

**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 22 SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 7:30 pm**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Harvey, Heller, Gardyne (from 7.40 pm), McLennan and Sharp.

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and 18 members of the public in the gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Crs Grant and Highsted apologised for absence.

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**1. NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY (47.2.1)**

His Worship conferred New Zealand Citizenship on Lisa Anderson, a Canadian citizen, Noinapha Reid, Lisa Reid, Thai citizens, Irina Wallace, a Ukrainian citizen and Darya Solomkina, a Russian citizen. Each new citizen read the relevant declaration and were presented with a New Zealand kowhai tree on behalf of the Council.

*The meeting adjourned at 7.46 pm and resumed at 7:58 pm*

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 25 August 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Monthly**

**Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.**

Mataura Swimming Pool Boiler (24.2.3)

Cr Harvey assumed the resolution would now be actioned.

The Chief Executive confirmed it would.

Cr Gardyne enquired why the Council was not receiving a report from ...

His Worship said the Council was simply confirming the minutes as a true record. It could not relitigate the issue.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be ratified.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

Clause 6 – Report of the Roading Manager (4.2.9)

His Worship clarified that the second sentence on page 4 was a little unclear. He suggested it be deleted altogether. The Council **agreed**.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be ratified.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Heller, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the recommendations contained within**

**the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, as presented, be ratified.**

3. PROPOSED CYCLEWAY PROJECT – PARTIAL FUNDING OF SCOPING STUDY (18.88)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following discussions around a proposed methodology in regard to scoping a Gore cycle trail running from Lumsden to Fortrose on roads, disused railway lines, paper roads, marginal land, Council reserves and private easements. Consideration had centred around an opportunity to develop a cycle trail originating from Gore to Mandeville, Riversdale, Balfour to Lumsden and from Gore, Mataura, Wyndham and Fortrose. The Mataura Licensing Trust had agreed to fund half the estimated cost of \$8,000 for a scoping study.

Cr Harvey thought it was worthy of Council backing and thought it would benefit a wide number of the community.

His Worship referred to a letter tabled from the River Valley Lions Club supporting the concept of a cycle trail.

Cr Gardyne opposed the proposal. He referred to a submission at the LTCCP hearing that included a list of people supporting the establishment of a cycle trail. He wished those people had contributed some monetary funds to the project. He could not see anyone being interested in getting sheep dung on their feet and bicycles.

In response to Cr Dixon, His Worship advised there was an organisation who was capable of undertaking the scoping study.

Cr Harvey wished Cr Gardyne would read his agenda before the meeting. There was no talk about the Council putting any more money into the project at all.

Cr Dixey supported the proposal and he thought once the study had been completed he was sure the local Lions Clubs would come forward and assist.

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive thought the \$4,000 funding would come from the grants budget and be covered by under expenditures in other areas at the end of the financial year.

Cr Sharp was reluctant to spend ratepayers money, however the success of the Central Otago rail trail was undisputed and it was worth supporting the proposal.

His Worship said there was no doubt that the Prime Minister had a national cycle way as his priority. The first part of the trail was an “around the mountain” cycle trail in the Queenstown Lakes and Southland Districts. He thought there were opportunities for other trails, especially from Lumsden through to the Catlins. It could potentially be very expensive and have to involve a lot of people and organisations. If the Council was of a mind to support the proposal it would very much be a first step. It was not committing the Council to anything further in the future.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council approve funding of 50% of a scoping study to ascertain the feasibility of developing a cycle way passing through Gore at an estimated cost to the Council of \$4,000.**

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4. GORE MULTI-SPORTS CENTRE – STAGE 3 – REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE (37.22.2)

A comprehensive report had been received from the Chief Executive profiling and analysing a request for funding assistance received from the Gore Multi-Sports Centre Charitable Trust Inc. The funding request related to the operation of the new indoor events centre. A copy of the request received from the trustees had been circulated.

The Chief Executive had advised that he had held discussions with the General Manager and Chief Executive of the Maitai Licensing Trust and the Community Trust of Southland respectively. The discussions had centred around securing a funding commitment to the ongoing operation of the centre.

Council staff had prepared a very approximate budget adopting a conservative stance in terms of both expenditure and anticipated revenue levels. A copy of the budget had also been circulated.

The Chief Executive emphasised that no deal had been struck as yet with the other two funding partners. Both organisations – the Community Trust of Southland and the Maitai Licensing Trust – were due to meet later in the week and he understood the matter would be considered by them both.

His Worship said as leaders in the community, it behoved the Council to ensure the facility was used to the best of its potential. There was opportunity to partner with the two principal funders of the project to date. He was aware that for the partnership to come into being, both would need to see evidence that the Council was committed to it. The sequence of events, the opportunities and challenges were laid out in the report. He acknowledged the letter from the Charitable Trustees seeking assistance from the Council. Also circulated, was a proposed draft budget.

Cr Bolger thought it appropriate for the Council to rescind its previous resolution to not contribute financially to the project. There was an expectation in the community for the Council to be involved.

Cr Davis concurred and said the feedback she had from the community was that it wanted the Council to be involved.

Cr Heller said the community had seen it take so long to be completed and the Council had to get in behind it. The Council always thought this would happen and he was supportive of the recommendation.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT resolutions 2003/136 and 2003/137, passed at a Gore District Council meeting on 23 September 2003 pertaining to the Council's non-involvement in capital and operational funding of Stage 3 of the multi-sports complex be rescinded,**

**THAT the Council approve in principle, funding 50 percent of the operational shortfall of the indoor sports centre after allowing for user fees and advertising revenue SUBJECT TO the Matura Licensing Trust contributing 25 percent and the Community Trust of Southland contributing the other 25 percent of this shortfall,**

**THAT a funding agreement be executed between the Council, Matura Licensing Trust and Community Trust of Southland to formalise the understanding outlined above,**

**AND THAT the Council note that further reports will be prepared on the ownership structure of the facility and management options in respect of its operation.**

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5. REGULATORY BULLETIN (2.14.3/11.5.2)

A schedule of building consents issued for August 2009 together with comparisons with the previous two years had been circulated and was perused by the Council. A schedule of resource consents issued to 1 September had also been circulated.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the information be received.**

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6. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES (18.45.2)

A copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee held on 14 September had been circulated.

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

**AND THAT the grants as listed, be ratified for distribution.**

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7. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Harvey reported on his attendance at the joint Council workshop in Invercargill and the Zone 6 meeting.

His Worship added the joint Council workshop had been very successful and the intention was to have one every six months.

The meeting concluded at 8:27 pm