



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012, AT 6.01PM.

PRESENT Cr Bolger, (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, P Grant, Redhead, Sharp and Watt.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Assets Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonica Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and one member of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGIES His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP) and Cr Highsted apologised for absence.

1. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY PROTECTION PLAN (LAPP) (52.9.2)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services together with a letter from LAPP, together with a copy of its latest financial report.

The General Manager said the last three months for LAPP had been pretty horrendous due to the Christchurch earthquakes.

Cr Bolger said the main point was the Council still had insurance. LAPP was probably the best deal it could hope for anywhere.

In response to Cr P Grant asking how LAPP could lay out money it did not have, the General Manager said LAPP had a global reinsurance market which it would go to to ensure it could on sell the cover .

Cr Watt said some Councils had go to other insurers and asked what other alternatives, if any the Council had.

The General Manager said the Council could set aside its own costs for asset replacement. He was not sure that it would be viable. Central Government had said if the Council fronted up with 40% cover, it would cover 60%. The Council currently paid \$80,000 for \$85,000,000 in cover. It previously paid about \$22,000. The position was pretty understandable in terms of the natural disasters that had occurred in the last two years.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the letter and annual report from LAPP be received.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND MUTUAL LIABILITY RISKPOOL (RISKPOOL) (52.10.2)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services together with a letter from RiskPool, and a copy of its latest financial report.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Grant, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the letter and annual report from RiskPool be received.

3. UPDATE ON STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (1.1.4)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services providing an update of the status of capital projects.

The Roading Manager advised of an error on page 8, around road metalling. A line had been omitted. He advised roading projects on were on track. A large amount had been spent in a short period of time. When kerbing channels were being replaced, they were being split so that if the footpath was required to be replaced at a later date, the kerbing could remain.

In response to Cr Bolger asking if there was any reason why reseals could not be done earlier to avoid scrambling at the end of the fine weather, the Manager said it was ideal to complete them at the same time. Pre-reseal work could also hold up the reseals. He was currently exploring the possibility of carrying out a light reseal programme.

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

4. PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2012/13 (17.3)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services, together with proposed fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2012.

In response to Cr Beale, the Building Control Manager said the increase in building consent fees was to make costs fairer across the board. Less work was required on a farm building consent, than a consent for significant house renovations. There would be no change to the inspection regime but more recording would be required for the Department of Building and Housing.

In response to Cr Redhead querying the costs to empty a double tandem trailer at Gore and Mataura, the Manager confirmed the costs were correct. There was no weighbridge available at the Mataura refuse station.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the proposed schedule of fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2012, be adopted.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2012 (1.1.4)

A financial report for the seven months ended 31 January 2012 had been received from the Management Accountant and was perused by the meeting.

The Planning Consultant and the Communications Co-ordinator now left the meeting at 6.24pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Grant, THAT the financial report for the eight months ended 29 February 2012 be received.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.