

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009, AT 4:05 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 Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Library Manager, (Mrs Jane Robinson), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and 1 member of the public in the gallery.

**APOLOGY** Cr Heller apologised for absence.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Highsted, **THAT** the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 19 May 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2009-19 GORE DISTRICT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (46.35.4)

A lengthy report from the Chief Executive offering comment on each of the 53 submissions received had been circulated. The report also contained comment from other Managers, as appropriate.

His Worship advised it was his intention to work through each submission. As there were submissions concerning the same topic, they would be considered collectively. He referred to conflicts of interest and asked that Councillors declare them as they arose. He repeated his which were the Community Trust of

Southland and the Warm Homes Trust. For those Councillors who were absent for part of the hearing, ie Crs Grant and Sharp, a list of submissions that they are to be excused from had been provided to them.

A memo concerning conflicts of interest had been circulated by the Chief Executive which reflected the guidelines issued by the Auditor General. He added if there was any doubt, a Councillor should opt out.

The following conflicts were declared:

Cr Harvey - Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Wastebusters Trust and Community Connections

Cr Dixey – Gore Pakeke Lions

The Chief Executive had provided Crs Grant and Sharp with a schedule each that detailed the submissions that they could not take part in considering, due to their partial absence on the day of the hearing. The schedules are attached and form part of these minutes.

Cr Highsted said there were submissions requesting total additional funding of \$95,000 and considering them individual had the potential to have an impact.

His Worship said each submission needed to be taken on their merit rather than a collective approach.

Cr Harvey asked if a person was a card carrying member of an organisation and the organisation had been a submitter, would that person be advised to declare an interest.

The Chief Executive confirmed they should.

Cr Gardyne said as a member of the Waikaka Hall Society could he contribute to discussion about the hall's submission.

His Worship said he would be unwise to contribute to the Society's submission. There was potential for conflict and problems down the track. It may seem unfair but he felt it better to be safe than sorry.

Cr Harvey thought members of the public could see Councillors using their position to promote certain submissions.

Cr Gardyne made the point that he would be participating in debate because he did not feel he had a conflict.

His Worship said that was a risk he would have to make. He asked about his membership of Federated Farmers.

Cr Gardyne did not think it appropriate to declare an interest of the organisations he was a member of. He was not a member of Eastern Southland Federated Farmers.

His Worship said even as a member of Federated Farmers he did not believe he had a conflict with the Southland Federated Farmers submission.

Cr Gardyne thought it was absurd. He had a responsibility to contribute as a Councillor.

His Worship reminded him of the risk he may put himself to and also the Council.

**Submission No 1 – Gore and Districts Citizens Advice Bureau**

Cr Dixey noted the Bureau had a \$20,000 investment in reserve in case it had to relocate premises.

**Cr Dixey moved THAT an annual grant of \$1,500 be approved to the Citizens Advice Bureau.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Davis.**

Cr Gardyne said if the organisation had to move to another rented building it did not wash. Whilst it had made a loss in one year did not mean it would continue to do so.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/41**

**Submission No 2 – Mayors Taskforce for Jobs**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the status quo remain.**

**2009/42**

### **Submission No 3 – Your Own Home Ltd**

In response to Cr Harvey, the General Manager, Corporate Services advised a full investigation would need to be carried out but he thought there may be a maximum of 5 properties that could be affected. The UAGC and parks and reserves rates collected would be impacted. The impact on other ratepayers was relatively minimal.

Cr Gardyne wondered if a report should be provided for the Council for further consideration. He said the total rates were about 32% of the gross income. He had some sympathy for the person and thought total rates should not exceed 20% of gross income.

**Cr Gardyne moved THAT a separate report be provided for consideration by the Council.**

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that under current law, any change to the funding policy triggered an amendment to the LTCCP.

Cr Grant noted the person's address was in Hamilton.

Cr Highsted wondered if the person had paid too much for the property and the matter was his problem.

**Cr Gardyne's motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the status quo remain.**

**2009/43**

### **Submission No 4 – Gore District Council**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the amenity hire budget for 2009/10 be increased by \$500 to \$3,500 with the draft LTCCP being amended to recognise the adjustment throughout the 10 year budget projections.**

**2009/44**

### **Submission No 5 - Sustainable Future**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be noted.**

**2009/45**

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**Submission No 6 – Trish Morris – Top Town Co-Ordinator**

**Cr McLennan moved THAT \$3,000 be allowed subject to the Mataura Licensing Trust matching it.**

Cr Gardyne thought the Council had to consider it alongside people who could afford to pay and did not support a slush fund being set aside. He thought it should be considered if and when it arose again.

Cr Dixey suggested looking favourably at an application if the competition was to take place again.

