



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009 AT 7:35 pm.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Gardyne, Grant, Harvey, 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), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and one member of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Heller apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 28 April 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2009 (1.1.4)

A financial report for March 2009 had been circulated, incorporating a statement of financial performance and balance sheet as at 31 March.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the financial report for the 9 months ended 31 March 2009 be received.

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3. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – REMIT TO 2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE (51.3)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a report from the Planning Consultant profiling a request received from Palmerston North City Council seeking support for a remit at the forthcoming LGNZ conference on the development of a National Policy Statement relating to the siting of wind farms. A copy of the request had also been circulated. It had been decided at the monthly meeting of Committee Chairs to forward a provisional letter of support subject to formal endorsement from the full Council.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gardyne, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council support the remit proposed by the Palmerston North City Council to be debated at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand to be held in Christchurch on 29 July, as set out in the report from the Planning Consultant.

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4. REVIEW OF REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (46.24.4)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant advising that Environment Southland was reviewing its Regional Policy Statement. As part of the review, 13 issues and options papers were being prepared and public forums would be held throughout the region to consult on the papers. A meeting was scheduled to be held in Gore on 22 July from 7-9 pm.

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

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5. REGULATORY BULLETIN (2.14.3/11.5.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a schedule of building consents issued for April 2009 and comparisons for the previous two years. A schedule of resource consents issued to 21 April had also been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the information be received.

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In response to Cr Dixon, the Roading Manager advised the application had been assessed and he assumed the quarry extension application on Blackhills Road had been approved. The transportation conditions had been met. Access to the quarry had been sealed by the owner previously.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Council perused the Community Services bulletin comprising reports from the i-Site Information Centre Manager, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Library Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager, Aquatic Services Manager and the Community Development Officer.

Report of the i-Site Manager (18.18)

Cr Dixey asked if the information provided in the report was sufficient for Cr Gardyne.

Cr Gardyne replied it was not. All he wanted was some financial information from the accountant.

His Worship recalled there was an issue about commercial sensitivity.

The Chief Executive thought Cr Gardyne wanted a monthly total of receipts and that had been his instruction to the staff.

Cr Highsted asked what his concerns were.

Cr Gardyne said he had raised it about a year ago. The i-Site was a cost centre that was about 90% funded by ratepayers. People said the i-Site and the surrounding area was the salvation of the District, but the salvation was the economy. He believed it was appropriate that information about the throughput and revenue earned was provided to the Council each month.

His Worship asked the Chief Executive to ensure the information was provided.

Report from the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.

The Manager advised a lot of positive feedback had been received about the new Novaloos in the Main Street. The security camera had also recently been installed.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the Community Services bulletin be received.

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7. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Council perused the Operations bulletin comprising reports from the Roading Manager, Animal Control Contractor, Asset Manager, Utilities and a civil defence report from the General Manager, District Assets.

Report of the Roading Manager (2.1.7)

Cr Gardyne advised he had received an unsigned letter in the mail questioning the conduct and performance of the grader driver. He had passed a copy to the Manager and asked that a copy be also circulated to all Councillors.

Civil Defence Report (45.2)

In response to Cr Dixon, the General Manager, District Assets advised he had visited Mr Cummings at the weekend. He was progressing and would be in the rehabilitation ward for some time but he was very determined to get back to full health.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the bulletin be received.

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Cr Davis queried how Cr Gardyne had received an unsigned letter.

Cr Gardyne replied it had been left in his mailbox.

In response to Cr Dixey, His Worship advised the Council did not have a policy about unsigned letters. During the previous Council term there had been a lot of unsigned letters received but the majority were rubbish and no action had been taken. If people did not have the courage of their convictions to sign letters then he disregarded them.

8. WASTENET COMBINED SERVICES FOR SOUTHLAND – UPDATE (10.23)

A report providing an update from WasteNet Southland on the progress towards investigating actual costs for regional solid waste services on behalf of the WasteNet Councils had been circulated.

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

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9. REPORT OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD (46.36.2)

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 4 May 2009, had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the report of the meeting held on 4 May be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

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Cr Dixon questioned the proposal to employ a custodian for the Community Centre.

His Worship explained that the recommendation was to make a submission to the Council seeking funding to be included in the LTCCP. The submission had since been lodged and would be considered by the Council at its deliberative meeting to be held on 28 May.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Harvey reported on his attendance at the Community Connections, Regional Heritage and Gore Citizens Advice meetings. He would also attend a meeting of the Stage 3 Committee on 27 May.

Cr Gardyne referred to the regional heritage meeting and said part of the discussion referred to the proposals and plans for the extension to the Southland Museum. In addition, He believed the Council needed some clarification at its deliberative meeting on 28 May on the mechanism for collecting rates for

arts and heritage and how it was dispersed. It appeared other Councils made their contributions differently to the Regional Committee. There needed to be more information available for the 28 May meeting.

The Chief Executive was not in favour of the funding format of sending money down the road and then getting some of it back, and the Council had been reluctant to do it but because it was part of the agreement, it was done that way. He was surprised if other Councils were not complying then they were in breach of the regional agreement.

His Worship also expressed surprise as a few years ago the Gore District Council had been singled out and severely chastised by the Invercargill City in particular.

Cr Harvey said he had also attended the resource consent hearing at Environment Southland for the proposed water take by the Steeghs Partnership.

Cr Dixey attended the multi-cultural evening on 15 May.

The meeting concluded at 8:03 pm