RURAL CITY LIVING



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 10 April 2018, at 6.53pm

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Beale, Bolger,

Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted, Phillips

Reid and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager

Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications-Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes) and two members of the public in the

gallery.

Apology The Chief Financial Officer apologised for absence.

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Gardyne, seconded by Cr Phillips, <u>THAT</u> the minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 20 February 2018, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr D Grant, <u>THAT</u> the minutes of the extraordinary monthly meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 27 March 2018, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Highsted, <u>THAT</u> the report of the ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Phillips, <u>THAT</u> the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be ratified.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Beale, <u>THAT</u> the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Beale, <u>THAT</u> the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be ratified.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Gardyne, seconded by Cr Reid, <u>THAT</u> the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 21 November 2017, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be ratified.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Highsted, <u>THAT</u> the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, as presented, be ratified.

2. PRESENTATION OF 2018 ANZAC EXCHANGE TO SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENT (SC2044)

The Sister City Committee recently received presentations from three local secondary school students to select the recipient for the 2018 ANZAC exchange. The winner was Alida Chay from St Peter's College. Alida would travel to Tamworth on 24 April, attend the ANZAC ceremony and return on 27 April. His Worship the Mayor presented her with a certificate and badge to acknowledge her success.

3. RECREATION RESERVE PLAYGROUND FUTURES (SC1945)

A report had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following the official opening of the Kids Hub playground in January and the previous desire of the Council to consider the future of the remaining playgrounds located near Wayland Park. A map defining the West Gore playgrounds and their proximity to residences had been circulated.

The Council had a stated level of service for playgrounds with the objective that a playground or open space should be provided within 10 minutes walk or 500 metres of an urban residence. The opening of a public playground at Wayland Park was the catalyst for staff to progress a review of play opportunities at the three playgrounds located at Merlin Place, Sword Street and Moa Place. Photographs of the three reserves had been circulated.

In reviewing the current provision of opportunities for the community to access a recreational reserve in the west Gore area, it was evident to staff that an opportunity existed for the Council to rationalise green space. The Merlin Place site was $811m^2$ and could be developed into one residential section. The Sword Street site was $1745m^2$ and could be subdivided into two residential sections. The Moa Place playground was $2178m^2$ and had a walkway linkage from the reserve to Charlton Road. It was also adjacent to the Council owned land at 41 Charlton Road.

It was suggested that the Council could enter into a formal discussion with the community on the future of the land parcels and focus on the possibility of removing the recreational reserves status on the Merlin Place and Sword Street reserves. Should that process find community favour, the Council could proceed to divest the properties, with proceeds being used to reduce debt on the Gore Aquatic Centre. The Moa Place reserve was more strategically located, being adjacent to the land at 41 Charlton Road.

A summary relating to each reserve that had been undertaken as part of the 2006-08 review had been circulated.

Cr Highsted noted the new Kids Hub playground catered for mainly pre-school children. A child that was a little older might like to have a swing and he wondered if larger swings could be put in the proximity of the Kids Hub to cater for them.

His Worship thought those options could come through the consultation process.

Cr Dickson asked what the Council's moral obligation was when a person had donated land such as the Bill Walker Trust that had donated reserve land.

His Worship said there would be a legal obligation and a moral one could be subjective and up to the Council of the day as to what the right decision would be.

The Chief Executive added when it came to selling land the Council was bound by the Public Works Act and if it could not be proven as willing buyer, willing seller situation, then it had to be offered back to the original owner or their descendants.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Gardyne, <u>THAT</u> the Council instruct staff to progress with community consultation as set out in the Reserves Act 1977 with a view to removing the recreational reserves status of Merlin Place and

Sword Street reserves and the removal of play assets from the Merlin Place playground, Sword Street playground and Moa Place playground,

<u>AND THAT</u> a further report outlining the outcome of that consultation be presented to the Council, in due course.

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4. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

A copy of the report of the meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 19 March 2018 had been circulated with the agenda.

<u>Clause 5 – Glendhu Road Reserve</u> (SC1547)

Cr Highsted asked if the land was to be sold and whether there a buyer for it.

The Community Board Chairman confirmed there was interest in purchasing the land.

<u>Clause 4 – Mataura Railway Station</u> (SC0082)

Cr Beale asked what the road realignment was about for the Mataura railway station.

