

The General Manager said the process for maintaining the boiler was sandblasting, painting and any repairs. Upon inspection it was realised the boiler was beyond repair. A second opinion had been sought from Rayner's in Invercargill.

It was most unfortunate there had only been six years of life from the boiler. A minimum of at least 20 years had been expected. A systemic list of things, including changes in staff, had occurred that ultimately led to the failure of the boiler.

Several options were investigated as outlined in a report from the General Manager, District Assets that had been tabled at the meeting for the Council to consider.

His Worship said the pool was a vital cog in the community and he wanted to see it open as soon as possible. He thought the operation of the pool in Matura overall was something that could be done better as a Council. Although the urgent issue was fixing the boiler, there were ways that needed to be looked at to improve the operation and attract more patronage. A working party could deal with it positively while bearing in mind the ongoing operation and future of the pool.

Cr Highsted wondered if the quote of between \$75-90,000 to replace the entire boiler was for all the parts including the stoker and water jacket.

The General Manager was not sure if the figure included the stoker or if the existing one would be reused, but would follow up and advise.

Cr McLennan moved THAT the report be received, AND THAT the Council approve the purchase of a coal fired boiler or those parts of a boiler in order to have the Matura Pool operating efficiently and fully productive as soon as possible, and note that this acquisition will be funded by loan.

The motion was seconded by Cr Highsted.

Cr Gardyne thought the issue brought the longevity of the Matura pool into question. There seemed to be a rush to get the approval for a coal fired boiler before looking at the wider picture of the proximity of good aquatic facilities in Gore. He thought the options of solar and heat pumps should also be investigated and some costings of alternative options be provided for consideration. He opposed the motion.

Cr Dixon thought CH Faul should have been more accountable for the state of the boiler. He was a bit dubious about dealing with Faults again.

In response to Cr Heller, the General Manager advised the quote was from CH Faul. Rayner's had not yet been approached for a quote.

Cr Highsted was optimistic that the cost would end up being less than what had been quoted once additional information was obtained. Despite the Kyoto Treaty agreement, he thought a coal fired boiler would still be the most cost effective option.

Cr Grant wanted a maintenance contract entered into with the supplier of any new boiler.

His Worship thought it would be good to develop a relationship with Alliance Mataura to help the Council manage a new boiler. All available options needed to be looked at.

Cr Sharp moved as an Amendment THAT the Council provide a free bus service for seven months, on Saturdays and Sundays, or until the pool was fixed, as soon as possible.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

Cr McLennan said Alliance Mataura had indicated that it would assist where it could. The next step would be to approach the company to discuss options.

His Worship thought the Council should look toward setting up a working party made up of Council staff and Councillors.

Cr Gardyne reiterated that he thought the decision for a heat source was being rushed and a reasonably expensive option could be the result.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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Cr Gardyne voted against the motion and asked for his vote to be recorded.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the Council establish a working party to analyse and look at future options for the Mataura pool in terms of operation and operational style.

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The meeting concluded at 6.59 pm