

Report of the ordinary meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Tuesday 19 May 2015, at 4.41pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Highsted (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Byars, Davis, Gover, D Grant, Page and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mrs Sarah Crooks), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Senior Planner (Mr Howard Alchin), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apologies Crs Dixon and P Grant apologised for absence.

Cr Highsted asked for any conflicts of interest. None were received.

1. BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2015

The Committee perused the report from the Building Control Manager.

The Manager advised work remained steady and there was plenty of activity happening in the District. He advised the building fee review would be carried over to the Council meeting.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager advised the BUPA development would be located beside Windsor Park rest home.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager advised there was still some confusion amongst people about whether they could put in any type of fire and a lot were going straight to a clean air fire or some alternative option.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager advised multifuel fires were still being manufactured as there were no approved clean air multifuel burners on the market from any manufacturer at this stage.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Manager confirmed no-one could install a multifuel burner inside the Gore airshed.

The Senior Planner advised Environment Southland was waiting to see what happened during the hearing process during the first week of June before it made any final decisions, however, the rules that were put in place on 1 January 2015 remained in effect.

In response to Cr Bolger, the Planner advised all existing burners required a flue clean every year and should only burn dry wood. He advised Environment Southland would start to enforce the new rules once the hearings had been completed.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager advised that a consent could still be issued for a new multifuel burner, however it could not be used. He advised both Invercargill City and the Gore District Councils had made a decision not to accept applications for multifuel burners within the airshed to prevent this problem occurring.

In response to His Worship, the Manager advised a decision had been made to hold back on a shared services agreement after discussions with the Southland District Council who had just been through the accreditation process under the new shared services manual. There needed to be changes made to the base manual which were based on a recommendation from IANZ.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the report be received.

2. SCHEDULE OF BUILDING CONSENTS

A schedule of building consents issued for March and April 2015, together with comparisons of the previous two years, had been received from the Building Control Manger.

The Manager advised Hokonui Runanga and Transport Repairs building were isolated high ticket projects that had boosted the overall work value. He advised in April, 29 consents totalling \$4.5 million had been approved which was not the norm. With the BUPA development pending, the value would continue to rise.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the information be received.

3. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR APRIL 2015

The Committee perused the April report from the Animal Control Officer.

Cr Highsted advised it was good to see another dog had been uplifted for not complying with a dangerous dog classification but disappointing to see a menacing one put in place for another dog.

In response to Cr Bolger, the Chief Executive said reflecting on bringing the animal control services in house was still a great comfort knowing there was someone on the ground at all times in a high profile vehicle and uniform. He advised the officer was getting on top of issues and response times were increasing on the previous service.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the report be received.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Chief Executive believed the numbers were rising as people were reporting issues now rather than ignoring them due to the Animal Control Officer being readily available to pick up a dog or assist with resolving an issue.

Cr Davis believed the figures would go up again before they came down with having a more proactive service available.

In response to Cr Highsted, Cr Davis thought it would be useful to have more statistical information on the table provided to show the number of dogs impounded to see how it was trending. It would give the Councillors a better idea of what was happening in the district.

The meeting closed at 5.03pm.