**Cr McLennan' motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council agree to favourably consider any application should the competition be run again in the future.**

**2009/46**

**Submission No 7 – New Zealand Automobile Association (Southland)**

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

**2009/47**

**Submission No 8 – Environment Southland**

In response to Cr Davis, His Worship said the Council would have to fund any charges from the next budget round if Environment Southland did not take cognisance of the submissions from Gore, Invercargill and Southland.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the submission be received and noted.**

**2009/48**

**Submission No 9 - John B Kennedy**

The General Manager, District Assets said the WasteNet submission would be at the top of the list when considering the recycling submissions. WasteNet was in the process of finalising tender documents for a regional three bin service. The consultation that the Council wished to undertake could still be done if some wording was amended in the draft Plan.

He had suggested some wording changes be included in the LTCCP to allow the Council to still remain with the tendering process and undertake its consultation in 2010-11.

**Cr Davis moved THAT the last two sentences from the LTCCP solid waste section be removed and replaced with the following wording:**

***An opportunity currently exists for the Gore District Council to work together with Invercargill City and Southland District Council's (WasteNet) at a combined regional level, seeking proposals for Waste Management and Recycling Services through a public tender process. WasteNet is a joint committee of the three Southland territorial authorities working together for solid waste management. It was developed for the regional landfill procurement for Southland.***

**The motion was seconded by Cr McLennan.**

Cr Bolger clarified if the Council amended the wording and then became involved in the tender process then the three bin service gained traction and it moved ahead quickly.

The Chief Executive said his understanding of the tender process was once prices were received one or all members of the consortium could decline them. If the prices were acceptable then there would have to be determination of the consultation process to be undertaken and how quickly that could be conducted without jeopardising the tender process.

The General Manager advised the Council had the potential to opt out after the tender process was completed. The same applied to the other two Councils. The opportunity was still there for any Council to opt out.

Cr Bolger thought it may not be a disadvantage to the other two Councils for the Council to follow its own timeline. It gave them a worse case scenario. He suggested Gore would be a small player in the scheme and he doubted the impact would be huge if Gore did not participate.

His Worship asked if the consultation to be undertaken was a statutory process.

The Chief Executive replied it did not have to be. A special consultative process was outlined in the Local Government Act that provided a month for submissions.

Cr Dixon asked if there was any benefit to the Council to become involved with recycling. He asked if the Council should have a meeting with stakeholders and those who made submissions.

His Worship said the process if the motion was adopted, and the Council was satisfied with the tender prices then a full blown consultation process would be undertaken with the whole community, not just selected stakeholders.

Cr Dixey said economy of scale did work sometimes. There was concern about the cost and for elderly people. He suggested every resident should be given a compost bin and having the chipper set up at the transfer station for residents to have their green waste dealt with free of charge.

Cr Davis did not think the motion covered what timeline the Council may wish to follow after the tender process was completed.

Cr Gardyne was not clear about the structure in place about the tendering. The implication was that it was inappropriate for the Council to remain in the process if it wanted to proceed with its proposed consultation. He did not think it was WasteNet's business.

Cr Highsted said there were 15 submissions about recycling and there was a suggestion of a stakeholder working party and perhaps a directive of dealing with green waste locally.

Cr Sharp had received a lot of verbal opposition from elderly people.

Cr McLennan said until the Council knew what the financial benefits could be, it could not make a decision.

The General Manager said if there was a regional approach to the tender process, it stood it in better stead for obtaining funding from the contestable Waste Minimisation Fund administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/49**

His Worship said with regard to other issue about recycling, how to go about involving interested local people about the process, it may be worthwhile to establish a working party to investigate local solutions.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT a Working Party be established to investigate local recycling solutions.**

**2009/50**

In response to Cr Dixon, Cr Davis advised WasteNet had written to the Government about introducing a refund on glass bottles but it was something the Government was not implementing.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey THAT all other submitters on recycling be received and noted,**

**AND THAT each submitter be informed of the Working Party and invited to be involved if they wish.**

**2009/51**

**Submission No 10 – Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT a change be made to the wording of the LTCCP to support the work carried out to-date and to continue to support the study of the delivery structure of Civil Defence Emergency Management in Southland,**

**AND THAT where the outcomes of the report identify opportunities to have a more co-ordinated efficient structure across Southland, the Council will work with other local authorities to implement the changes required.**

**2009/52**

**Submission No 11 – Glenys Dickson**

**Cr Bolger moved THAT the submission be noted and Mrs Dickson be advised of the review of the Regional Policy Statement.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Highsted.**

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive advised the Planning Consultant would keep the Council informed about progress on the review by Environment Southland.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/53**

**Submission No 12 – Bill Dore**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 13 – Wayne Harpur**

Cr Bolger noted that a meeting had been held by the territorial authorities and the outcome was to revitalise the Shared Services Forum.

