



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 23 JUNE 2009 AT 7:30 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), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Community Development Officer (Ms Colleen Te Au), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and six members 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 Dixey, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 26 May 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Thursday 28 May 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

Cr Gardyne moved THAT the letter from Federated Farmers be considered as an item of urgent late business.

His Worship advised the letter had been circulated with a request for speaking rights. He had declined the request.

The motion was seconded by Cr Sharp.

His Worship advised the letter asked the Council to reconsider the roading rate. The matter had been considered and adopted at the deliberative meeting on 28 May. He saw no reason to relitigate the issue.

Cr Gardyne said the only opportunity for Federated Farmers to raise a concern was on receipt of the minutes of that meeting. He thought it appropriate to discuss it.

Cr Dixey agreed it was not appropriate to consider the request. There were others who had also made submissions who had not asked for a second chance.

The motion was put and it was lost.

3. VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE – INFORMATION REQUEST (18.18.1)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services detailing the purpose of the Information Centre which was reiterated on page 29 of the current LTCCP.

Cr Gardyne had been asking for information about the Information Centre for months and he was disappointed with the report. He said there were income streams from merchandise sales and admissions that he would like to view. He had taken an interest in the costs of the Information Centre as he had been the second Chairman of the former Gore Promotions. He thought it appropriate for the Council to receive a monthly update.

His Worship agreed there had been a number of requests from Cr Gardyne but it seemed to be an issue he had rather than any other Councillor.

Cr Highsted said Cr Gardyne had asked for a profit and loss statement which had been promised. He said in fairness to him it was in order to produce the information he had asked for.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the information be received,

AND THAT the information requested by Cr Gardyne be provided.

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4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2009 (1.1.4)

A financial report for April 2009 had been circulated, incorporating a statement of financial performance and balance sheet as at 30 April.

Cr Harvey noted the increase in income at the aquatic centre.

The Chief Executive agreed and said it was very good to be tracking above budget. It was testament to the good management of Kim Peterson and the staff rostering change implemented about a year ago.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the financial report for the 10 months ended 30 April 2009 be received.

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5. PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES – MAIN STREET/CIVIC AVENUE/FAIRFIELD STREET (22.3.1)

A memo had been received from the Senior Regulatory Officer suggesting control and restrictions on parking along Main Street (west side from Civic Avenue to Fairfield Street), Civic Avenue (both sides of the street from Fairfield to Main Street) and Fairfield Street (both sides of Civic Avenue to Main Street).

Three options were detailed for consideration.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Roothing Manager said the area under review had become considerably busier in recent years, hence the need for changes to be made.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT in accordance with Clause 3.4 of the Gore District Council Land Transport Bylaw 2008, the Council declare Main Street (west side from Civic Avenue to Fairfield Street), Civic Avenue (both sides of the street from Fairfield to Main Street) and Fairfield Street (both sides from Civic Avenue to Main Street) to become a P60 parking restriction, effective from 8 am until 5 pm, Monday to Friday,

THAT the loading zone in Fairfield Street be removed,

THAT angle parking on the west side of Civic Avenue (from the exit of the Gore District Council/Senior Citizens car park to the end of the street) be changed to parallel parking,

THAT Schedule 10 contained within the Land Transport Bylaw be updated accordingly,

AND THAT the changes become effective as from 1 July 2009.

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6. COUNCIL RUBBISH BAGS (17.3)

A memo had been received from the Asset Manager, Utilities proposing an increase in the cost of Council rubbish bags. The last review took place in June 2007. Additional costs contributing to the need to increase the fee had arisen from actual collection services, transport to the regional landfill and the new waste minimisation levy of \$10 per tonne.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council increase the price per rubbish bag to \$2.40,

AND THAT the increase be effective immediately.

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7. WASTENET REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TIMELINE (10.23)

The General Manager, District Assets advised that the request for proposal documents for the regional waste management and recycling services tender would shortly be issued with the tender closing on 31 August. A tentative timetable of the steps

to be taken from tender closing through to a final decision being made about the Council's participation in a regional service had been circulated with the agenda.

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

AND THAT a timetable be created for stakeholder meetings and consultation events with community at strategic locations.

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8. UPPER MATAURA GROUND WATER TAKE RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS (8.46)

The General Manager, District Assets advised that Environment Southland had notified the Council of two resource consent applications for water permits from Eyre Creek Ltd and Wilkins Farming Ltd. The combined total of 14,500 cubic metres per day requested by the applicants for irrigation represented three times the average daily use by the Gore township. The applicant's properties were some distance from Gore but the proposed water take would have an impact on the Mataura river.

