

REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE HOKONUI RUNANGA, 140 CHARLTON ROAD, GORE, ON TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012, AT 4.20 PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), 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), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and three members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGIES Crs Gover and D Grant apologised for absence.

Cr P Grant called for any conflicts of interest. None were received.

Cr Grant thanked the Runanga for hosting the August Committee meetings. He was very impressed with the wonderful facility.

1. SPORT SOUTHLAND REPORT (50.34.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a copy of the Eastern Southland annual report compiled by Eastern Southland's Sport Southland Office Manager, Susie Burrows, who was in attendance at the meeting.

In response to His Worship, Ms Burrows said the OSCAR programme activities were based at the MLT Event Centre, however the Calvin Church was also utilised and some activities were held out in the community. The \$4,000pa received from the Ministry of Social Development would be reviewed at the end of the current year.

The Parks and Recreation Manager thanked Ms Burrows for the delivery of activity based programmes.

In response to Cr Highsted asking when the initiative between the Mataura Licensing Trust and the Council to provide free swim lessons to children would commence, the Parks and Recreation Manager said he and Peter Dunn from Sport Southland had met with school principals. A start date would probably be in the next school term and this would be confirmed in the near future.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the information be received.

2. SMOKEFREE PARKS SIGNAGE (18.11.3.1)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager following the recently adopted 2012-22 LTP where the Council received a number of requests to consider taking a stance on smoke free recreation reserves. From that, the Council resolved that a report be provided to the Committee about where signs would be placed and at what parks.

The Manager said the Council's approval was being sought on the two signs included on the agenda that had been designed by the Communications Co-ordinator.

Cr Highsted said although the designs were cute and unique, they did not get the message "don't smoke" across and did not display the national no smoking sign.

His Worship liked the signs and wondered if the national no smoking sign could be incorporated into them.

The Manager said staff had looked at signage used in other areas and those designs had been in much the same vein.

Cr Sharp suggested removing the wording in black.

In response to the General Manager of District Assets saying the standard national sign would be readily available to display separately, Cr Davis said that would increase the costs. She was in favour of incorporating it into the examples.

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

THAT the Council approve the draft signage content with the inclusion of the national no smoking sign,

AND THAT the Council instruct officers to implement the signage on the specified recreational reserves nominated in the report.

3. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

His Worship said the Aquatic Centre would be holding birthday celebrations that Friday at 10.30am to mark its 10th anniversary.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report be received.

4. REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR (1.79)

The Committee perused the report from the Communications Co-ordinator.

The Co-ordinator advised that following a request sent to all Otama Water Scheme users requesting an email address, about 60% had responded.

In response to Cr Beale, the Co-ordinator advised she hoped to receive the various options and associated costs about the website redevelopment within the next week.

In response to Cr Dixon asking what had been the cause of the recent water main burst that affected the Hilbre Avenue water tower, the General Manager, District Assets said although earthworks had been carried out in the area over the past year, there had been no obvious reason.

His Worship said the Facebook option the Council was utilising was a good initiative.

Cr Highsted commended the Co-ordinator on the design of the programme for the Sister City speech competition.

Cr Redhead thought Facebook was a good way for the Council to communicate and wondered if it had considered using Twitter and a bulk messaging service to liaise with the community.

The Co-ordinator said Twitter was on her radar. Once it was set up though, it would have to be serviced. Resources needed to be looked at.

She advised the short message service option was being investigated for Otama water scheme users. User groups would need to be identified in the first instance. She had been in discussions with the Clutha District's Asset Manager whose Council already used the service and was looking to expand it.

In response to Cr Redhead, the Co-ordinator said the August Newslink noticeboard page did contain a lot of information in small font. She was not sure it was the best option and was investigating other options.

In response to His Worship, the Co-ordinator said a copy of all press releases could be emailed to Councillors.

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

5. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.2)

The Committee perused the report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

Cr P Grant commended the parks and recreation team on the beautiful displays in the flowerbeds around the town. They were an absolute credit to the town.

In response to Cr Beale, the Manager advised plants were still given to community groups to sell to the public.

In response to Cr P Grant, the Manager said dried effluent collected from the Gore saleyards had been blended into compost mixes. The reserves team had also allowed Downers to deposit sweepings into the compost.

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

6. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER (25.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

The Manager advised library staff had utilised a text messaging service to distribute information to its members for quite some time. The majority of members liked the system, however it was important to give them the option of receiving text messages.

In response to His Worship, the Manager said the development of a library website was quite a way through the process. She had recently met with the Communications Co-ordinator about the revamp of the Council's website. They would work together where possible going forward.

Cr Highsted congratulated the Manager on a successful and popular reading programme.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said she would find out how much the short messaging service cost.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 4.48pm.