

Report of an ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 13 March 2018, at 4.05pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr P Grant (Chairman), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, Highsted, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Communications-Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Visitor Centre senior Consultant (Mrs Renatta Hardy), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), District Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Suzanne Lucas) and one member of the public in the gallery.

**Apology** Cr D Grant apologised for absence.

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1. REPORT FROM AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

The Manager acknowledged the excellent efforts being achieved by Mariano Nani, head swim coach.

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

2. REPORT FROM MIGRANT SERVICES COORDINATOR

The Committee perused a report from the Migrant Services Coordinator.

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

**3. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR – DECEMBER 2017-FEBRUARY 2018**

The Committee perused a report from the District Arts and Heritage Curator.

Cr Reid noted the Invercargill Brewery had recently gone into liquidation. She asked if that would cause any issues for the Council and the supply of moonshine whiskey.

The Chief Executive said he had not spoken with the Curator about that, but the company was in liquidation and could possibly trade out of it.

Cr Beale added he and Cr P Grant were on the Moonshine Trust and everything was a little up in the air currently until the receiver had worked through the issues.

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

**4. SOUTHERN FIELD DAYS 2018**

A report had been circulated from the Communications-Marketing Manager on the Council's presence at the 2018 Southern Field Days. A total of 1650 people had visited the Council's site and a total of \$4,349 of merchandise had been sold.

Cr Dickson congratulated the staff involved. The Council site had been well supported and the red roses distributed on Valentine's Day had been well received.

*The Building Control Manager attended the meeting from 4.14pm*

Cr Reid had a comment made to her about the salami being made out of Gore.

The Manager said West Otago butchery had supplied the salami following an approach made to the Council. It had required a quick turn around.

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

**5. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

The Committee perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

In response to Cr P Grant, the Manager advised there were issues with the water at Dolamore Park but following a meeting earlier in the day these should be resolved in the very near future. The water was currently taken from the Waimumu stream.

Cr P Grant said there had been 29 different family groups camped at the park on New Year's eve, indicating its popularity.

In response to Cr Dickson, the Manager advised the Council did not have insurance that covered toilet replacements etc following acts of vandalism.

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

**6. SPORT SOUTHLAND SIX MONTHLY REPORT (SC2132)**

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a six monthly report from Sport Southland about its activities in the Eastern Southland area over the first six months of the 2017-18 year.

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

**7. GORE A&P ASSOCIATION JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SC2129)**

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager advising that the agreement between the Council and the Gore A&P Association relating to the operation of the Joint Management Committee had expired in June 2017. The Joint Management agreement required an annual grant from the Council to function, with the contribution in the 2017-18 year being \$78,760.98.

A copy of the 2012 agreement had been circulated for the Council's information.

Cr Sharp noted there was no balance sheet to indicate the Association's financial position.

The Manager advised the annual accounts had been presented to the Council in October last year and the current level of grant from the Council was sufficient.

In response to Cr Dickson, the Manager advised campers provided a significant income stream for the Committee. It also resulted in a drop in vandalism as a consequence of more people being around the facility.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received,**

**THAT the Council instruct staff to proceed with option one and update the 2012 agreement then formally engage with the executive of the Gore A & P Association to seek its agreement to implement a further term of five years for the Joint Management Committee to operate from 1 July 2017 and concluding on 30 June 2022,**

**AND THAT a further report be submitted to the Council for ratification once the agreement with Gore A & P Association is received.**

**8. REPORT FROM GORE VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT**

A report from the senior Visitor Centre Consultant had been circulated and was perused by the Committee.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the senior Consultant explained how the tourism spend was made up and said there had been some fine tuning done to ensure it was as accurate as possible.

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

**9. REPORT OF LIBRARY MANAGER – NOVEMBER 2017-FEBRUARY 2018**

A report from the Library Manager had been circulated and was perused by the Committee.

The Manager noted that there were just eight people who required a degree of assistance with completing the census form.

Cr Reid congratulated the library staff for the promotions offered which had been innovative and appealing.

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

**10. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS-MARKETING MANAGER**

A report from the Communications-Marketing Manager had been circulated and was perused by the Committee.

Cr Beale acknowledged the effort provided in response to issues raised by members of a group who had been very vitriolic during the water shortages.

Cr Phillips suggested a district wide water restriction be applied next year rather than having separate ones for Gore and Mataura.

The 3 Waters Manager said there needed to be careful consideration given to each area as they did not necessarily need to be restricted at the same time.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager needed to check the last time Mataura had water restrictions. The Pleura Dam had not been under the current level of stress since 1992. Generally it was a reliable source.

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

**11. WELCOMING COMMUNITIES – SOUTHLAND PILOT** (SC1752)

A report from the Social Capacity and Health Coordinator on the Welcoming Communities pilot programme had been circulated and was presented by Cr Reid.

His Worship added it was an important investment but it would be take time to reap rewards.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received and information noted,**

**AND THAT the Council endorse the suggested process to develop the Welcome Plan and the intent of the suggested actions.**

**12. SAFE IN THE SOUTH** (SC2031)

A report from the Social Capacity and Health Coordinator on the Safe in the South project had been circulated and was presented by His Worship. A number of letters of endorsement had also been circulated. His Worship said the Police were particularly supportive of the initiative. Invercargill City and Southland District had both received Safe Communities accreditation and each contributed \$10,000 annually. It was suggested that the Gore District contribute \$8,000 to the initiative.

Cr Beale said ACC had hundreds of millions of dollars and it and various other organisations should be taking care of this type of initiative, not the Council. There would be a lot of back slapping and next year the request for a financial contribution would be increased. There were a host of other organisations doing this type of work and there was no need to duplicate it. He did not believe the local ratepayers needed a further draw on their resources.

Cr Gardyne said if the Council did join up it would be liable for a higher proportion of the cost given Invercargill City and Southland District were both contributing \$10,000 each and Gore was being asked for \$8,000.

His Worship said ACC was involved and it was rubbish that other organisations were involved. The money was not so much an issue compared with the fact the Gore District was not connected to it.

Cr Davis thought the amount requested from Gore was out of whack compared with other funding partners.

His Worship said if the Council was inclined to support it then the financial contribution could be negotiated. He added a Judge who regularly sat in Gore was

very keen to try and remove the offenders from the system, particularly young people affected by alcohol.

Cr Highsted agreed with Cr Beale. The Council had some big priorities in terms of going ahead and this type of initiative was core business for organisations like ACC, Police and Fire. There were more pressing issues for ratepayer funds.

Cr Reid concurred that there may be duplication and she had not seen any information about the success to date of the initiative.

Cr Sharp did not think it was the job of ratepayers to fund an initiative. Contributing \$8,000 compared to Invercargill's \$10,000 was not fair. The Gore District's share should be about \$2-3,000.

His Worship said if the Council did not want to progress with it, that was fine. He acknowledged Cr Highsted's comments that the Council had some big challenges before it.

Cr Dickson thought it was a good initiative but was concerned about an extra burden being placed on ratepayers, particularly the elderly. She would like to see other costings done. She agreed it was good to be cohesive but wondered if it could be funded another way.

Cr Phillips thought the Council should look at what was already happening in the district and referred to the Community Development Officer in Mataura who was doing a superb job.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the request be declined.**

***His Worship abstained from voting.***

### **13. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR**

A report from the Events and Promotions Coordinator had been circulated and was perused by the Committee.

The Coordinator encouraged the Council to review the new GoreNZ website which would be the first point for visitors to the District.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Dickson, THAT the report be received.**

The meeting concluded at 4.59pm