The Chairman advised it was the intersection of the State Highway and Bridge Street. NZTA was investigating safer options. It was slow progress but a meeting held recently with NZTA and KiwiRail had been positive.

The Chief Executive said he had been in contact with KiwiRail recently and it was in the process of putting a revised offer to the Council about the purchase of the building. However, there would be some caveats that could be challenging for the Council and Community Board to meet.

<u>Clause 3 – Report from Mataura Community Development Coordinator</u>

In response to Cr D Grant, His Worship explained the background of Nathan Wallis who would be visiting Mataura in June. He saw his visit as an opportunity that would potentially benefit the Mataura community.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the report be received,

<u>AND THAT</u> the recommendations contained in the report be ratified.

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5. VENTURE SOUTHLAND QUARTERLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2017 (SC2030)

A copy of the quarterly report from Venture Southland to December 2017 had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Dickson was disappointed at the reference to the drop in median income for Southland which could detract people from wanting to move to Southland.

His Worship said there had been anomalies with the information and moves were afoot by Venture to get it rectified through MBIE.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the report be received.

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6. TULLOCH PARK WORKING PARTY – SUMMARY REPORT, STAGE ONE (SC1946)

A report had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager seeking the Council's approval for the implementation of stage one of the redevelopment projects that were part of the overall Tulloch Park redevelopment project.

The Council had formed a working party in December 2016 to work with staff and consultants to develop the Tulloch Park redevelopment project plans. A copy of the report that had prompted that decision had been circulated.

The Council had set objectives for the working group as follows:

- 1. The scope determined that the ultimate result should include:
 - a. An indoor facility
 - b. Grand and inspirational
 - c. Bold design
 - d. Fiscal leveraging
 - e. Encompassing of all prior consultations
- 2. New amenities to have low operating cost.
- 3. The strategic plan of new amenities to be costed to be achievable with a \$1.5m budget.
- 4. The working party's summary report to contain leveraging examples that were viewed by the working party as achievable.
- 5. It was desirable that new amenities could cater to the recreational needs of the entire community from an age perspective.

The working party spent several months working through various iterations of the plan that had culminated in a concept plan produced by Rowe Baetens Architecture. A copy of the report to the Community Services Committee meeting in October 2017 that contained the adopted concept plans had been circulated. The working party determined that there be a staged approach to the development linked by an ability

to fund. The elements and costs proposed to be implemented as stage one of the development had been detailed. The estimated cost was \$606,320. The current funding in hand totalled \$650,000. Funding applications would be lodged with potential funding partners as soon as possible.

A copy of the project timeline and the stage one final assessment of options document, both prepared by Rowe Baetens Architecture had been circulated.

Cr Highsted said while it was stage one, the working group was keen to deliver something reasonably quickly to the community.

Cr Beale asked if it had ever been envisaged that the project would be delivered in stages.

His Worship said there was a realisation from those involved in the project that there was potential for quite a lot to be provided and capitalise on the \$650,000 funding to take it further. There had been other items identified but how far it went would depend on securing additional funding.

Cr Phillips added the whole project was available for the community to see even if it was to be delivered in stages.

The Community Board Chairman advised the panels on the pool building had generated quite a lot of interest from the community.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Cr D Grant, <u>THAT</u> the information be received,

THAT the Council support the immediate implementation of stage one of the Tulloch Park Redevelopment Plan with a proposed spend of \$606,320,

AND THAT the working party and staff continue to work towards the funding goal of \$1.5million to enable the entire Tulloch Park Redevelopment Plan to be delivered. 2018/22

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE (SC1526)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that this year's Local Government New Zealand conference would be held in Christchurch from 15–17 July. A copy of the programme had been circulated. The conference theme was "We are firmly focused on the future: Future-proofing for a prosperous and vibrant New Zealand."

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Sharp, <u>THAT</u> the Council delegation to attend the 2018 Local Government New Zealand Conference in Christchurch comprise of His Worship the Mayor, the Chief Executive and Cr Dickson

<u>AND THAT</u> His Worship the Mayor be the presiding delegate at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand, with Cr Dickson being the alternative delegate.

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8. RURAL SPORT TRAVEL FUND

A copy of the minutes of a Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Monday 8 March had been circulated with the agenda.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr D Grant, <u>THAT</u> the information be received.

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9. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee held on 15 March had been circulated with the agenda.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Reid, <u>THAT</u> the information be received.

