



jos District Council

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012, AT 4.34 pm.**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Bolger, Beale, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted (from 5:19 pm), Redhead (from 4.36 pm) and Sharp.

**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), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Communications Co-Ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and 16 members of the public in the gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Cr Highsted apologised for lateness and Cr Watt apologised for absence.

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His Worship advised Cr Highsted had a conflict with the urban boundary review and he had one with the Community Trust of Southland. Cr Highsted would attend the meeting following the Council's consideration of the urban boundary matter.

The Chief Executive advised the process that would be followed after the conclusion of the deliberative meeting. The final plan and rates resolution would be considered at the 26 June Council meeting.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Page 21 - the Council *noted* that Cr Beale had said 18% of people who lived in Gore were retired, not 80%.

Page 22 - paragraph 6 - Cr Bolger advised that Mr Gardyne had stated the figure as being \$130,458, not \$3-400,000.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Gore District**

**Council, held on Tuesday 22 May 2012, as amended, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.**

2. STAFF COMMENT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO DRAFT 2012-22 LONG TERM PLAN (1.78)

**Proposed Expansion of Urban Rating Boundary**

His Worship was concerned that the issue of the urban rating boundary and zoning had been confused and the Council was likely to be considering options for altering zoning in the not too distant future that may or may not impact on the urban boundary. There had been some very good points made by submitters at the hearing.

Cr Gover felt that Eversfield Rise should be included but the Whiterig and Racecourse Road areas should be placed on notice for possible future inclusion.

Cr Beale said the Whiterig area, the residents were self-sufficient as far as water and sewerage went and were not having any problems he was aware of. They were not requesting any assistance from the Council as opposed to Racecourse Road where there had been on-going problems with stormwater and wastewater. The Council had indicated it would consider assisting in that area and the residents were aware of that.

Cr Grant concurred with Eversfield Rise being included in the urban area. Residents could not get out without having to drive on an urban road. Racecourse Road residents would have to make up their mind about wanting a sewerage scheme. He had driven around Whiterig and it appeared very tidy to him whereas some submitters had said it was subject to flooding etc.

His Worship said at some stage the Council would have to look at changing its boundary. It made a lot of sense to do both boundary and zoning adjustments at the same time and would save a lot of time and potential confusion for the Council and residents. His view was that the Council should give notice that it had to happen at some time in the future, but the Council needed to take time and both adjustments should be done at the same time. He understood the point made about Eversfield Rise. He had concerns about the uniformity about the services each resident received and whether everyone was connected in the same way to Council services, particularly water and sewerage.

The Chief Executive said his understanding was all properties were connected to the waste water services but water supply was variable between properties.

His Worship said the Council needed to make sure it was fair and equitable to everyone.

Cr Bolger believed Eversfield Rise was urban in nature and had more in common with the Gore township. He thought it was essential that Racecourse Road came within the urban boundary area. Whiterig seemed a little more remote in his mind and it was more rural by nature. He saw advantages for the other two areas to become urban but did not see the same for Whiterig.

In response to Cr Bolger, the Chief Executive said the process that planning boundaries were set was quite different to rating boundaries. Submitters under the Resource Management Act had the ability to appeal through the Environment Court, but apart from that there was no reason why a rating boundary could not follow a zoning change if that was the wish of the Council.

Cr Sharp thought Whiterig should be left alone. There were other areas within Gore that could be built on, such as the former hospital area.

Cr D Grant agreed with previous comments and to leave Whiterig out, but include Eversfield Rise and Racecourse Road.

His Worship said people did not understand the implications and whilst the Council needed to make changes, he thought it would be much better to go through both processes at the same time. It was possible if the Council made some rating boundary changes now and then in say 12-18 months time went through a zoning change process that some of the zoning changes would not line up with the rating boundaries and that would be unfortunate in his mind.

Cr Beale asked if Whiterig was included now would that enhance or hinder subdivision chances.

The Chief Executive said under the district plan there was a high degree of permissive nature in terms of subdivision and there was no real thwarting factors to subdivision. The Council had announced its intention to tighten up a few things, such as allotment size. That could potentially affect subdivision if it remained as it currently was. The District growth strategy could impact on that and where future residential expansion may go. The rule changes could prevent further subdivision if the zone remained the same but if it changed, it would free up the ability to allow further subdivision.