Cr Highsted thought a better strategy would be to oppose the applications in their current form but make recommendations as to what basis the Council could support the applications.

The General Manager said he had discussed with Mr Hovell as to how best to make a submission and it was his advice to support the applications with recommendations, hence the recommendation put forward.

Cr McLennan thought the Council should oppose the applications per se on the basis of pastoral irrigation, which he did not support.

Cr Gardyne agreed with Crs Highsted and McLennan. He did not think the Council had sufficient information on the effects of the water take on Gore should the applications be approved.

Cr Gardyne moved THAT the Council oppose the applications,

AND THAT the Council be briefed by Environment Southland on the Mataura Valley groundwater situation.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.

Cr Bolger said the issue was not what the land was used for, it was about the effect on the Mataura river and the potential to affect the Council's own water take. He asked if the conservation order gave the Council a certainty of supply for Gore.

The General Manager replied that the cut off flow was in line with the conservation order. If the river was to drop to a low level, then the Council would need to impose some serious water conservation restrictions.

Cr Bolger thought it appropriate that any use of resource was considered in light of position. He was happy with the recommendation and did not support Cr Gardyne's motion.

Cr Dixon said the water taken was not metered so who knew how much water was taken.

The General Manager said water takes were now being metered. There had been a number of improvements made by Environment Southland to better monitor water consents as well as reporting. He said one of the applicants had another consent to take water which had a condition associated with the river flow at Gore.

Cr Davis asked if Cr Gardyne would consider separating his motion. Applications for water takes were becoming more frequent.

Cr Gardyne said Cr Davis could move an amendment if she wanted to change his motion.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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9. RATES RESOLUTION (44.7.1)

Following the Council's adoption of its LTCCP 2009-19, the General Manager, Corporate Services provided a schedule of

rates to be set under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the year commencing 1 July 2009.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Chief Executive and General Manager, Corporate Services clarified the \$28.32 Southland Regional Heritage Trust rate. The rate shown was the nett amount.

Cr McLennan moved THAT pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the Council set the following rates for the financial year commencing 1 July 2009:

1. Fixed General Rates

(a) Uniform Annual Charge

A uniform annual charge of \$531.20 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, (a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is any portion that can be occupied or used separately from any other parts eg multiple dwellings/flats/commercial buildings. The Council will assess and rate separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit based on the information in the rating database), set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

b) Southland Regional Heritage Trust rate

A uniform charge of \$28.32 (GST inclusive) on each separately used and inhabited part of a rating unit (a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is any portion that can be occupied or used separately from any other parts eg multiple dwellings/flats/commercial buildings. The Council will assess and rate separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit based on the information in the rating database), set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

2. General Rates

A general rate, set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of 0.000158 cents (GST inclusive) for each dollar of capital value on all rating units in the District.

3. Targeted Rates

A targeted rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Valuation based Targeted Rates

The rate in cents (GST inclusive) for each dollar of capital value in each of the rating areas as follows:

Gore

	Per \$ Capital Value
Residential	0.001504
Commercial	0.004189

Mataura

	Per \$ Capital Value
Residential	0.001091
Commercial	0.007731

Rural

	Per \$ Capital Value
All properties	0.001263

Heavy Industrial

	Per \$ Capital Value
All Properties	
Capital Value under \$500,000	0.028995
Capital Value between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000	0.009533
Capital Value over \$1,000,000	0.004607

Fixed Targeted Rate – Parks and Reserves

A fixed rate (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in each of the rating areas as follows:

Gore

	Fixed Charge
Residential	\$213.79
Commercial	
Capital Value under \$75,000	\$355.20
Capital Value between \$75,001 and \$147,000	\$638.85
Capital Value between \$147,001 and \$356,000	\$1,100.10

Capital Value between \$356,001 and \$685,000	\$1,976.61
Capital Value between \$685,001 and \$1,575,000	\$2,515.80
Capital Value \$1,575,001 and above	\$3,019.22

Mataura

	Fixed Charge
Residential	\$201.34
Commercial	
Capital Value below \$62,000	\$699.24
Capital Value between \$62,001 and \$125,000	\$966.43
Capital Value between \$125,001 and \$145,000	\$1,966.96
Capital Value between \$145,001 and \$340,000	\$2,686.09
Capital Value \$340,001 and above	\$3,019.22

Rural

	Fixed Charge
Capital Value under \$100,000	\$171.14
Capital Value \$100,000 and above	\$263.30

4. Water, Stormwater, Drainage and Solid Waste

A targeted rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for water, stormwater, and drainage as follows:

\$211.84 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to either the Gore or Mataura water schemes.