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10. NEW WATER SOURCE AT A&P SHOWGROUNDS (SC0647)

A memo had been received from the 3 Waters Manager updating the Council on the progress with the new water source of the Gore A&P Showgrounds. A consent application to take and use 1080m³ per day of groundwater had been granted by Environment Southland.

Cr Beale said in the area surrounding the well head there were horse events held and animals grazing. He asked if there would be an exclusion zone around the well head.

The General Manager said the well head would be secure.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Beale, <u>THAT</u> the report be received,

THAT the Council acknowledge that a new consent to take 1080m³ per day of groundwater from the A&P showgrounds has been granted,

<u>AND THAT</u> further reports regarding the progress of the development of the A&P showgrounds and potential uses of the spare capacity at the A&P showgrounds and Oldham Street sites will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

2018/26

11. SOUTHLAND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SC2041)

A comprehensive report had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the creation of a new agency in Southland to propel initiatives flowing from the Southland Regional Development Strategy and action plan (SoRDS) had had a lengthy gestation. Following a joint Council consultative process, the report sought approval for the formation of a new agency or a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).

The community consultation process, including the hearing of submissions, had been overseen by a joint Committee made up of two Councillors from each of the four Southland Councils. Crs Bolger and D Grant had been the Council's appointees, with Cr Bolger being the Hearing Committee Chair.

His Worship said the opportunity to apply for funding from the Government's new provincial development fund would be critical for the new agency to be involved with.

The Chief Executive said the new agency was a big step and there was quite a lot of detail still to be worked through to get it up and running. When dealing with change and multiple Councils, things took a while. There would need to be a certain caveat around cost contributions to enable the Council to scrutinise any proposed arrangement that had been agreed to so it was comfortable with how the new entity took shape and the Council's involvement with it. Stepping out on a regional stage with a new agency and a true regional focus was in line with the Government's expectation. The commitment and involvement by Ngai Tahu needed to be further developed.

His Worship said the latest recipient from the provincial growth fund had been announced the previous day for developmental work in Taranaki to the value of \$30 million.

Cr Bolger said the recommendations presented had been borne out of submissions to the draft proposal which all stakeholders in Venture had been party to. It had become obvious through the consultation process that the submitters valued community development and supported economic development and tourism. Looking to the future, funding for economic development would not be able to be met by the ratepayer. The proposal set out opportunities to access Government funding. The recommendations were at a high level.

Cr D Grant said the hearing process was an interesting one with 110 submissions being received. The report was a result of what the joint Committee had recommended.

Cr Bolger added if the province wanted to progress regional development, the new agency was likely to be the only vehicle available to it. He thought it was an opportunity that should not be let go of.

His Worship said the Gore and Southland District Councils had already signalled their pending exits from Venture Southland.

Cr Highsted said he was keen to ensure there were cost benefits for the ratepayer. He supported a regional approach. The increase for Gore was significant and he believed the existing benefits from Gore had to be recognised from a regional basis. In simple terms, he did not think it was commercially right to enter into a joint venture without a budget being finalised.

The Chief Executive said he could suggest some modifications to the recommendation to account for the financial contributions.

In response to Cr Beale, the Chief Executive said the Council's existing contributions included its own visitor centre, events coordinator and arts and heritage department whereas Venture provided some of those activities to both the Southland District and Invercargill City Councils.

In response to Cr Gardyne, His Worship said the existing Venture staff would be transferred into the new agency however, the roles and ownership would change and some of those positions may also.

Cr Reid asked if the new structure would have the same personnel input and be less top heavy.

His Worship said the existing staff would have the opportunity to transfer to the new agency. The operational side of the new agency had not been established as yet and would be at the discretion of the new board. Not all of the current Venture staff may choose to transfer.

Cr Davis noted Ngai Tahu was interested in being involved as a partner. She asked if its partnership would come with a financial contribution.

His Worship said Ngai Tahu's involvement was a work in progress.

Cr Davis said the Council's contribution increasing from \$58,000 to \$350,000 was not something that could be easily sold to the ratepayer. She said the Council would need the Chief Executive to work some magic.