Cr Davis suggested awaiting the outcome of the growth strategy to determine where the likely places would be about possible expansion if large scale development occurred. She thought Eversfield Rise should have always been urban. Racecourse Road residents, through being party to a reticulated sewerage system, would have to come into the urban boundary but perhaps that could wait until that project was about to happen.

Cr Dixon asked when work on sewerage in the Racecourse Road was likely to happen. It should not be done unless they were in the urban area.

In response, the Chief Executive said Racecourse Road and its sewerage issues were still in the “melting pot” insofar as what residents were prepared to contribute. A solution was still being worked through. If there was a sewerage solution delivered in the area it would suggest on principle that it should be included in the urban area.

Cr Bolger was inclined to wait for the growth strategy. The sewerage and water issues in Racecourse Road had been simmering for years and it was essential the Council did something about it. He thought Eversfield Rise should be included but not Whiterig.

**Cr Bolger moved THAT the Council defer including Racecourse Road and Eversfield Rise in the urban rating boundary until the Council had undertaken a zoning boundary evaluation, within the next 12 months.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.**

His Worship thought to put limitations of time on a growth strategy was unfair. He did not think any area should be excluded before it was started.

Cr Bolger explained he did not want Whiterig to be included at all and that area would not be on notice.

Cr Davis asked how a 12 month timeframe would link into the growth strategy.

The Chief Executive said the intention of the strategy was to start work on it from July-August this year. It had always been thought that it would be at least a 12 month process. There was a hefty amount of information collected through baseline scenarios then proposals and draft visions to be developed before consultation with the public. He thought it would be more likely to be at the end of the 2013 calendar

year before a plan was in place. He suggested that the wording change to review following completion and adoption of the District growth strategy so it was not time dependent.

Cr Davis said the Council could go to the public once the strategy was finalised and explain why a rating boundary change may be needed. She believed the Council had some time if Solid Energy did proceed with its developments and time constraints may not be practical.

**Cr Davis moved as an amendment, THAT the status quo remain for all areas being considered for inclusion in an expanded urban rating boundary,**

**AND THAT upon completion of the District growth strategy and consultation with the public, the issue be considered again, with the time frame not to exceed 18 months.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr P Grant.**

Cr Beale asked if there was a timeframe for the growth strategy.

Cr Davis said the Chief Executive thought it may be completed by the end of 2013.

His Worship thought that would make more sense.

In response to Cr Sharp, Cr Davis said if the land was unsuitable in Whiterig as some of the submitters had said it was, then it would not be considered anyway.

Cr Bolger said he did not want the issue to go on and on and when it became part of a bigger picture, the strategy could be a large document. He was conscious of Racecourse Road issues now and the Council needed to be considering how to fund a sewerage scheme. Eversfield Rise would continue as it was.

His Worship said it was important to bring a number of issues to a head and not have them drag on. He believed the Council would shortly embark on a process for the growth strategy and he expected that to be completed in about 18 months time.

**The amendment was put and it was carried.**

**The amendment then became the motion, it was put and was carried.**

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His Worship thanked the submitters for putting their case and he congratulated them for the fair and even way they had put their submissions. He thought the Council had listened to the issues raised but there needed to be some changes made for the future if the district was to grow.

### **Rates Levied on Blocks of Flats**

His Worship said some time ago the Council had resolved that a UAGC would be placed on every habitable unit in the district and if for some reason that habitable units were excluded it meant that the cost had to be spread across all ratepayers which increased rates paid by other ratepayers.

Cr Beale was not entirely happy with the mix between motels and multi-unit flats. The moteliere must have submitted to the Council in 2009 and been successful in having a reduction in the UAGC.

His Worship advised that was not correct. There had been a concern from moteliere in 2008-09 about rating costs but the discussion was about a pan tax as opposed to the UAGC. The only change that had happened since 2009 was an alteration to the pan tax.

The Chief Executive said the levying of the UAGC on every habitable property had come about from the Local Government Rating Act in 2003.