\$105.92 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is not connected, but has the ability to be serviced by the Gore or Mataura water schemes.

\$222.37 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to either the Gore or Mataura drainage schemes.

\$111.18 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is not connected, but

has the ability to be serviced by the Gore or Maitāwhiri drainage schemes.

\$67.21 (GST inclusive) on each rating unit serviced by the Pukerua drainage scheme.

\$89.61 (GST inclusive) on each rating unit serviced by the Waikaka drainage scheme.

\$44.80 (GST inclusive) on each rating unit not connected but has the ability to be serviced by the Waikaka drainage scheme.

\$222.37 (GST inclusive) for the second and every additional water closet and urinal on all non-residential rating units (with the exception of educational institutions and designated short-term accommodation premises as determined by the Council) in Gore and Maitāwhiri.

A per pan fee of \$222.37 (GST inclusive) for education institutions (as defined in clause 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002). The number of pans will be assessed on the basis of 6.25% of the total number of staff and pupils at each establishment.

A pan fee of \$111.13 (GST inclusive) for short term accommodation premises (as determined by the Council) for the second and subsequent urinals in Gore and Maitāwhiri.

\$89.61 (GST inclusive) for the second and every additional water closet and urinal on all non-residential rating units in Waikaka.

To fund the Solid Waste activity:

\$48.88 (GST inclusive) on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in Gore and Maitāwhiri.

5. Rural Water Schemes

A targeted rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Each rating unit serviced by the Otama scheme will be charged a fixed charge (GST inclusive) as follows:

\$200.00 per water unit
\$215.00 per water connection

6. Water Supply charges

All commercial premises in Matura and Gore, as well as all users of the Otama Water scheme will be invoiced separately for actual water usage.

7. Community Halls

A targeted rate, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Each rating unit in the following communities will be charged a fixed charge (GST inclusive) as follows:

Brydone	\$22.50
Mandeville	\$22.50
Otama	\$56.25
Pukerau	\$27.00
Tuturau	\$22.50
Waikaka	\$35.00
Knapdale	\$56.25

8. Due Dates

The current year's rates will be collected in four instalments. The due dates for each rates instalment are:

Instalment No	Period Covered	Final Date for Payment
1	1 July to 30 September	31 August 2009
2	1 October to 31 December	30 November 2009
3	1 January to 31 March	26 February 2010
4	1 April to 30 June	31 May 2010

9. Method of Payment

Rates can be paid at the main Council office in Civic Avenue, Gore or at the Matura Service Centre in Bridge

Street Mataura. Both these offices are open between 8.30 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Payments may be made in cash or by cheque or EFTPOS. Credit card payments may be made by accessing the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz.

Electronic payments by direct debit or telephone banking can be arranged by contacting a customer services representative in either Gore (209-0330) or Mataura (203-8115).

10. Penalties

Only payments actually received at the Council offices named in (9) above will be accepted as paid on that date.

A 10% penalty will be added to each instalment, or any portion of the instalment, not received by the Gore District Council by 5pm on or before the due date for payment of that instalment.

An additional 10% penalty will be added to any rates that remain unpaid on the 1st of July following the due date.

Additional 10% penalties will be added at six monthly intervals thereafter on any rates that remain unpaid.

The motion was seconded by Cr Sharp.

Cr Gardyne moved THAT the nett amount only be forwarded to the Southland Regional Trust.

His Worship declined to accept the motion. The Council already had a motion on the table.

Cr Davis said since Cr Gardyne was a representative he was in the best position to effect any change to the current funding formula.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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10. LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN – REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (46.35.4)

A memo had been provided by the Chief Executive reflecting on the processes used for the development of the plan and whether any improvements could be made for the next review in three years time.

A favourable management report from the Council's Auditors, Deloitte, had been circulated.

His Worship believed the process had gone very well and acknowledged the work of the staff in producing the plan. From his perspective the summary could be improved upon and the consultation process could also be enhanced.

Cr Gardyne thought the process had been hijacked by auditors and what was lacking was the Council's opportunity to publicly debate the estimates. The workshops developed ideas but the Council had not had adequate input into either the estimates or the plan.

Cr Bolger disagreed. He referred to a workshop held early on in the process to develop ideas for inclusion in the plan.

His Worship felt the plan had been developed appropriately and the meeting held on 1 April had been attended by all Councillors except Cr Gardyne. The Council at that meeting were satisfied with the plan being published for submission and there were 53 submissions received. The process worked well but he said the auditing requirements were a challenge. There was a will from the Government to review the auditing process of LTCCPs.

