



District Council

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 08
SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 4.00 PM.**

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP,) Cr Harvey (Chairperson), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Gardyne (from 4.15pm), Grant, Heller, Highsted, McLennan and Sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Assets Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson), Aquatic Services Manager (Kim Peterson), Community Development Officer (Ms Colleen TeAu) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and 11 members of the public.

APOLOGIES The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry) apologised for absence.

1. REPORT FROM GORE i-SITE VISITOR CENTRE (18.18.1)

The Committee perused the report from the i-Site Information Centre Manager.

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

2. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER (25.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

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

3. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (18.79)

The Committee perused the report from the Community Development Manager.

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

His Worship noted the date for the Law Commission Meeting and the Zone 6 Environment Southland were both being held on 15 September. He encouraged Councillors not involved with the Zone 6 meeting to attend the Law Commission meeting.

4. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR (23.5)

The Committee perused the report from the Arts and Heritage Curator.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the report be received.

5. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

Cr Harvey thought it was pleasing to see an increase in the July and August visitor numbers.

Cr Dixey suggested that the increase could be due to the local schools spreading swimming programmes throughout the year.

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

6. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.2)

The Committee perused the report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

In response to Cr Harvey, the Manager said the interaction with the Invercargill City Council staff had been very positive and would be reciprocated in the future.

Cr Dixey thought the new plantings outside the Aquatic Centre looked very nice.

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

7. ALCOHOL IN OUR LIVES – ISSUES PAPER (50.53)

A memo had been received from the Community Development Officer advising the Law Commission had released an issues paper outlining an overview of how liquor was currently used in New Zealand.

Cr Heller wondered what issues the Hearing Panel would make a submission on.

Cr Dixey that it would be endorsing the report compiled by the Chief Executive from the commentary made at the strategy hearing.

His Worship clarified that the Law Commission Issues paper and the alcohol strategy although related, were separate matters.

Cr Heller thought the Gore District was a bit different from other communities because of the big involvement of the Maitua Licensing Trust and the fact that local supermarkets did not hold liquor licences.

The Community Development Officer said a submission would relate to the briefing in the agenda. Issues that could be addressed in a submission would relate to areas that might alleviate alcohol problems to create a better environment in the community.

The Officer said with the alcohol strategy soon to be ratified, it was an opportune time to go about achieving its objectives. She clarified a submission to the Law Commission would be an extension of the work relating to the alcohol strategy.

4.15pm - Cr Gardyne now attended the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the Council make a submission on the Issues Paper to the Law Commission,

AND THAT the Gore District Alcohol Strategy Hearing Panel made up of Crs Heller, Highsted and Bolger, supported by the Chief Executive and Community Development Officer, be appointed to compile the submission.

8. SPORT SOUTHLAND – ANNUAL REPORT (50.34.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a copy of the Eastern Southland annual

report compiled by the local Sport Southland Co-ordinator, Mr Richard Pasco who was in attendance at the meeting..

Mr Pasco said a lot of work done had been completed over the past 12 months to secure funding from SPARC to get the new programme started. All the hard work of liaising with sports teams and budgeting would come to fruition in next few months with the opening of the new indoor sports centre.

Cr Harvey paid tribute to R Pasco and his assistant for their hard work within the community over the past 12 months.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report be received.

9. STAGE 3 FRONT OF HOUSE AGREEMENT (37.22.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager regarding the pending opening of the Gore Multisport Complex Charitable Trusts indoor events centre. A copy of the final draft had been circulated together with a copy of the signed ground lease.

The Manager said the front of house agreement was part of an ongoing part of business and a condition of the lease. Regardless of any other concerns about the facility, the Council needed the agreement in place.

In response to Cr Sharp the Manager explained the lease was already in place. It had only been included in the agenda to enable Councillors to see the link between the lease and the Front of House agreement.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said the agreement would be cost neutral to the Council as costs would be on charged to the Stage 3 Trust.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council agree to enter into the Front of House agreement with the Gore Multi-sports Charitable Trust.

The meeting concluded at 4.29 pm.