

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 9 October 2018, at 4.10pm

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr P Grant (Chairman), Crs D Grant, Bolger, Dickson, Gardyne, 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), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), Tourism/Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Renatta Hardy), Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), Junior Planner (Ms Fran Davies) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apologies Crs Beale and Davis apologised for lateness.

1. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR

The Committee perused a report from the District Arts and Heritage Curator. The Curator added that the support forthcoming from Te Papa for Project Ark had been outstanding and had been very much appreciated.

In response to Cr P Grant, the Curator said the change in date for the 2019 Hokonui Moonshiners Festival to February was due to feedback and a revamp in the format that would appeal to patrons. By not having a headline act, the ability to attract local and more bespoke musicians was much easier.

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

2. REPORT FROM AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

His Worship advised a delegation from Waitaki District Council had visited the multi-sports complex the previous day and they had been very impressed with the facilities provided.

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

3. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager. The Manager added there were communications being planned in the lead-up to summer to assist the community with retaining moisture in home gardens and tips for mulching. He advised judging of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Best Street Award was underway and the results would be announced on 26 October.

His Worship advised he had received another note from a resident recently congratulating the staff and the Council for the way the town gardens were presented.

Cr Phillips noted the water conservation efforts being made by the Manager.

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

4. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Communications/Marketing Manager.

The Manager said the hours of operation at the Visitor Centre were being tweaked to better accommodate travellers needs.

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

5. REPORT FROM TOURISM/VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

The Committee perused a report from the Tourism Visitor Centre Senior Consultant.

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

6. REPORT FROM EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

The Committee perused a report from the Events and Promotions Coordinator.

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

7. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Library Manager.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said the roof was still leaking from time to time.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.27pm