**Cr Bolger moved THAT the Council neither support nor adopt the proposal put forward by Mr Harpur.**

His Worship believed there should be more “grunt” in terms of resources put into shared services.

Cr Gardyne wondered if there was any problem with the Council supporting Mr Harpur’s suggestion, provided it was non-binding.

His Worship questioned the purpose of a referendum when the outcome was non-binding.

**The motion was seconded by Cr Davis, was put and it was carried.**

**2009/54**

**Submission No 14 – To O Marama Inc.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the amendments sought in respect of Maori capacity to contribute to decision making processes be incorporated in the final version of the LTCCP.**

**2009/55**

**Submission No 15 – Public Health South**

**Cr Bolger moved THAT the submission be noted.**

**Cr Dixon seconded the motion, pro forma.**

Cr Dixon said provided the Council did not make any contribution, he did not believe the inclusion of a hydroslide had been supported by any other submitter.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Chief Executive said the Council's Gambling Policy was fairly liberal. When it was introduced, the Council had no compelling evidence with the proliferation of machines or deep seated gambling problems. The Act also provided existing use rights for machines already in premises. Since the policy had been in place, only one application had been received for installing additional machines. The policy was due for review around February 2010.

His Worship wondered if the Council should consider the status of access to the river in the hope of reducing the amount of litter left on the river banks. He believed the Council needed to show leadership in addressing the litter problem.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/56**

**Submission No 16 – ACC**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/57**

**Submission No 17 – Doug Hasler**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the submission be noted.**

**2009/58**

**Submission No 18 – Ivan and Betty Horrell**

Already considered earlier.

**2009/59**

**Submission No 19 – Gore District Council**

**Cr Bolger moved THAT \$12,200 be added to the administration section budgets for each of the years ended 30 June 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to account for the Council's contribution to the Southland Lifelines project for inclusion in the final 2009-19 LTCCP.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Highsted.**

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An explanation of the project was given by the General Manager, District Assets. It was a regional approach to ensure that key agencies were capable of functioning to the fullest extent possible during and after an emergency.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/60**

**Submission No 20 – Invercargill City Council**

**Cr Dixey moved THAT the status quo remain.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr McLennan.**

His Worship said whatever the event, any event of the magnitude of the Rugby World Cup would bring benefit to the Gore community and the whole region. Gore was part of Southland and it was the only part of the region that had chosen to be involved. There was a modest sum of money involved for the benefits that will accrue to the local community. He was unsure where the funding should come from.

Cr Bolger was in favour of a contribution and believed the District would benefit from people travelling through. Some suggestion had been made that the main beneficiaries would be commercial ratepayers but he would favour funding it across the District. It did not matter that it was rugby, the Council had to look at the benefits to the District.

Cr Davis agreed with Cr Gardyne that the tour and benefits will be bigger and greater than what the Council may expect. It was not just about the money, it was about being involved and being part of a regional supporter.

Cr Grant personally supported the motion. It was a rugby problem. He did not believe there would be any support forthcoming if the Interdominions were held in Invercargill.

Cr Highsted concurred with Cr Davis and asked if there was merit in spreading the cost over three years.

The Chief Executive said it could be done, but the Council would have to front up with the money in one instalment.

In response to Cr Davis, His Worship said the cost was \$1 per head of population or \$2 per ratepayer.

Cr McLennan said the greatest beneficiary would be the New Zealand Rugby Union. He and others in the community believed the Rugby Union should be paying for the event.

His Worship said the Council seemed to be a mixed view towards events and the District would certainly get a benefit despite the games being held in Invercargill. How it was quantified was very hard. It was having a vision for where the Council wanted the District to go.

Cr Gardyne said it was not \$2 per ratepayer across the District as the UAGC was at its maximum. The Council had to be aware that the profits from the last Rugby World Cup were about \$80 million. It was a rich organisation. He had no sympathy for organisations that could not help themselves. It already had funding for two home matches and it now wanted funding to host a home union. After the end of it, there would be nothing to show for it. It was not a charity, it was a business.

His Worship said Gore was part of the Southland club.

Cr Bolger asked if there would be \$13,000 spent in the Gore District as people travelled through on their way to the games. He believed there would be and there would be benefits.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/61**

**Submission No 21 – John Adams**

Cr Gardyne queried whether sycamore and Chilean flamecreeper were classified as noxious weeds.