Cr Phillips could not accept telling ratepayers that the contribution from the Council would increase to \$350,000.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr D Grant, <u>THAT</u> this report and the accompanying report from the Southland Regional Development Agency Joint Hearing Committee be received and noted,

<u>THAT</u> subject to an acceptable funding contribution from the Gore District Council being developed and agreed to, the Council agree to proceed with the formation, in accordance with the Companies Act 1993 and Local Government Act 2002, of the Southland Regional Development Agency as a limited liability company and Council Controlled Organisation,

<u>THAT</u> the development of the Southland Regional Development Agency be advanced in general accord with each of the propositions detailed in the attached Joint Committee report but in doing so it be noted that there may need to be changes made as the establishment of the new Agency progresses,

<u>THAT</u> it be noted that a new Memorandum of Understanding will be developed with Ngai Tahu to clarify and formalise its status and role with the new regional Development Agency,

<u>THAT</u> it be noted that the indicative contribution of the Gore District Council contained within the consultation document needs to be the subject of further negotiation including recognition of the contribution made by the Council to regional economic development that currently sits outside the funding of Venture Southland,

<u>THAT</u> the Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to progress, in conjunction with the other Southland Councils, development of the constitutional documents and other work needed to form the Southland Regional Development Agency,

<u>AND THAT</u> final approval of the Council's involvement in and contribution to the new agency be the subject of a further report for consideration and approval at a future Council meeting.

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12. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL CYCLING STRATEGY (SC1949)

A memo had been received from the Transport Manager advising that in late 2016 the draft Cycling Strategy had been presented to the four Southland Councils for their endorsement. The Gore District Council had endorsed the draft at its 16 December 2016 meeting and approved it for further public consultation. A Southland Cycling Government Group had been formed with representatives from the four Councils along with the Department of Conversation, New Zealand Transport Agency and community representatives.

A copy of the final strategy document had been circulated. It had been amended by the Southland Cycling Technical Group with input from NZTA to align with NZTA's business investment case considerations.

Cr Highsted referred to the Croydon Bush track. At the beginning of the Council term the most close to fruition project was the track in the Hokonui's to provide a unique biking experience. He asked if a report could be provided about where that project was at and if the Council could assist.

Cr D Grant had spoken with Richard Pasco the previous day about the track and the group had encountered changes imposed by the Department of Conservation. It had come to a standstill with volunteers but it was hoped to have it finished towards the end of the year.

His Worship advised there was likely to be a submission received to the Long Term Plan process from the Hokonui mountain biking group.

Cr Phillips said he was a member of the governance group for the cycling strategy. It was recognised that Gore District had its own unique experiences to offer.

Cr Dickson referred to discussions about a cycleway around Gore and wondered where that was at.

Cr Beale noted some improvements had been undertaken on the track around Hamilton Park.

Cr Davis advised the track had been completed and there were intentions to develop other areas.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the Council endorse and adopt the final Southland Cycling Strategy noting that any project funding decision will be made at a future Council meeting.

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13. SOUTHLAND REGIONAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE – DRAFT HEADS OF AGREEMENT – 2017-2024 (SC0330)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the Southland Regional Heritage Joint Committee Heads of Agreement had been established in 2005 and was due for renewal this year. A number of proposed changes to the draft agreement had been detailed and a copy of it had been circulated with the agenda.

The District Arts and Heritage Curator advised the group had good representation and there would be further robust discussion occur particularly in light of the recent closure of the Southland Museum and Art Gallery. He said Gore had been leading the Committee to some degree and there were some enormous challenges and benefits for the wider Southland region. Through the initiative of the regional heritage rate, the Roving Museum Officer and the full digitisation and cataloguing project that had been led to date by David Luoni, there would be some excellent outcomes for the region.

His Worship thanked the Curator for his contribution to the Committee over the years. He said Gore had been placed very well. He thought there would be some interesting times given the closure of the Southland Museum and the region determined where its priorities may lie.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Reid, <u>THAT</u> the report be received,

<u>AND THAT</u> the Council approve and execute the revised Southland Regional Heritage Joint Committee Heads of Agreement 2017-2024.

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14. SKATEBOARD BAN BYLAW REVIEW (SC0107)

A memo had been received from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning advising that the Skateboard Ban Bylaw had been reviewed and one material change identified – the inclusion of motorised and non-motorised scooters and longboards. The devices were not specifically identified in the bylaw but had become popular and were used in a similar way to skateboards and had the same risks. The changes made to the bylaw were minor and administrative in nature. A copy of the updated bylaw had been circulated with the agenda.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Dickson, seconded by Cr Gardyne, <u>THAT</u> the Council determine pursuant to Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill or Rights Act 1990,

<u>AND THAT</u> the Council approve the proposed amended Skateboard Ban Bylaw and adopt it by publically notified resolution, pursuant to Sections 156(2)(a) and 157 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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15. REVIEW OF MOBILE TRADING BYLAW (SC0107)

Crs D Grant and Davis both advised as retailers, they had sandwich boards and flags at their businesses.

