



Gore

District Council

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY
2010, AT 4.42 PM.**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), 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), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and four members of the public in the gallery.

1. NEW ZEALAND POLICE PRESENTATION (18.76)

Senior Sergeant Steve Gregory of the Gore Police was in attendance to address the Committee on local policing matters, in particular a report recently released about disorderly activity around Mobil Gore. A copy of the report had been circulated.

He advised a new District Commander had commenced in the Southern District 12 months ago. The new Commander had a different approach to policing and was passionate about crime reduction. He was keen to work in problem solving partnerships with other community organisations to solve crime problems.

The main problem with crime in Gore related to wilful damage and disorder revolving around alcohol. The Police were looking for input to help them deal with the issue around the precinct around Mobil including MacDonald's Restaurant that was open 24 hours a day. One of the recommendations was to move the CCTV cameras to enable a better view of activity.

Another issue the Senior Sergeant identified that the Council was also concerned about, was the broken glass problem at the Eccles Street toilets.

Cr Gardyne thought the culture of youth consuming alcohol in vehicles was a root cause of the problems. It was one of the biggest issues the country faced. He thought a motion from the Council to help address the problem locally could be actioned.

The Senior Sergeant said the Police needed to enforce the liquor ban better. More signage was required identifying the liquor ban area.

He agreed with His Worship that to progress some of the recommendations contained in the Mobil report, the best way forward would be for the Police, the Parks and Recreation Manager, Roading Manager and Community Development Officer to meet on a regular basis to work together to find solutions. The Senior Sergeant would arrange a meeting.

His Worship suggested that McDonald's restaurant and Mobil garage management also be involved in the meeting.

Senior Sergeant Gregory also discussed the bylaw preventing trucks from using the Main Street during the hours of 6 am to 11 am. He could not find the penalty applicable to the bylaw.

In response to the Senior Sergeant's comments about the problem with youths throwing concrete slabs off the walkway of the Gore Bridge, the Roading Manager advised the missing slabs were being replaced with larger ones. These would help the situation as the bigger slabs were a lot heavier, however there were still some more smaller slabs to be replaced.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Chief Executive thought a report back to Council in six months time would allow for the issues to be actioned.

His Worship thought a progress update at the next meeting would be appropriate.

2. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

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

The Planning Consultant now attended the meeting at 5.07pm.

3. 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 Highsted, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received.

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 Grant , seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report be received.

5. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER (25.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr Heller, 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.

The District Arts and Heritage Curator and Library Manager departed the meeting at 4.47 pm.

The Manager said the weather and growth had made the parks staff very busy. He advised more than 100 infringement notices had been issued for overgrown sections, with property owners being charged. A lot of sections were now on a second cut.

In response to Cr Heller querying when the new electric doors would be installed in the James Cumming Wing, the Manager said he had spoken with the contractor, who advised the doors would be installed by the end of February.

In response to Cr Harvey, the Manager said after heavy rainfall water tended to lie for a few days near the bird aviary because water came down the hill and across the streets. There was no maintenance required as the water dissipated over a couple of days.

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

7. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (18.79)

The Committee perused the report from the Community Development Officer.

Cr Harvey reported that nominations were being called for new Youth Councillors for 2010.

He had attended a quarterly meeting of the Southland Work'n It Out Community Stakeholder Group with His Worship and the Community Development Officer recently.

His Worship said the group was trying to ensure a quick transition from high school to study or employment. Progress was being made.

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

8. RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE JESSIE MCCHLERY-TYTLER (35.2.4)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager regarding the late Jessie McChlery-Tytler. Jessie had received an honorary appointment as a Special Ambassador between Gore and Tamworth in January 1998.

Discussion was held regarding Jessie's enthusiasm and commitment to the Sister City relationship which had grown considerably since its inception in 1992. It was suggested that a tree with a memorial plaque be planted near the Tamworth Garden and the Hands of Fame.

His Worship said Jessie McChlery-Tytler had contributed tremendously to country music and the whole community. She had been very passionate about the Tamworth garden and the Gore garden in Tamworth, and to have a memorial tree planted would be very fitting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixey, seconded by Cr His Worship, THAT a tree and memorial plaque be planted near the Tamworth Garden in recognition of the contribution to the Gore-Tamworth Sister City relationship by the late Jessie McChlery-Tytler.

9. GORE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE – REJUVENATION AND REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION (35.2.4)

A memo regarding the revised Sister City Committee constitution had been received from the Chief Executive, together with a copy of the revised constitution. A copy of the letter that had been forwarded to the Gore Country Music Club

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Inc., Eastern Southland Chamber of Commerce, Gore High School and St Peter's College seeking approval to the constitution amendments had also been received.

The Chief Executive said the Gore Country Music Club and Gore High School had responded. The Gore Country Music Club felt strongly about the links between Gore and Tamworth, so he thought it was appropriate to have specific representation on the Committee by the Club.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the revised constitution for the Gore Sister City Committee be endorsed subject to the inclusion of separate representation consisting of one member from the Gore Country Music Club Inc, being incorporated into the Committee's membership.

The meeting concluded at 5.19 pm.