

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE, AT 4.12PM.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore) (from 4.16pm), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Senior Asset Management Officer (Ms Sarah Dowling), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and two members of the public in the gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Crs Grant and Watt apologised for absence.

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Cr Davis called for any conflicts of interest. None were received.

1. WASTENET WASTE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES – 2 FEBRUARY AND 17 MAY 2012 (10.23)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets, together with a copy of the minutes from the WasteNet Waste Advisory Group meeting held on 2 February and 17 May 2012.

In response to Cr Highsted, Cr Bolger said the Group had initially been informed if glass was kept clean, it could be sold. However, there was only a market for it in Auckland at present which was a long way away.

In response to Cr Redhead, Cr Bolger said E-waste was a big issue and a fair percentage was being put in the landfill. Electronic equipment did not have a long life, so the issue was something it would have to grapple with. Disability Services carried out some recycling but a long term initiative was required.

*The Asset Manager Utilities now attended the meeting at 4.16pm.*

Cr Gover said she had been pleased to read that the Paper 4 Trees request for funding had been declined.

Cr Bolger said it had not seemed like a good idea to as Paper 4 trees did not contribute anything to recycling.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February and 17 May 2012, be received.**

2. REPORT FROM ASSET MANAGER, UTILITIES (2.1.7)

The Committee perused the report from the Senior Asset Management Officer.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Officer said the Council was looking toward an intermediate solution to the manganese problem whilst it was looking for an alternative water source. The manganese was coming from the raw water in the more recently installed deeper well at Jacobstown.

Cr D Grant said some residents did not know what was causing discoloured water. He suggested a mail drop could go out to inform residents.

The Officer agreed some public education around the manganese issue would be a good idea.

In response to Cr Dixon, the General Manager, District Assets said the pumps would be covered by Otago Power Services insurance. A loss assessor would assess the costs, calculate the remaining life and costs to come out with a palatable solution.

The Officer said the new pump had cost in the vicinity of \$40,000.

In response to Cr Sharp asking if spare pumps were on hand, the Officer said there were three pumps, which would only be required if there was a significant event, such as an intense long rainfall period. Parts were not readily available for the older pumps. The new pump was a much more common brand.

The General Manager said spare parts for the new pump were available, however a spare pump was in itself a spare.

In response to Cr Sharp asking if anyone had been employed yet to look for a new water source for the town, the Chief Executive said the Council would not commence that until the Long Term Plan had been adopted at the end of the month.

In response to Cr Beale asking if the culprits responsible for dumping rubbish along River Road had been apprehended, the Officer advised staff were still trying to track them down.

His Worship said the problem was nothing new. It would be an ongoing challenge that would require lateral thinking. The current system was not working. A lot of international visitors used River Road during the fishing season and the first thing they saw was rubbish. Some good access sights, well maintained and signposted could be useful to deter people from dumping rubbish there. The areas where rubbish was being dumped were almost hidden.

In response to Cr Davis, His Worship said the Parks and Reserves Department had not been involved in recent times with the issue.

Cr Davis wondered if it would be worth forming a small sub-committee to investigate the issue to try and come up with some solutions. Hopefully the new new kerbside recycling and wheelie bin service would help.

Cr Beale suggested Council staff contacted Mr Kevin Marshall from Environment Southland to see what its views were as it hired staff solely to look after river entranceways.

His Worship said the Council could be a catalyst. A number of parties might be interested in helping with the problem. The formation of a small working party was a good idea. He would be happy to be a part of that. There were two issues that affected the Council, first that rubbish was being dumped illegally and secondly the resource the Council was missing out on due to the conditions.

*His Worship declared a possible conflict, as he lived on River Road.*

The General Manager, District Assets suggested Council staff could identify other stakeholders in the community, create a working party and then prepare a report with some proposals back to the Council.

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

### 3. REPORT FROM ROADING MANAGER (2.1.7)

The Committee perused the report from the Roading Manager.

The Manager said New Zealand Transport Association had recently advised that heavy duty asphalt repairs to the section of the Main Street from the police station to Hyde Street had been postponed until spring, due to repairs of the Winton Main Street being accorded higher priority, being more extensive than originally planned. Potholes and dangerous faults would be fixed in the interim.

Cr Davis said Winton business owners had been dissatisfied about a lack of consultation and information about the road works for its Main Street. She asked what sort of consultation NZTA would have with the Council in order that it could advise local businesses.

The Manager said NZTA would be encouraged and incentivised to provide adequate consultation. The Council would suggest that work was carried out at night time.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Manager advised the Building Control Department had been working with the owner of the old paper mill property about the falling debris from the paper mill stack. The Council had had to take emergency action to ensure passing road users and pedestrians were kept safe. The owner would be responsible for the cost of any work required.

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

4. REPORT FROM ANIMAL CONTRACTOR (34.4.1)

The Committee perused the April 2012 report from the Animal Control Contractor.

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

The meeting closed at 4.46pm.