

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Thursday 6 October 2016, at 5.05pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Bolger, Byars, Davis (from 5.09pm), Dixon, P Grant, Page, Highsted and Sharp.

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications Manager (Sonia Gerken), 3 Waters Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Policy and Planning Officer (Miss Emma Williams) and Planner (Miss Rosie Given).

**Apologies** Crs Beale, Gover and D Grant apologised for absence.

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His Worship called for any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

1. GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL MOBILE TRADING BYLAW REVIEW (SC0107)

A memo had been received from the Policy and Planning Officer advising that the Mobile Trading Bylaw had been adopted on 2 November 2011 and the Local Government Act 2002 required that it be reviewed no later than five years after. Some minor amendments were required and public consultation may identify that others were also desirable.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the Council determine that a Mobile Trading Bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem,**

**AND THAT a review be undertaken of the Mobile Trading Bylaw.**

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**2. CANCELLATION OF BUILDING LINE RESTRICTION – 86 WENTWORTH STREET, GORE (SC1345)**

A memo had been received from the Planner advising that the Council had received a request to remove a building line restriction relating to land at 86 and 86A Wentworth Street, Gore.

The building line restriction had been placed on the properties as part of a subdivision in the 1960s but was now no longer required. An aerial photograph depicting the building line restriction had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the Council grant approval under Section 237A of the Local Government Act 1974, to allow the removal of the building line restriction,**

**AND THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to sign a certificate cancelling the building line restriction.**

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*The Planner and Policy and Planning Officer departed the meeting at 5.08pm*

**3. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD**

A copy of the report of the meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 19 September had been circulated.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report be received,**

**AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.**

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**4. MATAURA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT (SC1375)**

A memo had been received from the General Manager District Assets advising that the planting design had been approved for the Mataura beautification project. The cost of the plantings for the Main Street and in front of the former Keystores site was \$12,000. The plantings would be funded from the Mataura beautification reserve. The estimated cost of the total beautification project was \$99,163.

*Cr Davis attended the meeting from 5.09pm.*

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the report be received,**

**AND THAT provided the market price is within the estimate, the project proceed.**

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**5. ADOPTION OF DRAFT 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT (SC1193)**

A memo had been received from the Chief Financial Officer together with a copy of the annual report summary and draft annual report for 2015-16. A copy of the Deloitte audit report had also been circulated. Deloitte had issued an unqualified audit opinion.

The delay in the Ajax ump station upgrade had had a significant effect on the overall result. The lack of expenditure on the Ajax project meant that the Council had failed to meet the essential services benchmark.

The Chief Financial Officer advised the deficit was recorded at \$820,000, however, \$578,000 of that related to the drop in value of the Council's interest rate swaps. The value had dropped due to the current climate of very low interest rates. When the swaps value was removed, the actual deficit the Council achieved was \$242,000 against a budget of \$203,000. An explanation of swaps was provided by the Officer.

A formal report and analysis of the interest rate swaps would be provided by the Council's independent treasury advisor.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2016 be adopted.**

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**6. TRIENNIUM REPORT OF THE SOUTHLAND HERITAGE AND BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST (SC1313)**

A copy of a report from the Southland Heritage and Building Preservation Trust had been received and circulated with the agenda. The report covered the activities of the Trust on which the Council was represented by Cr Highsted, over the past three years.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the report be received.**

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Cr Davis referred to a comment in the letter that the Gore District had several significant heritage buildings and asked if there had been any thought given to discussing them.

The Chief Executive said the heritage register would be "recalibrated" in the new year once the Planning Consultant was available.

The meeting concluded at 5.29pm