Cr Gardyne said meetings had been promised by the Roding Manager. A meeting prior to Christmas had questions asked and the rural Councillors were still waiting on answers from him.

Cr Dixey suggested the community outcomes needed to be improved or expanded upon.

The Chief Executive said other Councils had received submissions about the regional outcomes and there would be a meeting at officer level to review them. He expected there could be a refinement for inclusion in next year's annual plan.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the Council endorse the suggested amendments to the LTCCP development process as outlined in the report.

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11. EASTERN SOUTHLAND HOCKEY TURF (18.3.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from the Eastern Southland Turf Redevelopment Committee, and an aerial photograph of the proposed location of a new water turf at Wayland Park. An updated aerial photograph was tabled at the meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the resource consent process would deal with any lighting, parking, noise etc issues that may arise. There had been huge progress in sports ground lighting since the current turf was developed.

Cr Highsted moved THAT the Council approve in principle, the allocation of suitable ground at Wayland Park to enable the Eastern Southland Hockey Association to proceed with its planning to establish a water based turf on this area,

AND THAT the Council note that should a resource consent for a new water based turf be granted, a ground lease between the Council and the Eastern Southland Hockey Association will be negotiated.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dixey.

Cr Dixon asked what would happen with the current turf.

His Worship hoped that if the new turf came to fruition that there would be some plan put in place for it or it would be decommissioned. It could not be just left.

In response to Cr Harvey, Mr Aynsley said the project including lights would cost \$1.5 million, or \$1.2 million without lights. There would be virtually no light effect on any neighbours. He envisioned the Mataura turf would be decommissioned in time.

Mrs Weir said the turf was currently a health hazard and disinfectant was having to be supplied to all teams. It was intended to retain the turf in the short term for junior hockey but ultimately to decommission it.

Cr McLennan said by decommissioning, it meant the initial \$700,000 that came from Mataura assets was wasted.

His Worship said it was an asset that had been well utilised by local people and those from outside the District. It needed some serious money spent on it if it was to continue. Eastern Hockey had decided it wanted to see it relocated to Wayland Park.

Cr McLennan accepted that, but if the turf was decommissioned, would the pavilion be moved to Gore.

The hockey representatives advised it was hoped to relocate both the pavilion and grandstand to Gore.

His Worship thought any decommissioning of the Mataura facility would have to have to be sanctioned by the Council.

Cr Gardyne commended the Hockey Association for the decision reached that Wayland Park was the best location for the turf.

Cr Davis said from the meeting with hockey representatives recently, a number of other sports were also able to be played on the surface.

The motion was put and it was carried.

2009/99

12. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.2/2.15.3)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a schedule of building consents issued for May 2009 and comparisons for the previous two years. A schedule of resource consents issued to 2 June had also been circulated.

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

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13. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Council perused the operations bulletin containing reports from the Roding Manager, Asset Manager, Utilities, Civil Defence and the Animal Control Contractor.

Report of the Roding Manager (2.1.7)

The Manager advised the method of reporting gravel roads verified compliant by inspection and/or grading had changed to previous reports.

Cr Dixon suggested the distances be separated into the number of kilometres that had been graded and the number that had been inspected.

The Manager said that could be done, and he could also provide a map showing the areas that had been covered.

Report of Asset Manager, Utilities (2.1.7)

The Manager advised the requirements for the dump site at the Hargest property at Charlton. He said it was a cleanfill site only which allowed only spoil, gravel, concrete and brick to be dumped. Unfortunately prohibited items had been dumped and the owners had decided to close the site.

Report of Animal Control Contractor (34.4.1)

Cr Davis was concerned at the number of incidents reported for May. She thought the Council should monitor whether there was a need to review policies and bylaws.

The Chief Executive suggested inviting the contractor to address a future Regulatory Committee meeting.

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

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14. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Council perused the Community Services bulletin containing 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.

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

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15. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Dixey reported on his attendance at the 10th birthday celebration for Gore hospital.

His Worship attended the 40th anniversary of the Mataura Lions Club, held the previous weekend.

Cr Harvey attended a Citizens Advice Bureau meeting and a presentation in Invercargill on recycling from Carter Holt.

His Worship congratulated the organisers of the Gold Guitar Awards. It seemed to get better every year and the people involved did a fantastic job.

He had attended the resource consent hearing for the Steegh's water take application, and also the Rural Sector meeting with Cr Bolger. There had been a lot of discussion about the Minister of Local Government and his views on the role and direction of local government in New Zealand.

The meeting concluded at 9:09 pm