The Parks and Recreation Manager replied they were not but were considered invasive species.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/62**

**Submission No 22 – WasteNet Southland**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 23 – George Carson**

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

**2009/63**

**Submission No 24 – Community Networking Trust**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/64**

*The Library Manager departed the meeting at 5:38 pm*

**Submission No 25 – Southland Warm Homes Trust**

*His Worship declared an interest and withdrew. The meeting was chaired by Cr Bolger.*

Cr Gardyne suggested a strong message be sent to the Government to use batts made from wool for insulation rather than fibreglass.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/65**

*His Worship resumed the Chair.*

**Submission No 26 – Gore District Council**

**Cr McLennan moved THAT the Southern Rural Fire Authority Statement of Intent 2009-12 be approved by the Gore District Council.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Davis.**

Cr Gardyne was concerned about the Southern Rural Fire Authority. It seemed to be funding volunteer fire brigades and plant. As a rural ratepayer, he understood the funding went onto the rural rate. He asked why it was not a District wide rate as it was now funding a service that included fighting residential fires and attending traffic accidents. People paid levies for fire protection through insurance premiums.

Cr Bolger understood a lot of the increases had resulted from the need to upgrade plant.

The Roding Manager advised Cr Gardyne was correct to a certain extent. The Rural Authority did respond to certain incidents where there was no designated fire service. That said, there was no desire to see incidents remain unattended until other emergency response units arrived.

**Cr Gardyne moved as an Amendment THAT the Southern Rural Fire Authority Statement of Intent 2009-12 be approved by the Gore District Council,**

**AND THAT funding for the service be a general rate as opposed to rural.**

In response to Cr Grant, the General Manager, District Assets said when the rural authority turned out a fire was its jurisdiction for the first hour.

**The Amendment was seconded by Cr Dixon.**

In response to Cr Bolger, the Manager said the funding was apportioned based on risk. Forestry companies contributed to the Authority as did the Department of Conservation.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager clarified the involvement of the Council's roading contractors.

**The Amendment was put and it was lost.**

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/66**

**Submission No 27 – Gore District Council**

Held over until later in the meeting.

**Submission No 28 – New Zealand Historic Places Trust**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Bolger THAT the submission be received**

**AND THAT a request be made to the Historic Places Trust for it to initiate a process where its own resources, as well as those of the Department of Conservation, Te o Marama and the Department of Arts and Heritage be bought together in order to establish a strategic direction for initiating identification of key sites.**

**2009/67**

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**Submission No 29 – HEHA**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the submission be noted and received.**

**2009/68**

**Submission No 30 – Gore Rural Ratepayers**

**Cr Dixey moved THAT the submission be received,**

**AND THAT the Group be requested that in future, a full copy of the submission be provided in accordance with the submission deadline and not tabled on the day.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Davis.**

In response to Cr Dixon, the Chief Executive advised the Council's Vehicle Policy had been reviewed

Cr Dixon suggested a review of the Vehicle Policy be undertaken to ensure 4 cylinder vehicles were provided.

Cr Bolger said the Council had not departed from the policy. Some of the larger vehicles Cr Dixon had referred to were private use vehicles.

**The motion was put and it was carried**

**2009/69**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm, and resumed at 6:35 pm*

**Submission No 31 – Sustainable Transport Southland**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the submission be received and the words "... and sustainable transport" be added after the words "improve road safety" on the second line of paragraph 2 on page 71 of the draft Plan.**

**2009/70**

**Submission No 32 – New Zealand Landcare Trust**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the submission be received,**

**THAT the request for \$5,000 for the Southland Biodiversity Inventory project be declined,**

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**AND THAT an environmental category be included in the 2009 Gore District Community Awards.**

**2009/71**

**Submission No 33 – New Zealand Transport Agency**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council endorse the comments of the Roothing Manager as to additional wording to be incorporated into the Plan.**

**2009/72**

**Submission No 34 – Southland Community Wastebusters Trust**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 35 – Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Southland Branch)**

Cr Bolger did not agree with the suggestion to review the funding of the Council's roading activity.

Cr Gardyne said there seemed to be no interest for the Council to enter into a review for parks and reserves funding. There was a variation for Gore, Mataura and rural.

Cr Davis called a point of order. Cr Gardyne should be talking about the funding of roads not parks and reserves.

His Worship allowed Cr Gardyne to make his point. He believed he was in error, but allowed him to continue.

Cr Gardyne said challenged any freshman Councillor to tell him the mechanism whereby the three figures for Gore, Mataura and rural were based. It was a political decision at the time and through the rates process during the LTCCP process was a desire by certain Councillors for the rates to be smoothed. The question asked in the submission was if there was to be a variance, then look at the roading activity.

His Worship asked if it was fair that 22% of parks and reserves costs were levied on the rural ratepayers.

Cr Gardyne it was not the point. It was a social cost that should be apportioned on population. His Worship said it was to take into account the distance travelled by rural people.

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Cr Gardyne said the adjustment was political expediency to have a level rates increase between urban and rural.

Cr Bolger said by going to a fixed targeted rate raised more rates from lifestyle blocks close to Gore and the beneficiaries were targeted. There was a sincere attempt to ensure those close to parks and reserves paid accordingly. He believed the Council got it as good as it could.

