



MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012, AT 4.00 pm.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Beale, Davis, Dixon, Gover, Grant, Heller, Highsted, and Redhead and Cr-elect D Grant.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), the General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Community Development Officer (Mrs Jacqui Green), Communications Co-Ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and one member of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Watt apologised for absence.

1. RESULT OF GORE WARD BY-ELECTION (33.27.1)

A memo had been received from the Electoral Officer advising the final result of the Gore Ward by-election.

The final result was as follows:

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| DIXEY, Douglas Frank | 491 |
| GRANT, Douglas Ian | 1,340 |
| HANNAH, Raymond Kenneth | 801 |
| Informal | 4 |
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The final declaration had been publicly notified in the Southland Times on 7 March. The elector turnout was 45.8%.

His Worship congratulated Mr Grant on his decision to put his name forward and on being elected. He also acknowledged the other two candidates, Mr Douglas Dixey and Mr Raymond Hannah.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the information be received.

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2. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATION BY CR-ELECT (46.6.3)

His Worship invited Cr-elect Grant to make and attest his declaration which was duly made before the Council.

3. REPRESENTATION REVIEW – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO COUNCIL’S PROPOSAL (33.16.3)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that following the extraordinary meeting held on 25 January, submissions received to the representation review were considered. Due to the Council’s proposal being predicated on the basis of an incorrect interpretation of the District’s population, it was resolved to amend the proposed representation arrangements in order to preserve the status quo as much as legally permissible. The meshblocks contained in the resolution were incorrectly transcribed and a subsequent analysis of the effect of the change revealed that meshblock 3003602 would be left landlocked if it was not incorporated within the enlarged Waikaka Ward.

A copy of an explanatory letter about the proposal forwarded to all ratepayers and residents within the three meshblocks concerned had been circulated. No responses or concerns about what was being proposed had been received by the due date of 22 February.

Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2011 required that a territorial authority must hold a hearing and make decisions on issues raised by submitters and give public notice of its proposals within six weeks of the closing date for submissions. Due to the need to consult with those ratepayers and residents in the three meshblocks not originally affected by the Council’s proposal it had not been possible to complete the process within the six week period. The Council therefore needed to publicly notify its amended proposal and invite further submissions.

Updated population figures had been received from the Government Statistician and a copy of advice from the Local Government Commission had been circulated. A copy of a plan showing the existing meshblocks and those proposed to transfer into the Waikaka Ward had also been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT pursuant to Section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Gore

District Council resolves to publicly notify its review of representation arrangements on the following basis:

- (1) The Gore District, as delineated on SO 11804 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, shall be divided into four wards.**
- (2) The four wards shall be –**
 - (a) the Gore Ward, comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11903 deposited with Land Information New Zealand,**
 - (b) the Maitara Ward, comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11488 deposited with Land Information New Zealand,**
 - (c) the Waikaka Ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 11482, deposited with Land Information New Zealand; plus the addition of meshblocks 3054900, 3055000 and 3003602, to ensure fair representation,**
 - (d) the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 386071 deposited with Land Information New Zealand less meshblocks 3054900, 3055000 and 3003602.**
- (3) The Council shall comprise a Mayor and 11 Councillors, elected as follows:**
 - (a) five Councillors elected by the electors of the Gore Ward,**
 - (b) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Maitara Ward,**
 - (c) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Waikaka Ward,**
 - (d) one Councillor elected by the electors of the Kaiwera-Waimumu Ward,**
 - (e) three Councillors elected by the electors of the District as a whole.**
- (4) There shall be a Maitara community, comprising the area of the Maitara Ward as defined in 2(b) above; and**
- (5) The Maitara Community Board shall comprise five elected members and one member of the Council representing the Maitara Ward and appointed to the Community Board by the Council.**

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The meeting concluded at 4:08 pm