Cr Beale said some rentals for multi-unit flats were probably equivalent to a motel rate for a night. When a multi-unit flat was being tenanted for \$100 a week and a motel unit for \$120 a night, they were both commercial, and he was aware that motels paid more towards parks and reserves, however, somewhere down the line the Council needed to revisit it as it was too far out of kilter. He was also aware that the multi-unit flats could have several people living in them and enjoying the facilities of the town every day of the year as opposed to people staying in a motel for 1-2 nights.

The Chief Executive explained a UAGC could be levied on every unit that could be habited. Staff had inspected many properties, particularly on farms that could have a UAGC levied. If it was vacant but had the ability to be habited it was rated for. At the time, the Council was being encouraged to apply the full 30% as a UAGC.

In response to Cr Davis, Cr Beale understood motels were paying more for parks and reserves but paid only one UAGC.

*Cr Highsted now attended the meeting from 5:19 pm*

Cr D Grant said if motels were running at about 60% occupancy that equated to over \$500 per unit per week, whereas Cr Beale suggested a flat unit was earning about \$120 a week. Most motels were on a lease paying a substantial rental to the owners.

His Worship said lease costs were irrelevant. The Council needed to determine if it was fair and if it was not, who picked up the difference. The cost shift had to be covered from somewhere.

Cr Bolger agreed it did not appear to be fair, but if it was shifted to residential people, a tax deductible expense was changed from a business to a resident who had no-where to go. Whilst it may not seem fair, it would be more unfair to shift it to another sector of the community.

The Chief Executive said if the Council was of a mind to embrace the submitter's suggestion of having one UAGC, it may find itself in an awkward spot with rural people who may have 2-3 houses on a farm.

Cr P Grant thought the matter should be left alone. It was a case of buyer beware and the people would have known the rates bill when they bought the properties.

Cr Sharp said a flat owner was quite different to a motel owner. He was well aware of the rates in Clutha and Invercargill.

His Worship understood Invercargill City was reconsidering its position about rates levied for flats, but it was important if comparisons were made they needed to be across the whole issue.

**Cr Davis moved THAT the status quo remain,**

**AND THAT more work be done for consideration at the next LTP process to ascertain what relief could be provided.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Redhead, was put and carried.**

**2012/53**

**Submission No 12 – Te O Marama**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/54**

**Submission No 95 – Environment Southland**

***Southland Warm Homes Trust***

Cr Davis was reluctant to continue with the \$15,000 for the Warm Home Trusts beyond the 2012-13 year unless the other Southland local authorities were also continuing.

Cr Highsted agreed and thought the Trust should apply again if it wanted to have the grant continued.

His Worship though the Trust should apply at the next annual plan round and for the Council to ascertain which other local authorities were contributing.

***Southland High Value Areas Project***

Cr Sharp did not like the Council's grant system. Over three years, the Council gave away \$1 million. It should stick to its knitting and he was opposed to the project.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Chief Executive said the Council was conducting studies for the District growth strategy in the ecology area but this project was bringing it home to the land owners that some areas were worth preserving for future generations. Supporting it would allow organisations to engage with landowners about what they had on their properties.

Cr Beale reiterated it was a reinvention of what occurred 8-10 years ago about fencing off blocks. It lay fairly with Environment Southland, not this Council.

**Cr Sharp moved THAT the request be declined.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr D Grant.**

His Worship was aware there was an approach from another submitter to put together a tour for Councillors to become aware of what the project was about. This was about the fourth time a submission had been made and those involved were very keen to have the Council involved.



**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2012/55**

**Submission No 25 – New Zealand Landcare Trust**

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

**2012/56**

**Submission No 17 – Gore District Historical Society**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Sharp,  
THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/57**

**Submission No 58 – Jenny Campbell**

With respect to the submitter's comment about wastewater silt, Cr Davis said she would be happy for input to be obtained from the submitter, but the Council needed to comply with legislation.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr D Grant,  
THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/58**

**Submission No 47 – Chris Henderson**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr D Grant,  
THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/59**

**Submission No 94 – Rosemarie Smith**

Cr Redhead took the point from Ms Smith about having the rates notices more comprehensible.

