

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009, AT 6.22
pm**

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and 1 member of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGIES Crs Dixey, Harvey and McLennan apologised for absence.

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

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

Report of the Roothing Manager (2.1.7)

The Manager apologised for the general section of his report that was a repeat of the previous month.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said mud clean up and temporary signage were generally short term events caused by vehicles exiting damp paddocks. Cr Dixon thanked the Manager for supplying the gravel roads inspection map.

The Manager said the map would become more user friendly.

Report of the Asset Manager, Utilities (2.1.7)

The Manager advised the July figure for the transfer station was 561 tonnes.

Report of the General Manager, District Assets for Civil Defence (45.6.1)

In response to Cr Sharp, the General Manager advised Mr Cumming's rehabilitation was progressing, however he had not yet intimated as to what his future plans might be.

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

2. CENTRAL SALEYARDS WASTESWATER (9.32)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets regarding the options and reasoning for the trade waste discharge consent application from Central Saleyards Limited.

Cr Grant declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion.

The General Manager, District Assets said prior to the Council receiving the application from Central Saleyards, a number of meetings had been held and the company had engaged a consultant to come up with an option to treat or minimise the amount of effluent discharged into the waste stream.

The application equated to 60cm³ of waste per week which was equivalent to 26 household's organic waste. It was a small quantity. The consultants report had been peer reviewed by MWH.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager advised PPCS had also been involved with all parties in order to get a good outcome for the whole community.

Cr Bolger also declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion

Cr Gardyne asked if the separation of stormwater from the effluent system was manually operated.

Cr Grant replied a trigger system activated after there had been sufficient rain to clean off the concrete after a sale and would then send stormwater to where it should go.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager said there was an optimum time when one week's storage could be discharged into the wet well of the PPCS plant and it would typically occur in the weekend following no killing to smooth the load out. The one week storage was not an issue given that it could be discharged on a weekly basis to the PPCS wet wells.

Staff had reviewed the first year's DO readings and the aeration system was working well and could accommodate the discharge.

Cr Gardyne still wanted to know the length of time it took for the rain water at one end of the saleyards to pass into the drain.

Cr Grant said the designers of the system had assured Central Saleyards that it would work, but he did not know how long it would take.

The Manager said if the stormwater was not working, it would be an issue for Central Saleyards. A proposal of how to dissipate stormwater had been included in the report from Opus.

In response to Cr Sharp, Cr Grant confirmed Central Saleyards supported the proposed recommendation.

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

AND THAT Central Saleyards Limited trade waste application be approved subject to the conditions of the Gore District Council's Trade Waste Bylaw.

Crs Grant and Bolger resumed their place at the table.

3. MATAURA TO GORE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT STUDY (3.31.1)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager, together with a copy of the Mataura-Gore community transport study, prepared by Mr Russell Turnbull from Parsons Brinckerhoff. Mr Turnbull was in attendance at the meeting and provided a powerpoint presentation summarising the study.

In response to Cr Grant, Mr Turnbull said the Alliance Group did not wish to financially support the link. The daily cost of one employee not turning up to work would be more than what the cost of the daily running of the service would be.

His Worship thanked Mr Turnbull for the report. He thought the key thing would be to have a community owned service and to get the buy in from the community.

In response to Cr Highsted, Mr Turnbull said there would always be trends due to weather and other factors.

He added the super gold card enabled senior citizens to access the service for free. The Government then paid back 75% of the

fare cost to the provider. This had caused a huge increase in the use of public transport in other centres.

Mr Turnbull said there was a widespread concern about smaller communities and their isolation because of the inability to access essential services, including public transport. This was causing a lot of elderly people to relocate to bigger centres. New Zealand Land Transport was investigating the problem.

In response to Cr Gardyne, Mr Turnbull said he was aware of the Red Cross hospital travel service and representatives from Red Cross had attended the Mataura transport link meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the Council initiate discussion with the Mataura Community Board to determine possible governance of a community transport service.

4. GOODWIN ROAD – CONSTRUCTION ZONE EXTENSION (3.1.7)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager regarding the extension of a construction zone, which the Council had authorised at its March 2009 meeting, on a section of Goodwin Road, Waimumu.

The Roding Manager said the Manager of the Newvale Mine had asked the Council to investigate the possibility of putting in a separate construction zone to allow a second crossing for Solid Energy's rehabilitation programme.

Cr Grant wondered if there was so little public traffic on the road, if it would not be a better option to erect stop signs on Goodwin Road.

The Manager said the public would still have the right of priority on the road.

Cr Sharp had recently chaired a meeting between the Te Tipua community and Solid Energy and the community was happy with the existing crossing.

Cr Bolger wanted another provision in the recommendation to provide for a loader to scoop up any overburden dropped off trucks onto the road.

Cr Dixon and the Manager said there was already equipment at the site to clean up debris.

Cr Bolger was more concerned about damage to vehicles using the road, rather than damage to the road.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the Council authorise the extension of the Goodwin Road construction zone subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Solid Energy being responsible for the cost of repair of any damage to Goodwin Road within the construction zone.**
- 2. Solid Energy installing and maintaining at its expense, compulsory stop signs on the haul road approach to the intersections with Goodwin Road.**
- 3. That no more than two crossings with a longitudinal distance of 20 metres each, along the Goodwin Road centreline, be permitted at any one time.**
- 4. That Solid Energy be responsible for the removal of any debris left on the road as a result of its operations within and adjacent to the construction zones.**

5. FOOTPATH RENEWALS REPORT (3.24.21)

A report had been received from the Roading Manager that provided information on the footpath renewals and repairs achieved during the 2008-09 financial year. The report was also to inform Councillors that the budget had been doubled and to outline the proposed work to be completed in 2009-10.

His Worship noted there were only a few areas identified for repair in Mataura.

The Manager replied Mataura had had extensive repairs over the last few years. There would be some repairs in the coming year, but not as extensive as previously.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said there were more repairs to be carried out, which was why the Council had agreed to double the budget. Faulty footpaths were a hazard to the elderly and vision impaired.

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

The meeting concluded at 7.22 pm