



**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON
TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2012, AT 7.34 pm.**

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

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), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and five members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Redhead apologised for lateness.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 26 June 2012, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN (2.14.3/11.5.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive, together with a schedule of building consents issued for June 2012, with a comparison of the previous two years. A schedule of land use consents as at 31 July 2012 and road closures and stopping had also been circulated.

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

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3. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER (18.1.3)

The Council perused a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report be received.

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4. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Council perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report be received.

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The Communications Co-Ordinator attended the meeting from 7.37 pm

5. REPORT FROM ASSET MANAGER, UTILITIES (8.56)

The Council perused a report from the Asset Manager, Utilities.

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

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6. REPORT FROM DESTINATION GORE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (18.18.1)

The Council perused a report from the Destination Gore Visitor Information Centre.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the report be received.

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7. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR (23.5)

The Council perused a report from the District Arts and Heritage Curator.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received.

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Cr Beale complimented the Heritage Centre staff who compiled the 150 years tabloid that was recently produced. He thought it was an excellent publication.

His Worship agreed and added he had had a number of comments about a need to produce an updated book about Gore.

8. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER (3.34)

The Council perused a report from the Roading Manager.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report of the Roading Manager be received.

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In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said staff had noted a paint spill on Eccles Street and Birch Lane and with assistance from Environment Southland, managed to prevent it being dispersed into the stormwater system.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Manager advised he had had discussions with Environment Canterbury who were running community bus schemes similar to that which had been proposed for Mataura. He was currently completing funding requests.

Cr P Grant said the junction of Dolamore Park road and Mandeville-Otapiri road had been sealed about the end of March, but the temporary speed signs were still in place.

The Manager advised it was a short section of re-seal and collection of the signs had obviously been overlooked by the contractor.

9. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JUNE (34.4.1)

The Council perused the June report from the Animal Control Contractor.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the report be received.

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10. SOUTH ISLAND STRATEGIC ALLIANCE (SISA) – TERMS OF REFERENCE (51.5.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that since mid-2011 Zone members of the South Island Councils had been

discussing the need for the South Island to work more collaboratively on joint projects and procurement where efficiencies or cost savings may be achieved and a need for a combined South Island approach with central government and other stakeholders.

In response to Cr Watt, His Worship advised after each meeting held the minutes would be included on future agendas. On the issue of cost savings, His Worship said savings on particular issues would be discussed at the time. They would be different for each local authority. The alliance was very much in a formation stage. He added that he had a view Gore would get more from shared services across the region than from the alliance.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the Council adopt and endorse the circulated terms of reference for the South Island Strategic Alliance (SISA).

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10. SHARE OFFER FROM CIVIC ASSURANCE (52.4.9)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, Corporate Services advising that Civic Assurance had offered a second stage to purchase additional shares in the company, aimed primarily at those Councils who had declined to take up the first stage in December last year.

His Worship said Civic Assurance was a company that supported local government and had proven effective in ensuring other companies were kept honest in the job they did.

Cr Highsted thought it was in the Council's interest to support a modest level of investment.

Cr Highsted moved THAT the Council subscribe to 10,000 shares at 0.90c each, making a total investment of \$10,000.

The motion was seconded by Cr P Grant.

In response to Cr Sharp, the General Manager said the company's capitalisation was too low after the Christchurch earthquakes and stage one had enabled it to re-enter the insurance market. Stage two would enable it to have more bargaining power to obtain better premium quotations.

He said the Council went through an annual tender process for insurers and had not used Civic for the past three years. Of the 78 local

authorities, Civic had insurance cover for 42 Councils and it was a significant player in the insurance market.

Cr Sharp did not believe buying more shares would change a thing because the Council was not a client. He thought the offer should be declined.

Cr Watt asked how the share price had been determined.

The General Manager said the net asset backing was \$1.29 which was greater than the .90c share price being offered.

