



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009, AT 5.19 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Building Control Manager, (Mr Russell Paterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and three members of the public in the Gallery.

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Committee perused the Operations Bulletin containing reports from the Animal Control Contractor, Asset Manager, Utilities and the Roothing Manager.

Report of the Animal Control Contractor (34.4.1)

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive confirmed that the dog issues in Green Street were on going. Random visits made by the Dog Control Officer had not revealed any problems. Each complaint would be assessed on its merits to determine whether the complaint was genuine.

Report of the Roothing Manager (2.1.7)

The Roothing Manager reported the continuation of grading of roads was going well. An extra grader driver had been brought in for a period of time. Customer Service reports received in mid January had been actioned and he had requested an update on the roads that had been graded.

Cr Dixon advised he had talked to the grading engineer regarding flooding around sumps in the town after heavy rain.

He would like to see streets checked by the contractors when there was flooding and marked on a map as a lot of areas around the town had not been checked.

The Manager confirmed that the contractor had introduced a new system whereby each street inspection would now be recorded. He would suggest a map system.

Cr Dixey reported the street sweeper had been around the town very quickly over the weekend, after a lot of rain and wind.

Cr Gardyne requested a list of the roads that had been graded in January. He was concerned that the Leithan Road at Greenvale was very dangerous as the corrugations were not removed before the road was graded. He thought a number of roads in the district were dangerous and had received several complaints.

The Roading Manager confirmed he had liaised with a resident about Leithan Road and the problem was being addressed. As it was a major concern, a long term solution was being sought.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.

2. GORE PAKEHE LIONS CLUB – RECYCLING (10.15)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets regarding how the global economic climate and volatility of commodity markets for recyclables had reached the Pakeke Lions Club recycling operation.

Messr J Falconer and A Affleck from Pakeke Lions were in attendance to answer questions.

Cr Dixey declared an interest as a member of the Pakeke Lions Club.

Cr Highsted was very supportive of Pakeke Lions and thought it did a great job.

In response to Cr Highsted, Mr Falconer said businesses using the recycling service paid for it on a voluntary basis, sometimes with a cup of tea.

Cr Bolger concurred the Club did a fantastic job and it was an integral part of the community. However, he did not think it was not right to ask the ratepayers to pay for the service to be provided.

Cr Heller asked if there had been any increase in monies received for waste since the report from the Chief Executive had been prepared.

Mr Falconer confirmed that nothing had been received for paper, cardboard, shredded paper or plastic waste from October 2008 until 1 February 2009. However, since 1 February, \$40 per tonne was being received for paper and cardboard.

Cr Sharp suggested that businesses needed to pay for the service.

Mr Falconer thought it was up to the businesses to decide whether they paid.

Cr Davis commented that businesses paid commercial rates. Urban people did not and yet a lot of them used the service too. It was something that needed to be weighed up.

Mr Affleck advised an accounting system had been introduced whereby businesses received a voluntary annual account.

His Worship endorsed comments made that the Pakeke Lions provided a wonderful service that contributed to the environmental wellbeing of the community. He thought the Club needed to be well supported by the community.

Cr Gardyne wondered if the disposal of paper was able to go to the local landfill, or did it need to go to Browns. He wanted to be furnished with a set of accounts before making a decision.

Cr Gardyne moved THAT the Council be furnished with a copy of the latest set of financial accounts before making a decision.

The motion was seconded by Cr Heller.

The recommendation was put and it was lost.

Cr Highsted thought in view of the rapid change in income, he did not see the need for the Council to sight an historical set of accounts.

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive advised that the Council had received a set of financial accounts in 2005 when the initial request for funding had been made.

In response to Cr Sharp, J Falconer advised that standard unchanged accounts were sent out on a yearly basis and this year's shortfall of \$7,200 had not been reflected in the accounts

sent. Increases in fuel, lpg, property rent and fixed costs had also contributed to the shortfall.

In response to Cr Highsted, Cr Gardyne thought access to historical performance via a set of accounts allowed the Council to make a better assessment in today's environment. He thought the Council had a policy that needed to be adhered to.

The General Manager, District Assets said that in the preparation of his report he had tried to put emphasis on addressing the benefits to the community from Club's recycling service. They were senior members of the community giving back a benefit that was not quantifiable in dollar terms. Gore had a recycling operation that each year saved more and more waste going to landfill.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by His Worship, THAT the report be received,

THAT the Council increase the capped sum payable to the Gore Pakeke Lions Club from \$18,200 to \$25,300 plus GST for one year with effect from 1 January 2009,

AND THAT the Council note that the revised capped sum is calculated on the basis of 725 tonnes @\$35 per tonne.

The meeting closed at 5.42pm.