His Worship said the rates notice had improved significantly over the past 10 years and there was now a cost put beside every activity listed.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Highsted,  
THAT the submission be received,**

**2012/60**

**Submission No 100 – Robina-Lee Johnston**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/61**

**Submission No 60 – Fonterra**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/62**

**Submission No 49 – Cancer Society of New Zealand (Southland Centre)**

Cr Redhead said he was a supporter of smoke free parks and reserves in the Gore District. Whilst they could not be enforced, the Council should take a lead in helping change the culture and place signage around key parks and reserves for the public to be reminded about those areas being smoke free.

Cr Gover concurred.

In response to Cr Davis, the Parks and Recreation Manager suggested any signage could be funded from within the existing budget.

Cr Redhead understood there was some funding available from a national fund.

Cr Highsted wondered how easy it would be to have something as large as Dolamore Park smoke free.

His Worship suggested the Council support the proposal and have a report provided at a future Committee meeting about where signs would be placed.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the proposal be supported in principal,**

**AND THAT a report be provided by the Parks and Recreation Manager to a future Community Services Committee meeting about where signs would be placed and at what parks.**

**2012/63**

### **Submission No 57 – Clark, Fortune, McDonald and Associates**

Cr Dixon said new dairy farms should be making financial contributions as it was changing what had been there previously.

The Chief Executive commented the law was quite prescriptive about what Council could levy against a property developer. Charging development contributions under the Local Government Act, that this Council did not do, was about having some connection between the development and the infrastructure and it had to be proven. It was quite scientific and the development community did challenge any looseness in a local authority's equation. Contributions were primarily around urban developments and water and sewerage upgrades.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/64**

### **Submission No 03 – Stanley Heslip**

Cr Davis said compounding the problem may be the fact that the footpath did not go completely along the left hand side of the road.

The Roading Manager agreed and it had formed part of the streetscape strategy. It was being investigated further as a result.

Cr Redhead asked if cost was an issue when installing pedestrian crossings.

The Manager said there was a considerable cost. They had to be well lit, reflector poles installed and the width of the road was also a consideration. Because Broughton Street was so wide, it would need to have a pedestrian refuge constructed.

Cr Highsted as if there were plans in place to ensure a similar development such as Windsor Park made a contribution to footpaths.

The Manager confirmed that was the intention from a planning point of view.

Cr Gover had concerns about the width of the street and putting something in the middle of the road such as a median could be a priority as opposed to a pedestrian crossing.

In response to His Worship, the Roading Manager said he would undertake the investigation and then budget for any solutions to the problem.

Cr Sharp was sympathetic to Mr Heslip. He had looked at the area and there was a footpath from Windsor Park to Broughton Street and a light. It seemed to him a gallon of white paint may solve Mr Heslip's problem.

His Worship said it was about what was going to deliver the safest solution for elderly and young people who were walking to school. The Council needed to be aware of pedestrian crossings and he was frustrated with the unsafe placement of several around the town.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the Roading Manager investigate the construction of a pedestrian crossing on Broughton Street and budget for any solution.**

**2012/65**

#### **Submission No 04 – Anne and Elmer Curry**

Cr Sharp took Mr Curry's point on rising debt and felt it was unacceptable to a lot of ratepayers. He knew rising debt was not necessarily this Council's fault, and some had been inflicted by the Government and Environment Southland. But the Council had to bite the bullet and pay the debt back. It could not rely on the next generation.

His Worship agreed as far as Councils that had out of control debt were concerned, but he did not believe this Council was in that situation. Some years ago the Council had used debt to fund operational activities which should never have occurred. Debt was appropriate for capital funding. It was a difficult choice for Councillors to make but he believed the Council's debt was at an appropriate level.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/66**

#### **Submission No 36 – Community Trust of Southland**

*His Worship declared a conflict of interest and withdrew.*

*Cr Bolger assumed the Chair.*

Cr Highsted suggested the Trust be asked to consider continuing with its support for the indoor event centre.

