

REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2010, AT 7.17 PM

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Davis (Chairperson), Crs Bolger, Dixey, Gardyne, Harvey, 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), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan)

APOLOGIES Crs Grant and Dixon apologised for absence.

1. REPORT FROM ANIMAL CONTRACTOR (34.4.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Animal Control Contractor.

Cr Davis said the dog control working party would be discussing issues with the Contractor, Rae Evans.

Cr Sharp noticed the number of wandering dogs had increased again.

Cr Highsted asked what the Council position was with regard to health and safety following the contractor being bitten on the face by a dog on a rural property.

The Chief Executive said there were procedures that the contractor followed, however the risk came with the territory. From a liability point of view, Mrs Evans was a very experienced dog handler.

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

2. REPORT FROM ASSET MANAGER UTILITIES (2.1.7)

The Committee perused the report from the Asset Manager, Utilities. The Manager said a lot of toby tap repairs had been carried out in February. This was due to responsible residents reporting leaking taps in the drier weather which was much appreciated.

A sprinkler ban had been introduced with the watering of gardens having to be done by hand held hosing only.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said the new Jacobstown well was supplying the same amount of water as the two old wells had supplied.

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

3. REPORT FROM ROADING MANAGER (2.1.7)

The Committee perused the report from the Roothing Manager.

The Manager said there had been quite a number of requests for service to corrugations due to the drier weather. The traction seal programme that treated problem areas where the most severe corrugations were occurring was on target.

Cr Sharp thanked the Manager on behalf of Kaiwera residents for the completion of seal extensions in the Kaiwera area.

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

4. SOUTHERN RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY – STATEMENT OF INTENT (15.6.3)

A memo had been received from the Roothing Manager along with a copy of the Southern Rural Fire Authority Draft Statement of Intent 2009-2012.

The Manager said the increase in the levy was mainly due to increases in training, salaries and depreciation.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Harvey, THAT the Southern Rural Fire Authority Statement of Intent 2010/2013 be approved by the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm