



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008, AT 4:08 pm

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Gardyne (from 4:11 pm), Grant, Harvey, Heller, Highsted, McLennan and Sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, 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), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson) Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and one member of the public in the Gallery.

1. NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY (47.2)

The Chief Executive advised that the Council had been notified by the Department of Internal Affairs that Mr Mathew Brettell, a British citizen, had been approved for the awarding of New Zealand citizenship.

Mr Brettell read his Oath of Allegiance before the Council and was presented with his New Zealand Citizenship certificate and a kowhai tree by His Worship.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm, and resumed at 4:15 pm

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 25 November 2008, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

Clause 2 – Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade – Waikaka (1.62)

Cr Highsted advised he had moved the second part of the recommendation as proposed in the Chief Executive's report. Although it had not been accepted, the part he had moved as an amendment, should have read as follows:

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free loan of \$5,000 in favour of Waikaka Host Committee of the 2009 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade, be rescinded,

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.

The Council *noted* the correction.

3. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Council perused the Operations Bulletin, containing reports from the Animal Control Contractor, Asset Manager, Utilities, Roding Manager and the Civil Defence Officer.

Report of the Roding Manager (2.1.7)

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager clarified the frequency of grading of roads had reduced during November as a result of leave being taken by the driver.

Cr Gardyne said he thought there may have been better performance following the roading grading meeting. The reality was there had been no attendance to corrugations and potholes that had arisen during a recent dry spell. He asked whether it was going to stay like that until some time in January, or would the contractors perform to the contract.

The Manager replied grading would continue through the Christmas holiday period.

His Worship suggested Cr Gardyne raise any issues with roads to directly with the Roding Manager.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis,
THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.**

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4. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Council perused the Community Services Bulletin comprising reports from the District Arts and Heritage Curator, Parks and Recreation Manager, Library Manager and Aquatic Services Manager.

Report of Library Manager (25.1.1)

Cr Harvey complimented the Manager on the activities being offered. He added issues were on the increase which was very pleasing.

Report of Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

The Manager was pleased to report his team had the town looking very smart for the forthcoming festive season. He added it had been excellent to have Lesley McLeod recently attain her Level 4 Horticulture Certificate.

His Worship endorsed the comment and said he had the pleasure of presenting Lesley with her certificate at a recent TradeQual evening.

Cr Harvey noted a vandal who had recently damaged a number of trees in William Street had been apprehended which was pleasing.

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

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The District Arts and Heritage Curator departed the meeting at 4:28 pm

5. COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MONITORING REPORT (46.34.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a report prepared by Dr Aaron Fox, the Southland Community Outcomes Regional Co-Ordinator. The report was the first to be released since the adoption of the region's community outcomes in August 2005.

Dr Fox was in attendance at the meeting and spoke to his report.

Cr Davis referred to page 18 of the report and suggested it would be beneficial for a greater breakdown of the funding distributed by the Mataura Licensing Trust to be included in future reports.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the report be received.

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6. BUILDING CONSENT AUTHORITY ACCREDITATION (2.34)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that representatives from International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) had visited the Council in November following the Council's response to outstanding Corrective Action Requests (CARs) having been forwarded. An exit interview had also been held. The statutory deadline of 31 March should be met.

A copy of an assessment report from IANZ had also been circulated with the agenda.

The Chief Executive advised that thanks to the diligence of the staff involved, the three outstanding corrective action requests had been signed off and accreditation was imminent. It had been a challenging process.

His Worship endorsed the comments and said it was great to have the process behind the Council.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report and assessment report from IANZ be received.

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**7. JOINT GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, EASTERN SOUTHLAND
FEDERATED FARMS INC WORKING PARTY – STOCK DROVING
(22.9)**

The Chief Executive advised that earlier in the year, the Council had approved a new Land Transport Bylaw as part of a mandatory review of all Council bylaws. Since the adoption of the Bylaw, Eastern Southland Federated Farmers and other members of the Gore District rural community had identified a number of areas of concern with the stock movement on roads portion of the Bylaw. It had been agreed that a working party comprising of membership from the Council and Eastern Southland Federated Farmers should be established to review the stock movement on roads portion of the Land Transport Bylaw.

Terms of reference for the working party had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council approve the circulated Terms of Reference for “The Gore District Council and Eastern Southland Federated Farmers Joint Stock Movement on Roads Working Party”,

AND THAT the Council appoint Crs Bolger, Gardyne, Grant and Sharp to the Working Party.

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8. GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON VENTURE SOUTHLAND – REMUNERATION (50.49.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following the Council requesting Venture Southland to address the payment of Director’s fees from its budget. A letter had subsequently been received from Venture Southland and was circulated with the agenda.

His Worship advised he had spoken with Cr Heller whose view was unchanged from that expressed in October. He had intimated he would continue as the Council’s representative until February 2009.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Harvey THAT the letter from Venture Southland be received,

AND THAT the Council appoint His Worship as its representative on Venture Southland.

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His Worship thought it would be appropriate after the next election for the Council to consider the role of Venture representation and how the Council’s representative may be remunerated from its remuneration pool.

9. REGULATORY BULLETIN (2.14.2/11.5.1)

A schedule of building consents issued for November together with comparisons for the previous two years and the resource consent schedule as at 3 December was perused by the Council.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the regulatory bulletin be received.

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10. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (46.12.9)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive requesting the establishment of an Emergency Committee to deal with any urgent governance or policy issues that may arise over the summer recess.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT an Emergency Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Cr Sharp be appointed to deal with urgent governance and policy issues that require actioning prior to the February 2009 Council meeting, with any two of the Emergency Committee members having power to act,

AND THAT any decisions made by the Emergency Committee be reported to the next meeting of the Gore District Council to be held on 24 February 2009.

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11. PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2009 (46.12.9)

A schedule of meeting dates for 2009 had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2009 be adopted.

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12. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2008 (1.1.4)

A financial report for the four months ended 31 October 2008 had been provided by the Management Accountant.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the financial report for the four months ended 31 October 2008, be received.

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13. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT (46.36.2)

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 17 November 2008, had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report of the meeting held on 17 November be received,

AND THAT the recommendations continued within the report be ratified.

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His Worship reported on a public meeting held on Friday 12 December. There had been a lot of support for the former town hall to be used as a youth centre. The public meeting agreed that the Council progress the suggestion further, either by sale or lease and it would be considered again by the Community Board before being confirmed by the Council.

14. WEST GORE SCHOOL, ROBERTSON STREET – SCHOOL CROSSING (3.24.2)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager updating the Council on the sandbag trial and other developments regarding the provision of a safer school crossing on Robertson Street, Gore at the West Gore School.

The Manager hoped that if the recommendation was approved, the changes could be implemented prior to the start of the 2009 school year.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager advised the costs for the work would be met from the minor improvement account which attracted a 66% subsidy and would cost about \$15,000.

Cr Davis conveyed her appreciation to the Manager for the work he had put into the proposal.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council approve the construction of a kea crossing on Robertson Street, Gore, between West Gore School and 55 Robertson Street.

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15. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Dixey advised staff appointments at the Gore Counselling Centre had been confirmed.

His Worship said he had attended a number of school prizegivings and it was good to see the achievements of youth in the District being recognised. There were some talented young people.

The meeting concluded at 5:05 pm