Cr Sharp wanted the Council to write to the Community Trust and ask it to continue.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the Council write to the Community Trust of Southland asking it to continue its support for the operational funding of the MLT indoor event centre.**

2012/67

### **Submission No 93 – Southland Regional Heritage Committee**

Cr Davis thought the art collections that had been amassed in Gore was due to the efforts of Mr Geddes and she opposed putting Gore ratepayer funding into a museum development in Invercargill that was going to cost \$24 million.

His Worship said the fear he had was the Southland museum had the potential to be the Invercargill museum which was probably what it had been in the past. If there was a chance to make it a regional facility for the whole region there may be merit in the Council being party to that, but it would need to be certain that the funding should be shared around the region.

Cr Highsted said the contestable fund was one Gore was able to access and it was not specific to the Southland museum.

Cr Beale said the Southland museum development had caused problems and there was dissension about whether the project should proceed.

Cr Highsted said the Committee needed it to be in the Long Term Plan so it could access other funding. Was the Annual Plan an appropriate vehicle to progress it in the future?

His Worship thought it would be but suggested the three issues raised by Mr Geddes needed to be clarified to the Council's satisfaction.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Redhead THAT the Southland Regional Heritage Committee be advised the Council will consider its request as part of its annual planning process provided satisfactory answers were forthcoming to the following concerns:**

***a) there is an assumption on the part of the proponents that the proposed budget for the redevelopment of Southland Museum &***

***Art Gallery will deliver a complete and operational regional facility;***

- b) there is an assumption that the completed facility will be able to operate without a significant increase in operational funding and staffing levels; and***
- c) there is an assumption that the completed project will automatically deliver services to the wider museum sector while concurrently operating and managing a greatly expanded facility.***

**2012/68**

### **Submission No 97 – Southland District Health Board**

His Worship said it would be good to be able to quantify the decile rating of submitters, but he was not sure how easy it would be to obtain the information.

The Chief Executive said it was about socio-economic groupings and Statistics New Zealand would have information about income levels etc which could determine whether some areas of the community were being engaged or not.

His Worship said it was about how to connect with all areas of the community.

Cr Bolger said it may be relevant for a city like Christchurch, but Gore was a small community.

The Chief Executive said he was happy to do an analysis of the submissions received if the Council wished.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/69**

*The Communications Co-Ordinator now departed the meeting.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm, and resumed at 7:09 pm with two members of the public in the gallery.*

**Submission No 08 – MATES 2012**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/70**

**Submission No 101 – Gore Youth Council**

The Chief Executive advised his report had omitted commentary on the Gore District Youth Council's submission. A copy of comments from the Parks and Recreation Manager relating to development of the Walnut Reserve and the playground on the corner of Kana and Forth Streets, Maitauro was tabled at the meeting.

The Chief Executive, in response to Cr Redhead, advised that the submission about a pedestrian crossing on Robertson Street would be considered by the Roading Manager along similar lines as Mr Heslip's submission.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/71**

**Submission No 59 – Eastern Southland Federated Farmers**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/72**

**Submission No 62 – Federated Farmers of New Zealand, Dunedin**

A copy of a letter addressed to all Councillors from Andrew Morrison, Chairman of the Eastern Southland branch and a briefing paper from the Federated Farmers Policy Analyst, David Cooper, had been tabled at the meeting.

The Chief Executive stated he had been advised by the General Manager, Corporate Services that the Council's UAGC was just below the 30% threshold permitted. At a Council workshop earlier in the year, the Council agreed that it would remain at 28.9%, particularly with the impending introduction this year of a new kerbside recycling service.

His Worship said the impact on the rural community would be low. He had raised a number of times the level of the UAGC and the imposition it placed on low income earners and lower capital value property owners. He was not sure the Council had openly discussed it and he did not

think any inference from Federated Farmers could be taken that it was going to be an on-going occurrence.

He said rates were a property tax and the Council chose to have as much as it could to be targeted as a charge for services that were used. A number of people had taken from that that rates should be a charge for services, but in a pure sense, they were a tax.

Cr Sharp said they were a tax that could not be avoided if people made less money. He asked why the UAGC was capped at 30%.

