

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2010, AT 4.04 PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Assets Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Library Manager (Mrs Jane Robinson), Community Development Officer (Ms Colleen TeAu), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and one member of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY Crs Gardyne, Heller and Sharp apologised for absence.

1. 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 McLennan, 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.

In response to Cr Harvey, the Manager said the computers were proving very popular, and the users were also utilising library books and newspapers available in the library.

In response to His Worship, the Manager said on average approximately 300 people visited the library on week days and 70 on Saturdays and Sundays.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager advised the Sunday opening had not yet been advertised. Numbers through were on a par to previous years. Advertising could be carried out later if necessary.

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

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

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

Cr Dixey said the financial report provided a good indication of activity at the I-Site Visitor Centre.

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

4. 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, Cr Dixey advised the donated bulbs had been planted at the Irene McGregor Memorial Garden.

His Worship said he was aware there had been discussion about having a high level look at what the plan for the whole Wayland Park area should be before embarking on a remedy to the parking issues. However, there was an ongoing and increasing concern about parking at the Complex and he asked the Chief Executive, in the Parks and Recreation Manager's absence, if he knew of any plans to alleviate the issue.

The Chief Executive said the Parks and Recreation Manager was working on the issue. He would arrange for him to provide the Council with an update.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Highsted, 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 Highsted said he had heard comments that some parents had removed their children from swim school because of the distance required to walk to their cars after swimming. As part

of the parking review, he wondered if a section of carparks could be dedicated to swim school parents.

Cr Davis said the problem was ongoing and affected all age groups at various times during the week and weekends and was worthy of further exploration. Feedback from the Aquatic Services Manager could be helpful.

Cr Highsted wondered if ushering people to their seats at the free entry Steele game recently held at the Indoor Event Centre, might set a precedent for future events.

Cr Harvey said he thought that initially also, however, in time he thought people would know where to go and would not hover in the foyer.

The Chief Executive said the Steel game had been a one off promotional type event to showcase the Indoor Event Centre. He did not anticipate a lot of high profile games with free entry into the centre in the future.

Cr Dixon wondered who set the rules for the Indoor Event Centre regarding footwear and areas for drinking hot drinks.

The Chief Executive said he envisaged a position had been agreed to by Council staff and Eastern Netball. He would find out. At the time of construction the building contractors had stated the floor would have to be well cared for.

The General Manager, District Assets said the materials used on the flooring would dictate the rules to ensure its long lifespan.

Cr Davis said there was no signage relating to the rules and regulations around footwear or beverages at the entrance to the centre.

She said local parents seemed to have an expectation that spectators should have to pay an entry fee to watch games at the centre. Stadium Southland charged spectators an entry fee.

The Chief Executive said the Council set the fees, in consultation with the user groups. He suggested if the Council was contemplating a spectator charge, that it should be made conditional upon consultation taking place with all affected stakeholders.

Cr Dixey was concerned that charging an entry fee would create congestion in the foyer. There was only one entrance way being utilised.

His Worship said the Parks and Recreation Manager would organise a forum. He could probably answer all questions.

Cr Davis said the pool spectator fee stopped undesirable characters hanging around the pool.

Cr Grant thought with all the conjecture over the cost of the stadium, a spectator charge would be introduced.

The Chief Executive said he along with the Parks and Recreation Manager, the Aquatic Services Manager and the Event Centre Supervisor would meet and prepare a report regarding the operational issues of the centre.

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

6. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
(18.79)

The Committee perused the report from the Community Development Officer.

Cr Harvey commended the Officer. She had been smoke free for 26 days.

Cr Dixey would arrange for a Youth Councillor to report back on the Our Way Southland Youth Forum that was being held on Thursday 17 June.

His Worship the Mayor said the Community Development Officer's very good report showed just some of what was involved with the Officer's role. There was a lot happening with Mataura at present. The Officer was doing a great job and the Council was very fortunate to have her on staff.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.27pm.