Cr Bolger said there had been an assertion by some that roads in the District had been under-funded. But looking back and forward there had been a steady increase in rural roading funding. It was unfortunate the roading had become a political football. At the same time, the Council had to respond to public opinion and more effort or resources or higher specifications for rural gravel roads. The commentators had suggested the Council put more resources into its roading activity. He referred to being involved with a technical roading audit prior to Christmas. The people involved believed the rural roads and gravel roads were improving beyond the national average. The Council had a contract with Works and it had certain obligations. He did not agree with paying extra money to the contractor and wondered if more effort should be put into auditing road inspections. He thought there were some roads that were Class 8 that could be Class 7 which would result in more gradings. It transpired that some years ago, the Council had been denied access to gravel from the Waikaka River which was a superior product. He suggested resources be applied to sourcing Waikaka gravel.

Cr Dixon said perhaps more auditing should be done but he did not agree with spending more money with the contractor.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Roothing Manager said dairying had had been a significant factor on the roading network especially those farms that had been converted.

Cr Dixon suggested levying the dairy farmers due to the traffic on roads by the milk tankers.

The Manager said where gravel extraction was sought and was transported via a gravel road, a levy was applied. It could only be charged on new consents. It was easy to identify where the gravel came from but very difficult to know where it went to.

He added heavy trucks, such as milk tankers, were the main factors in causing wear and tear on sealed and gravel roads.

Cr Bolger said because the rates were based on capital value, and dairy farms were highly capitalised, those farmers paid higher rates than neighbouring sheep farmers.

**Cr McLennan moved THAT the submission be received and noted.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Dixey.**

Cr Gardyne said the reality was there should be no rating of properties for roading purposes. The best way of rating for roads was through petrol taxes, road user charges and licence fees. He thought the thrust for a Council like Gore should always be for roading expenses to be taken out of rates. Questions had been asked about the contract specifications and the audit referred to by Cr Bolger. He questioned the extra expenditure of \$66,000 as overall the state of the roads was adequate. Some want the conduct of the contractor looked at before spending more money thinking it will solve the problem. He opposed the increase and from an economic point of view, the increase in rates for rural ratepayers was far in excess of others. Everyone was aware of the economic situation and people needed to tighten their belts.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/73**

#### **Submission No 27 – Gore District Council**

**Cr Gardyne moved THAT the recommendation be opposed.**

The Roading Manager clarified that the adjustment was required due to an error in the spreadsheet used in the plan. It had been a numerical error and did not take money away from the roading budget. It would not affect rates for the 2009-10 year.

**Cr Gardyne's motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the rural road maintenance budget be adjusted in accordance with the figures provided in the table contained in the submission.**

**2009/74**

**Submission No 36 – Sport Southland**  
**Submission No 48 – Mrs Margaret Pullar**

Cr Grant pointed out that Reaby Road went onto Pope Road and did not extend via Kingdon Road.

Cr Davis thought the Council would be asked for support for cycleways more and more. The use they received was remarkable as they were developed.

His Worship said there was a proposal for a Southland wide cycleway and a lot of work being undertaken by Venture Southland. The cycle/walkway from Gore to Mandeville and through to Lumsden was certainly in the mix. The Prime Minister was very keen to have national cycleways developed.

In response to Cr Dixey, the Roading Manager said the Waimea Street extension was budgeted for in the current financial year. Unfortunately the cost was more than the budget provision and he would be referring it to the Council to be held over. There was a slight extension proposed to the walkway along Racecourse Road but it was lower down the priority list when compared with other projects.

Cr Dixey referred to a suggestion by Mrs Pullar to undertake a survey into the feasibility of the Gore-Mandeville walkway.

Cr Gardyne said the Council was putting money into projects in town and the walkway proposals may or may not link into Gore given the interest expressed by Venture Southland from Dipton to Invercargill. The people supporting Mrs Pullar's proposal had not provided any funding and yet the Council was now looking at putting money into the proposal.

His Worship took his point, but thought before it got anywhere near spending a lot of money there needed to be discussion on the proposed routes and work with the Southland wide proposal. He hoped the Council would get behind it.

Cr Gardyne suggesting prioritising one route at a time.

Cr Davis suggested undertaking a feasibility study to help ascertain what the Council should be involved with.

His Worship suggested the submissions be considered separately.

### **Submission No 36 – Sport Southland**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the submission be supported in principle.**

**2009/75**

### **Submission No 37 - Sport Southland**

Cr Harvey believed the work undertaken by Sport Southland was very worthy, particularly the holiday programmes and other activities that promoted the wellbeing of the community.

**Cr Harvey moved THAT the submission be received,**

**AND THAT the request for a funding increase to Sport Southland from \$15,500 to \$23,500 per annum be approved.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Dixey.**

Cr Highsted supported the submission but did not agree with a 50% increase in the Council's funding. Of the \$8,000 increase, \$4,000 of it was inflationary and in the current economic climate he was not sure he could support that level of increase.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the annual grant had been static for a number of years without any inflationary adjustment.

**Cr Gardyne moved as an Amendment, THAT the Council express gratitude for Sport Southland for the work undertaken, and increase its grant to \$20,000 per annum with it being indexed to CPI for future years.**

**The Amendment was seconded by Cr Dixon.**

**The Amendment was put and it was carried. The Amendment then became the motion, was put and it was carried.**

**2009/76**

### **Submission No 38 – Mataura Community Board**

**Cr Dixey moved THAT \$9,360 be added to the 2009/10 expense and income budget lines and inflated annually thereafter,**

**AND THAT the fees and charges schedule be amended to include a fee for room or hall “set up” and/or “take down” of \$30 per hour, with a minimum charge of one hour.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Bolger, pro forma.**

Cr Bolger clarified that there was a cost neutral effect.

The Parks and Recreation Manager confirmed it was.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager advised it would be charged at \$30 per hour on a utilisation basis. Currently the new Centre had received a lot of use and the 300 hours the figure was based on was an estimate.

Cr Gardyne asked how much of the cost was going to come from the rates.

The Manager clarified that the additional cost of \$30 per hour to use the service of set up and take down was only applicable if it was used.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/77**

**Submission No 39 – Gore Pakeke Lions**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 40 – Sally McIntyre**

Cr Gardyne questioned why the whole amount was sent to Invercargill for the Southland Regional Heritage Committee.

**He moved THAT only the net amount from the Council be sent for the Regional Heritage Committee.**

The Chief Executive concurred with Cr Gardyne’s comment, however, the formula had been developed by Venture Southland and agreed to by the other territorial authorities. The agreement had been signed and it had to be complied with. The money was certainly returned, and to date, the process had worked.

The General Manager, Corporate Services said he had raised it with the Invercargill City Council about sending the difference, and had been told that for transparency and the flow of funding

for the Regional Heritage Committee, it was the way it was wished to happen. He agreed it was ludicrous.

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive thought the agreement would be due for review about 2010 or 2011.

There was concern expressed about the mechanism of funding and its inclusion in the UAGC. His Worship suggested it be raised at a future meeting by the Council's representatives.

Cr Bolger referred to the comment by the submitter about including an amount for proposed works for the administration building. He did not think the community would be keen to see the Council extend the building but a revamp was appropriate.

The Chief Executive said there was a general comment included in the draft LTCCP and he would prefer the project and a figure in the plan but come back with a detailed costing. If there was nothing included in the plan, nothing could be done. There was inefficient use of some of the space in the building and some of the problems could be cured.

Cr Bolger said there was some suggestion that staff numbers were going to grow.

The Chief Executive advised that was not the case, but there was no way of predicting the future. His initial preference was to keep the existing building within the building envelope.

Cr Gardyne did not think it prudent for the Council to continue interest only payments for loans and a report should be forthcoming about going about that.

Cr Highsted referred to a comment from the submitter about some budgets being inflated for staff costs.

The Chief Executive advised there had been a ground up analysis of staff undertaken at the aquatic centre which revealed a need for additional staff. As a result the salaries cost had increased, but so had patronage.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/78**

**Submission No 41 – Gore District Youth Council**

**Cr Dixey moved THAT the submission be received.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Bolger.**

Cr Highsted asked if the slide was removed and additional inflatable items provided, was the budget sufficient to provide a variety. Did another figure need to be included?

The Parks and Recreation Manager said the hydroslide was an item that arose from the Aquatic Services Working Party. During discussions by that Working Party there was a constant theme for providing more inflatable water items that could be changed regularly and swapped between Gore and Mataura. Some inflatable items cost several thousand items.

In response to Cr Highsted, he suggested perhaps \$20,000 every two years could be expended.

**Cr McLennan moved as an Amendment THAT the hydroslide be removed from the LTCCP,**

**AND THAT the Parks and Recreation Manager be requested to prepare a report to cost out additional inflatable items for the aquatic centre for consideration by the Council.**

**The Amendment was seconded by Cr Sharp.**

Cr Gardyne suggested leaving an amount in the LTCCP for future developments at the complex as the Council would probably have to stump up with some money.

His Worship clarified that the \$750,000 figure being included in the Plan did not affect rates as it was identified as being community driven.

**The Amendment was put and it was carried. The Amendment then became the motion, was put and it was carried.**

**2009/79**

**Submission No 42 - Robin McGowan**

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

**2009/80**

## **Submission No 43 – Community Trust of Southland**

*His Worship declared an interest and withdrew. The meeting was chaired by Cr Bolger.*

His Worship said the submission was about the principle of the Council's involvement in large facilities and had been prompted to a degree by the recent funding issues surrounding Stadium Southland.