His Worship said the Council had no intention to make any changes to the policy of the Council. However, when the figures were done this time around, it was discovered it was at 28.9% and that was the figure included in the draft plan. The Council agreed to put the draft Long Term Plan out with that figure included.

His Worship said the mechanism to levying rates was property value.

The General Manager, Corporate Services said a resident in Gore would already be faced with an extra \$161 for the recycling service and \$30 more in the UAGC anyway. Taking that into account, it was felt that increasing the UAGC to the full 30% that would equate to an additional \$28 per inhabited dwelling, may be too much.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/73**

His Worship said Federated Farmers had requested the opportunity to speak with the Council at some time. The organisation had also questioned the notification of the plan and he confirmed it had been done in accordance with the Act for public consultation.

**Submission No 50 – Robin McGowan**

Cr Bolger believed the loan funding advanced to the St James Theatre Trust should have to be repaid as the submitter did. Having it returned would enable the Council to apply it to other community groups or use it in its own heritage area.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/74**



**Submission No 84 – Jeremy McPhail**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/75**

**Submission No 86 – Sally McIntyre**

Cr Bolger said the submitter said the debt could go to \$18 million but that was not accurate and it also was inconsistent with what had been included in the plan.

Cr Sharp concurred with the submitter's suggestion that the building control section relocate to 28 Irwell Street which would be better than spending \$3-5 million on a new civic building.

His Worship said the figure included in the plan for the civic building refurbishment was \$3 million which was at the upper end of the estimate.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Parks and Recreation Manager said the aquatic centre was over 10 years old and some significant maintenance work was required to be undertaken.

Cr Beale suggested Cr Sharp speak with the District Arts and Heritage Curator. To suggest the building control staff be moved into that building suggested he was clearly out of touch with what the plans were.

Cr Bolger said rather than 28 Irwell Street, using the James Cumming Wing may be an option, however, he understood it was being used more.

Cr P Grant thought it was absolutely ludicrous to move the building control staff to 28 Irwell Street.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/76**

**Submission No 87 – Colin McIntyre**

The Chief Executive advised his commentary on the submission had not been included, but there was no operational comment required.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/77**

**Submission No 69 – Peter Hargest and Mark Copland**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/78**

**Submission No 01 – Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/79**

**Submission No 02 – Glen Callanan**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/80**

**Submission No 05 – John Barnett**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/81**

**Submission No 06 – Mataura Licensing Trust**

Cr Beale asked whether the Council's contribution to the swimming lesson proposal would be in kind as the Trust's General Manager had suggested it would be by way of providing the facilities. He asked what had changed.

The Chief Executive said the Council relied on income and to bring the proposal to fruition there was a cost overall that needed to be recovered. What the Trust was prepared to contribute would leave the Council \$20,000 short to fund 10 free lessons for every primary school child in the District. To be fair to the Trust, it did not understand, and nor should they - the mechanics of how the Council's operations worked. The Council would need a grant of \$20,000 to the aquatic centre to cover the proposal.

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive said the Council would need to rate an additional \$20,000.

Cr Highsted said it was also an investment in future patronage.

Cr Davis asked if there was a time frame around the Trust's proposal to provide swimming lessons.

The Chief Executive said there would need to be reports and obvious skill improvement to ensure the proposal was meeting its objective.

Cr Bolger said in this instance, it was worthy of support and consistent with the agreed objectives the Council had with the Trust to work closer together for the betterment of the community.

In response to Cr Gover, the Chief Executive said the Trust was looking at all schools within the Trust area but it could not fund areas outside of it, which would preclude Waikaka and Otama schools.

Cr Beale said the pool would never make a profit. He was supportive of the proposal, but why lumber the ratepayer with an extra \$20,000.

His Worship said ratepayers subsidised the Gore and Mataura pools to the tune of about \$1.2 million per year.

Cr Dixon supported the proposal but thought \$20,000 should be taken from the arts and heritage activity to fund it.

Cr Sharp commended the Trust but did not see that it was the ratepayer's job to teach children to swim. He thought the bill should stay with the Trust.

Cr P Grant supported the proposal and said the future of the District was its youth. He thought if the community could not afford to put \$20,000 into teaching young people to swim, then god help it.

