

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST
2009, AT 6.04 pm**

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson), Community Development Officer (Mrs Colleen TeAu) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES Crs Dixey, Harvey and McLennan apologised for absence.

1. COMMUNITY SERVICES BULLETIN

The Committee 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.

District Arts and Heritage Curator Report (23.5)

His Worship congratulated the Arts and Heritage Curator on the Edward Bullmore collection currently on display. It was quite different and well worthwhile attending.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Community Services bulletin be received.

2. 2009 HOKONUI MOONSHINERS FESTIVAL REPORT (18.50.1)

A memo had been received from the District Arts and Heritage Curator together with a report about the Hokonui Moonshiners Festival held in February and a financial statement. Despite atrocious weather conditions the event had been well supported.

His Worship said the event had become a real icon for Gore and continued to go from strength to strength. He congratulated the Curator for all his hard work.

Cr Gardyne noted the net income from ticket sales only equated to 12 percent of the total expenses. There were other events held in Gore, such as the Gore Gold Guitars, Waimumu Field Days and Southern Field Days that could use support. Some had never sought support from the Council. He thought a time limit in terms of liability might be needed. A wider review was needed by the Council in the future.

The Curator said the event was originally a Council initiative and from an LTCCP perspective, was one of the Council's targets. The Maitara Licensing Trust put huge amounts of revenue back into the Gallery and all of Gore's other social events and this was the one time during the year that the Council could give back to the Maitara Licensing Trust.

The Curator added Air New Zealand was going to expand the event as a destination event next year.

His Worship thought the festival was a particularly successful event that gave a good reflection of the district and partners that put the event together. One needed to be careful not to dictate the direction of the future of events.

Cr Davis thought the festival was one day of the year that Gore could truly celebrate its heritage. It was a time to show off its town and people and to encourage people to visit, live and work in Gore. She would always support it.

Cr Grant advised he had attended a Hokonui Moonshine Trust meeting that morning and the Curator had been requested to conduct a feasibility study regarding the possibility of putting a roof over the area where the event was held. It would not happen overnight, but would end the huge cost involved with hiring tents.

His Worship said it was timely to look at the Council's role in the organisation of events scheduled to happen in the Gore District in 2010 and beyond. From a community perspective there did not seem to be a lot of co-ordination or connection. It was an area that needed working on.

Cr Gardyne said the Council needed to be mindful to focus its generosity around the district. The attitude of the Council toward the Cavalcade event was a good example.

His Worship thought the Cavalcade organisers had been advised to come back to the Council if they required assistance. If they had done so he was sure the Council could have assisted. He acknowledged the generosity shown by the organisers who donated a large amount of their profits to the Waikaka community.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Dickson, THAT the information be received.

3. AUSTRALIAN SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE (35.2.4)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager regarding her attendance at the Australian Sister cities Conference hosted by Gore's Sister City, the Tamworth Regional Council from 19-23 July inclusive. Cr Nicky Davis and Mrs Julie Mitchell, President of the Gore Country Music Club had also attended.

His Worship had received some independents reports from others who had also attended the conference and was told Gore had been very well represented by its representatives.

Cr Davis thanked the Administration Manager for a good report. She had been very proud to sell Gore for the week and now fully appreciated what the sister city link meant to Gore. Briar Hanley, the 2008 Sister City Essay Competition winner had portrayed herself and Gore in an excellent manner. Cr Davis reminded Councillors the 2009 Sister City Speech Competition was being held on Friday 14 August.

She added the Mayor of Tamworth was keen to organise more exchanges, perhaps even a rugby exchange. The relationship needed to be nurtured.

Cr Davis thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the conference.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Heller, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 6.21 pm