Cr Davis said it raised an interesting point in that the Council owned the land but not the building. The Trust had asked the Council to assume ownership of the asset if the Charitable Trust wound up but how did the Council fare if the Charitable Trust got itself into financial difficulties? The Council had to be very careful about what it agreed to. She asked who was liable for any debt that may be incurred.

Cr Bolger assumed the Trustees would be liable, but believed as soon as the asset management plan was developed and some financial management was put in, then that would mitigate any potential problems.

Cr Dixon suggested it could be sold.

Cr Grant did not think either of the major funders had come out of it looking very good. Both had allowed it to be built in a "Mickey Mouse" manner, without a project manager and they deserved a bit of flak over it.

Cr McLennan said the Council agreed to provide the land for the multi-sports complex and agreed to build an aquatic centre. Ice Sports Southland raised all of its own money for its facility and the Council had acted as a guarantor for a loan. He cannot recall the Council ever agreeing it would be responsible for the building of Stage 3.

Cr Bolger recalled about three years ago the Council received vigorous submissions opposing any financial contribution from the Council to the project.

Cr Highsted would rather the Council be the master of its own destiny as far as the facility went. It was a community asset. In terms of how the Trust had been set up, the Council had been asked to do something and he questioned whether it had any influence over the Trustees of the Charitable Trust. He suggested a meeting be held between the Stage 3 Trustees, the Council,

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Community Trust and the Mataura Licensing Trust to ascertain what the situation was.

**Cr Highsted moved THAT a meeting be held between the Stage 3 Trustees, the Council, Community Trust and the Mataura Licensing Trust to ascertain funding for the ongoing operation of the new facility.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.**

Cr Gardyne was not sure whether the Council should be interfering with the Trust Deed. It should be left to the Community Trust to sort out with the Trustees. He added the Stage 3 Trustees were confident of having a balanced budget in terms of the operation.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2009/81**

Cr Gardyne did not think the timing was appropriate. The Charitable Trust had Committees in place to finalise the operations of the facility and he felt it was in order for the Council to leave the Trustees to their work.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised he had had a request from the Charitable Trust to assist with the development of an asset management plan as well as an approach from the Chief Executive of the Community Trust. There would be a cost associated with undertaking that work.

#### **Submission No 44 – Eastern Southland Federated Farmers**

**Cr Bolger moved THAT an additional amount of \$66,000 be included in the roading budget.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr McLennan.**

Cr Gardyne said no submitter supported the additional funding.

Cr Grant said the Council had had an audit.

Cr Gardyne said it was an issue that should be considered by a Rural Services Committee. There were urban Councillors voting on a rural issue.

Cr Highsted pointed out that Robin McGowan supported the additional funding.

The Roding Manager added the AA also supported it.

Cr Grant understood the extra funding was for increased grading on roads from class 8 to class 7 roads.

The Roding Manager said it was for the increased inspection frequency that would be a consequence of lowering the threshold for the group 7 roads from currently 80 vpd to 50 vpd and it would likely have an increase in the frequency of grading.

Cr Bolger wanted to amend the proposal to include additional gravel or sourcing higher quality gravel for roads from class 8 to class 7. He did not want to see it restricted to having the grader go up and down roads more often. He wanted to see a long term improvement.

The Roding Manager said the next step if the Council chose to increase the fund, would be to request a variation to the contractor's specification. The \$66,000 local share was the estimate what it would theoretically cost to do the additional inspection and grading. It may be less than that and some may be used for strengthening work etc.

The Chief Executive said if the Council wanted to see an enhanced level of service to rural roads then the estimate be increased by \$66,000 in rural rates and the nature of the enhancement to be made would be determined via a report in consultation with the contractor from the Roding Manager back to the Council.

Cr Gardyne said \$66,000 was the local share but with the subsidy from Transit equated to about \$150,000 into roading. He agreed it was a lot for someone to be driving about in a ute looking at roads. He had asked the question what the level of grading was in relation to the inspection because that was the issue that rural ratepayers had and the level of compliance by the contractor.

The General Manager, District Assets said fixing something that was not broken was not appropriate. He understood there were two graders currently working in the District to catch up after recent weather events. The whole complexity was people had a perception that the grader had to go down its road every week.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Roding Manager said \$150,000 was required to change the level of specification. When the estimate was prepared it was not assuming the grader would be

spending 100% of its time. The initial contract had been assessed and costed as to how much grading was going to be done and how many roads were compliant at each inspection. There was no assumption that every road in every group had to be graded at each response time.