His Worship said there were a number of children who had no access to the swimming pool and some families who did not care about them learning to swim.

In response to Cr Highsted asking if there should be a further report provided, the Chief Executive said the Aquatic Services Manager had already done quite a lot of work on it.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the Council endorse the proposal,**

**AND THAT a report be provided to the Finance and Policy Committee on its implementation.**

**2012/82**

**Submission No 13 – Gore Dancesport Supporters Group**

Cr Gover thought it should be supported. If the Council was supporting swede festivals, then this should be supported as well.

Cr Davis said the swede festival was about getting the Mataura community involved but Dancesport was not a community event.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the submission be declined.**

**2012/83**

**Submission No 23 – Dougal Stringer**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/84**

**Submission No 29 – Invercargill City Council**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/85**

**Submission No 38 – Alan Young**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/86**

**Submission No 39 – Gavin and Leanne Grant**

In response to Cr Bolger, the Roding Manager advised Nicholson Road had been due to be sealed by the former Southland County Council some years ago but there was not enough traffic to justify sealing it.

The Manager added the Council permitted residents to place oil on short sections of a gravel road outside their property. It had been partially prepared for sealing, however, the shape of the road had been improved in recent years and it was in a better condition that it used to be.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/87**

**Submission No 54 – The Enviroschools Foundation**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Highsted, **THAT** the submission be received.

**2012/88**

**Submission No 55 - Eastern Southland Gallery/Hokonui Heritage Centre Trust**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr D Grant, **THAT** the staff further investigate the cost of a concept plan and make suitable provision in next year's draft annual plan for consultation with the community.

**2012/89**

**Submission No 61 – Joe Nowak**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Beale, **THAT** the submission be received.

**2012/90**

**Submission No 80 – Jim McFadzien**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Redhead, **THAT** the submission be received.

**2012/91**

**Submission No 81 – June Dean**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Gover, **THAT** the submission be received.

**2012/92**

**Submission No 82 – Theresa Blackbeard**

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Gover, **THAT** the submission be received.

**2012/93**

**Submission No 90 – Sport Southland**

His Worship supported the proposal and said Sport Southland was an excellent organisation that provided good sporting and recreational programmes in the District. The organisation and the Council worked very well together.

Cr Redhead concurred and said it was an invaluable organisation providing good programmes across a wide range of ages in the District.

**Cr Redhead moved THAT the Council approve an increase of \$3,000 in its grant to Sport Southland.**

**The motion was seconded by Cr Gover.**

Cr Davis was concerned there was no budget provided and there were a lot of organisations in the community having to make do with what they had. She thought Sport Southland should be no different.

**The motion was put and it was carried.**

**2012/94**

Cr Davis thought the Council should have a policy that budgets be provided before grants were considered.

The Chief Executive said perhaps the only difference in this case was Sport Southland was a regular recipient of money in exchange for providing services to the community. The usual rigorous review of financials occurred when organisations were not well known.

Cr Davis thought whoever applied to the Council for a grant should provide the same information regardless of who they were. Applications for grants were constant and if there were not rules around what needed to be provided, there should be.

His Worship took the point and if there was not a policy in place, then perhaps there should be one developed and considered at a future Finance and Policy Committee.

### **Submission No 92 – Lloyd Anderson**

Cr Highsted thought further information should be provided, especially in terms of numbers in the area. The estimated cost would be a significant amount from the footpath budget.

Cr Beale would like to see more information. During the 14 years he lived in that area, a large number of people tended to either cycle or be driven.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the Council note the submission and seek a report from the Roading Manager about how the project compared to other projects**

**within the capital works budget and for it to be prioritised accordingly.**

**2012/95**

In response to Cr Sharp, the Roading Manager said the footpath programme was about 40-50% completed. It followed the reseal programme that generally went through a 12 year cycle.

**Submission No 96 – New Zealand Automobile Association, Southland District**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/96**

**Submission No 98 – The Wayland Trust**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the submission be received.**

**2012/97**

His Worship advised the updated plan would be presented to the 26 June Council meeting for adoption. He thanked Councillors for their input and thought the process had been a good one for all involved.

The meeting concluded at 8:38 pm