Cr Davis said there may not be a dividend this year but it was likely after the capital raising through additional shares could result in a dividend being paid.

The General Manager said he hoped there would be a dividend in future years. For the coming year it would be able to enter the market thereby earning it brokerage income from placing insurance and generate income.

Cr Sharp moved as an Amendment THAT the Council decline to purchase shares.

His Worship said an Amendment could not be a direct negative to the motion.

Cr Sharp moved as an Amendment THAT the Council purchase 100 shares.

The Amendment was seconded by Cr Bolger.

The Amendment was put and it was lost.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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11. SOUTHLAND WARM HOMES TRUST – REPRESENTATION (46.11.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that there was currently no Council representative on the Southland Warm Homes Trust.

His Worship said he had previously been the Council's representative but found he was unable to attend many meetings.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT Cr Gover be appointed as the Council's representative on the Southland Warm Homes Trust.

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12. LAW REFORM OF STREET PROSTITUTION (54.2.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following an approach from the Auckland Council seeking support for the introduction of a bill to regulate the locations in which street soliciting by prostitutes can or cannot take place. A copy of a letter and accompanying booklet that pointed out that the Prostitution Act 2003 placed no controls on street prostitution, had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Dixon said it was all very well to move prostitutes from the street, but they needed somewhere to be moved to.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the Council formally give its support in principle to the Auckland Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill,

AND THAT the Council ask Parliament to consider extending the Bill's effect nationally, so that it can be available to all Councils.

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13. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AREAS FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION (60.12)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that His Worship had received notification from the Ministry of Economic Development earlier in the year that the Government was proposing to offer onshore and offshore blocks for oil and gas exploration in 2012. One of the blocks on offer included the eastern corner of the Gore District. Information from the Ministry of Economic Development relating to the offer had been circulated with the agenda.

The Chief Executive advised he had been notified earlier in the day of a public meeting being held in Riversdale on Tuesday 14 August, at 7 pm. He suggested it could be useful for representatives of the Council to attend.

Cr Beale said in recent times there had been a significant increase in earthquake activity in the North Island. He did not think fracking should be permitted in the Gore District.

In response to Cr Davis, the Chief Executive thought the format of the meeting would be mostly informative, although the Ministry's geologist would be in attendance and he expected there would be an opportunity to ask questions.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the correspondence be received and noted.

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14. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE (10.15.1)

A memo had been received from the General Manager, District Assets advising that the transition to the new kerbside recycling and refuse collection service in Gore and Mataura on 2 July had gone smoothly.

His Worship said he had received favourable comments from the public.

Cr Dixon asked if there were tags placed on bins that were not collected to inform residents why they had not been picked up.

The General Manager advised there were two tags that could be used by the contractor who also made a note of the tags and if necessary, the Council could write to the property owner. He confirmed the information was relayed by the contractor to the Council.

In response to Cr Beale, the Asset Manager, Utilities advised cardboard and paper was still being collected at the transfer station and it was picked up by the Pakeke Lions Club.

Cr Davis had received good feedback and was pleased with the comments relayed by Bond Contracts and Southland disAbility Enterprises. She added that the Pakeke Lions were now not able to collect wooden pallets and asked if there was another option the Council could assist with.

The Asset Manager, Utilities was not aware of the change and undertook to investigate.

His Worship extended thanks to the Asset Manager for attending to the "front line" requests he had dealt with.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the report be received.

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15. REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Watt advised he had taken part in a webinar recently on conflict of interest that was run over two sessions over two weeks.

Cr D Grant reported on his and Cr Davis's attendance at the Local Government New Zealand conference held in Queenstown in July.

His Worship said it was one of the better conferences he had attended.

Cr Beale had attended the AGM of the Eastern Southland Gallery. Focus was on fundraising efforts to complete the East Gore Art Centre. He tabled photographs of the Muka press that had recently been installed.

The meeting concluded at 8:31 pm