A memo had been received from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning advising that the Mobile Trading Bylaw 2011 had come into effect on 1 December 2011. A review of the bylaw would allow the Council to regulate mobile traders, retail displays, signs on footpaths and other advertising in public places ensuring consistency within the district. Clause 8 had been revised to include sandwich boards and flag signage and clause 9 amended to clarify signage and advertising. Alfresco dining was a trading in public places activity that currently required an annual permit but there was no associated bylaw to regulate the permit process. A clause had been included in the reviewed bylaw to allow for that.

A copy of the draft bylaw, which would be known as the "Trading in Public Places Bylaw", had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr D Grant suggested the location of flags needed to be consistent with a limit to the number of flags or sandwich boards that could be in front of a retail premise.

Cr Beale added any advertising also needed to be adjacent to the premise, not 3-4 shops away.

The consensus of the Council was to have a maximum number of flags included in the revised draft bylaw.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Sharp, <u>THAT</u> subject to minor changes to be incorporated in the draft bylaw, the Council resolve pursuant to Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of addressing the perceived problem and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990,

<u>AND THAT</u> the Council approve the draft Trading in Public Places Bylaw and accompanying Statement of Proposal and Summary for public consultation, pursuant to Sections 83, 86 and 156 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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16. SOUTHLAND SHARED SERVICES FORUM

A copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the Southland Shared Services Forum held on 23 March had been circulated for the Council's information.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Cr Reid, <u>THAT</u> the draft unconfirmed minutes be received.

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<u>17. PYRAMID BRIDGE COLLAPSE – DEBRIS BUILD UP</u> (SC2111)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from Environment Southland setting out its views on the cause of the build-up of debris in the Mataura River which led to the demise of the Pyramid Bridge. Environment Southland had conveyed its opinions on what it believed had been a risky decision to load an old wooden and steel beam bridge structure with an excavator to effect debris removal.

The Council's Transport Manager had supplied a chronology to put the matter into context. In addition, qualified staff from Opus Consultants held a different view altogether to Environment Southland. In the opinion of Opus structural engineers, the excavator being on the bridge platform would have provided stability to the stressed

structure. A copy of the site record of the Opus inspection had also been circulated with the agenda.

His Worship was concerned at the response from Environment Southland and believed the comments should be investigated without making a mountain out of a molehill.

Cr Bolger thought the comments from Environment Southland as to what it believed had caused the bridge to collapse were incorrect.

Cr P Grant had not seen the debris and asked whether it was broken or sawn. If it was sawn it would be obvious as to where it had come from.

His Worship said the comments had been from Environment Southland's Chief Executive and thought the engineering advice the Council had received should be provided to Environment Southland.

Cr Gardyne thought any debris from the rivers should be cleared promptly.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Phillips, <u>THAT</u> the report and enclosures be received and noted,

<u>AND THAT</u> the engineering advice received by the Council be provided to Environment Southland.

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18. WELCOMING COMMUNITIES – SOUTHLAND PILOT (SC1752)

A memo had been received from the Social Capacity and Health Coordinator that provided an update on the Southland pilot for the Welcoming Communities project.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Dickson, <u>THAT</u> the report be received and the information noted,

<u>AND THAT</u> the Council endorse the initiatives outlined for inclusion in a Gore District Welcome Plan which will form part of the Southland Region Welcome Plan.

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19. ENFORCEMENT POLICY (SC0110)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant following consideration at the Regulatory and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 March about the adoption of an Enforcement Policy. A revised version of the policy that had incorporated the amendments requested from the Committee meeting had been circulated with the agenda.

<u>RESOLVED</u> on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Phillips, <u>THAT</u> subject to prosecutions being authorised only by the Chief Executive or, in the event of the Chief Executive having a conflict of interest, by the General Manager Regulatory and Planning, the amended Enforcement Policy dated April 2018 be adopted.

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The meeting concluded at 8.38pm