

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 27 OCTOBER 2009, AT 7:38 pm

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Harvey, Highsted, Gardyne, 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), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore) HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and four members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGIES Crs Grant and Heller apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Sharp, **THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 22 September 2009, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Sharp, **THAT** the Report of the Meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Wednesday 14 October 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 Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Clause 3 – Lignite Development (60.10)

Cr Bolger clarified the comment he made in the second paragraph. He had said “... *how it expressed its support, or otherwise*”

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as amended, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the Report of the Meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2009, as presented, be ratified.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the Council consider acknowledging the

success of the Southland rugby team as urgent late business.

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3. ADOPTION OF 2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT (1.3.2)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services together with a copy of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2009. The report included the statutory financial information as required by the Local Government Act 2002 and was compliant with all standards issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Board. An unqualified audit opinion had been received from the Council's auditors, Deloitte.

The major variation from the adopted Annual Plan had been in the area of the perceived value of the interest rate SWAPs held. This was further explained by the General Manager.

His Worship complimented the Council staff on the way the Council had operated over the past year. He concurred with comments made by others throughout the country about the reporting process which was difficult for lay people, in particular.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr McLennan, THAT the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2009 be adopted.

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4. GORE-MATAURA COMMUNITY BUS LINK (3.31.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that at the last Mataura Community Board meeting, a request was made for the establishment of a Working Party to determine possible governance of a community transport service.

The suggested terms of reference were as follows:

- *Critically examine the need for a community transport service between Gore and Mataura.*
- *If it was determined that a service was warranted, to recommend what form of governance was required for a community transport service.*

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT a Working Party be established comprising Crs Harvey and McLennan, two Community Board members, three members of the Mataura Taskforce and one staff

member to progress the Gore-Mataura community bus link proposal,

AND THAT the terms of reference be approved.

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5. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT (46.36.2)

A copy of the report of the meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 28 September had been circulated.

Cr McLennan moved THAT the report of the meeting held on 28 September be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.

Cr Dixon asked if it was possible for a Council staff member to look after the new boiler at the pool.

The Asset Manager, Utilities advised that the pool was a seven day a week operation and the boiler was required to be serviced twice a day. A staff member from Essential Services would be taken away from other work and would most likely have to paid overtime.

The General Manager, District Assets said there would be comprehensive training given to whoever would be responsible for maintaining the boiler. Discussions would also be entered into with Alliance about its ability to assist.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following the Council's decision in September to fund 50% of the operational shortfall of the indoor events centre, subject to the Mataura Licensing Trust funding 25% and the Community Trust of Southland contributing the other 25% of the shortfall. Letters received from the two Trusts detailing their respective stances on the proposal had been circulated.

The Chief Executive added he would be preparing separate reports on the ownership and operation of the indoor events

centre for consideration by the Council at its November Committee round.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the report and letters from the Maitua Licensing Trust and the Community Trust of Southland be received.

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Cr Dixey asked for the Council to acknowledge the support forthcoming from the two Trusts.

7. RURAL TRAVEL FUND DISTRIBUTION (18.81)

A copy of the minutes of the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee, held on 6 October had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the minutes be received,

AND THAT the grants as detailed be ratified for distribution.

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8. LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHLAND RUGBY TEAM (46.12.9)

His Worship said the achievement of the Southland rugby team was wonderful. The team had done the province real credit.

Cr Harvey agreed and said it had lifted the spirit of the province.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT a congratulatory letter be sent to the Southland rugby team on its success in winning the Ranfurly Shield on 22 October.

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The meeting concluded at 8:12 pm