**Cr McLennan moved as an Amendment, THAT the Council agree to an enhanced level of service to rural roads by adding an additional \$66,000 to rural rates,**

**AND THAT the nature of the enhancement to be made be determined by the Council following a report from the Roothing Manager prepared in consultation with the contractor.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Dixey.**

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager advised inspections were undertaken by Downer EDI Works, himself and the Roothing Officer. The condition of gravel roads could change very quickly especially after a weather event. No matter what system was in place, the Council would always rely to a certain extent on calls from residents.

**The Amendment was put and it was carried. The Amendment became the motion, was put and it was carried.**

**2009/82**

Cr Gardyne referred to rural halls and suggested there should be a community hall charge imposed on those ratepayers who currently do not pay a rural halls charge to reflect the community content and the use of those facilities in Gore and Mataura. If it was charged at say \$25 per rateable unit it would remove a sum of money from the UAGC and bring some fairness to the funding of halls in line with what rural people currently pay.

Cr Davis suggested agreeing in principle and request a report be provided on options available.

Cr Highsted was intrigued at the suggestion of Federated Farmers especially in light of the recent criticism of the Council occupying part of the James Cumming wing. He did not support it.

The Chief Executive could see where Cr Gardyne was coming from. There was a clear distinction about the James Cumming Wing and Mataura Community Centre as both facilities were Council owned as opposed to rural halls that were owned by hall

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societies. To take Cr Gardyne's suggestion, the Council could be saying that there were no rural people who used the James Cumming Wing and Mataura Community Centre, but that was not the case.

Cr Dixey recalled his own situation until recent times whereby local residents paid a local rate for the Pukerau hall.

The Chief Executive said 79% of the rural halls budget was funded by urban ratepayers.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the submission be received,**

**AND THAT the rural hall portion be considered in conjunction with the submission from the Waikaka Hall Society.**

**2009/83**

**Submission No 45 – Eastern Southland Chamber of Commerce**

Cr Davis believed there was merit in the request and had been surprised to learn of the number of hits the site received especially during the time leading up to the Field Days.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Highsted THAT a grant of \$1,500 be approved.**

**2009/84**

**Submission No 46 – Waikaka District Hall Society Inc.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the rural halls budget be increased by \$5,000 from \$12,000 to \$17,000, with \$3,000 being allocated to the Waikaka Hall for repainting.**

**2009/85**

**Submission No 47 – Jeremy McPhail**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/86**

**Submission No 48 – Mrs Margaret Pullar**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the submission be supported.**

**2009/87**

Cr Sharp advised there was enthusiasm amongst the Service Clubs to be involved in developing walk/cycleways.

**Submission No 49 – Gerald and Janice Watson**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 50 – Peter McIntyre**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixey THAT the submission be received.**

**2009/88**

**Submission No 51 – R C Culbert**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 52 – Ralph Beale**

Already considered earlier.

**Submission No 53 – John Taylor**

In response to Cr Highsted, His Worship said the staff would be reviewing the performance of the organisation as far as the LTCCP was concerned and he believed the Council itself should also review its performance.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the submission be received and note that on the issue of consultation the Council intends to formally review its consultation process once the LTCCP has been adopted with a view to implementing improvements for the future.**

**2009/89**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the Council adopt the draft 2009-19 LTCCP subject to the amendments agreed to throughout the meeting.**

**2009/90**

The meeting concluded at 8:58 pm

### **Submissions that cannot be considered by Cr Grant**

Submission No 23	George Carson
Submission No 30	Gore Rural Ratepayers Group
Submission No 31	Sustainable Transport Southland
Submission No 32	NZ Landcare Trust
Submission No 33	NZ Transport Agency
Submission No 35	Federated Farmers Southland
Submission No 40	Sally McIntyre
Submission No 42	Robin McGowan
Submission No 44	Eastern Southland Federated Farmers
Submission No 47	Jeremy McPhail

### **Submissions that cannot be considered by Cr Sharp**

Submission No 11	Glenys Dickson
Submission No 12	Bill and June Dore
Submission No 13	Wayne Harpur
Submission No 20	Invercargill City Council
Submission No 22	WasteNet Southland
Submission No 23	George Carson
Submission No 24	Community Networking Trust
Submission No 30	Gore Rural Ratepayers Group
Submission No 31	Sustainable Transport Southland
Submission No 32	NZ Landcare Trust
Submission No 33	NZ Transport Agency
Submission No 34	Southland Community Wastebusters Trust
Submission No 35	Federated Farmers Southland
Submission Nos 36-37	Sport Southland
Submission No 39	Gore Pakeke Lions Club
Submission No 40	Sally McIntyre
Submission No 42	Robin McGowan
Submission No 43	Community Trust of Southland
Submission No 44	Eastern Southland Federated Farmers
Submission No 47	Jeremy McPhail
Submission No 48	Mrs Margaret Pullar