Street lighting	10	3%
Elderly facilities/issues	9	2%

## **SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT**

The recommendations contained within this report do not have any significance in terms of the Councils Significance Policy.

## **WORKING PARTY, THE FINAL WORD, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The working party has expended a lot of time and energy exploring various options, considering the need, the consultation, the budget, the perceived value to residents and the actual value to residents. This has been a huge effort over two Council terms and three years. The working party has formed a range of opinions on certain issues and a range of recommendations on other issues.

The defining and overwhelming conclusion of the working party at the end of this lengthy process is that the Council has a superb array of parks, reserves, gardens, shrubberies and playgrounds that serve the economic, social, environmental and cultural needs of the community. While there may be scope for some minor rationalisation in the recommendations below, the working party believes these assets need to be viewed as a positive legacy from the past and not a millstone on the districts future.

These are the actions that the working party recommends to the Council:

1. THAT a junior and senior playground be installed at the Multi-sports Complex, funded by reserve contributions,

AND THAT the Council in the interim enter into dialogue with interested parties to discuss the future of playgrounds and reserves at Merlin Place, Sword Street and Moa Place.

2. That the Parks and Reserves budgets have been thoroughly reviewed, amendments made in the 2007 Annual Plan process and the remaining budgets at this time are appropriate for the levels of service currently provided
3. THAT the Council give direction to the Parks and Recreation Manager to undertake a change of use for a portion of Bannerman Park, to allow public groups involved in sustainable living concepts to create and operate a public vegetable garden and orchard area on lands adjacent to Crewe Street.
4. THAT the Council give direction to the Parks and Recreation Manager to undertake a change of use for a portion of Bannerman Park, to instigate a planted woodland area on the south facing portion of land and to seek local funding partners to aid in the implementation. This woodland area is to have woodland daffodils planted and be available for the public to pick in springtime,  
  
AND THAT the Council allow the Gore Agricultural and Pastoral Associations Joint Management Committee to graze its stock on the remaining area for grass control.
5. THAT the Council endorse the Parks and Recreation Manager to enter into dialogue with the Gore Vintage Car Club with a view to the club purchasing adjoining land to its existing block.

6. THAT the Council continue to lease lands to the Golf Driving Range, and that this land remain in the Council's ownership.
7. THAT the sum of \$15,000 be included in a future budget for the installation of a slide at the Salford Street Playground.
8. THAT the Council approve in principal the establishment of dog-park within the Hamilton Park complex noting that a specific site designed for dog owners to take their canines for contained, off the leash activities, is proposed on Council owned land immediately north of the BMX track.
9. THAT the Council note there will be ongoing six monthly updates from the Parks and Recreation Manager to the Council on the implementation of these initiatives.

Appended information for the Council

Appendix I LTCCP Summary

Appendix II Preliminary report to the Council August 2007

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Council receive and approve the actions contained within this report of the Parks and Reserves Working Party.**

**AND 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.**

**AND THAT either**

**The Council give direction to Council officers to retain the status quo with lands adjoining Waimea Street, including the Golf Driving Range.**

**OR**

**The Council give direction to Council officers to enter into dialogue with the Gore Vintage Car Club with a view to their purchasing some adjoining lands to their existing block. Should they 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.**

**AND 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.**

## **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**His Worship to move**

**I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely the items as listed below.**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, for the passing of this resolution are as follows:**

<u>General Subject Matter</u>	<u>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</u>	<u>Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</u>
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### Other Business

Penny Per Unit Agreement

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) Section 7 (2)(i)