



**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON
TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012, AT 7.35 pm.**

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Bolger, Beale, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted, Redhead 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), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones) and xx members of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

1. NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY (47.2)

His Worship conferred New Zealand citizenship on Davinder Singh, an Indian citizen, Rachel Elizabeth Reid, a British citizen and Victoria Julia Drummond, a British citizen. All read the relevant declaration and were presented with a New Zealand kowhai tree.

His Worship extended best wishes on behalf of the Council to the new citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 7.43 pm, and resumed at 7:53 pm

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Page 4 – The Council *noted* the value of Civic Assurance shares to be purchased was \$9,000, not \$10,000.

The Council also *noted* that Cr Redhead had been an apology at the meeting.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 7 August 2012, as amended, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as presented, be ratified.

Report of the Operations Committee

The Council *noted* the following grammatical corrections:

Page 3, third paragraph, first line, the word “*approve*” should read “*improve*”.

Page 5, penultimate paragraph, first line, the word “*not*” should be removed.

Page 6, second paragraph, the words “*gotten to*” should read “*got to*”.

Page 7, fifth paragraph, third line, should read “... *strategy if it was not an effective tool.*”

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as amended, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

The Council *noted* the word “look” contained in the second part of the recommendation, should read “looked”.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as amended, be ratified.

Report of the Finance and Policy Committee

The Council noted on page 2, item 2, paragraph 3, the word “of” should read “an”.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as amended, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 28 August 2012, as presented, be ratified.

3. PRESENTATION BY YOUTH COUNCILLORS (50.47.1.1)

Youth Councillors Veronica Mackenzie and Jamie Shanks were in attendance at the meeting and provided a presentation on their attendance at a Human Rights Commission youth diversity conference held recently in Auckland.

4. 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 August 2012, with a comparison of the previous two years. A schedule of land use consents as at 7 September 2012 and road closures and stopping had also been circulated.

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

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5. DRAFT GRANTS POLICY (46.37)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following the most recent Finance and Policy Committee meeting when a draft Grants Policy had been considered. The Committee had asked for some modifications and additions to be made, mainly relating to the disclosure of any conflicts of interest by applicants.

A revised draft Grants Policy, that took cognisance of the modifications sought, had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the Council approve the circulated draft Grants Policy.

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6. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL OFFICER (33.1)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the Council's Electoral Officer, Susan Jones, had tendered her resignation with effect from 18 September 2012. It was a requirement of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for a local authority to have an Electoral Officer at all times. The current Deputy Electoral Officer, Tony Shepherd had agreed to be appointed.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT pursuant to the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council appoint Mr Tony Shepherd as its Electoral Officer, with effect from 18 September 2012.

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RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Watt, THAT a vote of thanks be extended to Susan Jones for her work as Electoral Officer.

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7. SHARED SERVICES FORUM (46.34.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a copy of the confirmed notes of the Shared Services Forum held on 23 April 2012, and the unconfirmed notes of the Forum held on 9 July 2012.

His Worship advised in future a quarterly report would be provided by the Chairman of the Forum for member Councils.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Chief Executive advised the Council provided just over \$20,000 funding to Our Way Southland.

His Worship thought it would be useful for the Chairman of the Shared Services Forum to present his reports to the Council which would provide a better connection with what the forum was involved with.

Cr Beale did not believe the strengthening parenting project was one that the Council should be involved with. There were plenty of social service agencies that should be taking the lead.

His Worship said for the past three years there had been leadership forums held and one as recently as Thursday the previous week that Councillors had been invited to attend. The forums had settled on where the priorities should be for the next three years as far as community outcomes were concerned. Parenting and leadership were two issues that had been identified. A wide cross section of the community had been in attendance at the forum held the previous week.

Cr Beale accepted that but did not believe it was part of a local authority's role.

Cr Bolger said it had arisen from the well beings and was a statutory obligation. The best way was determined to be done on a regional basis and a better result and return on investment had been generated. It was about securing the province for the future and helping young people.

Cr Watt asked about the IT and whether Gore was "out in the cold" as far as other the Councils that were involved.

His Worship said given the discussion held at the Shared Services Forum earlier in the day he would not be surprised if there was not a change in the IT service proposal. The discussion had been held in committee, so he was not able to disclose too much more.

Cr Davis agreed the door was still open.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the notes of the meetings of the Shared Services Forum, held on 23 April and 9 July 2012, be received.

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8. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT (46.36.2)

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 20 August, had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report of the meeting held on 20 August be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

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Cr Bolger asked about the Mataura walkway and the footpath. He asked where the walkway was.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised the walkway was on the eastern side of the Waimumu Stream and would extend from Asquith Street to the reserve at State Highway 1 beside the bridge over the Waimumu stream.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (46.12.9)

Cr Gover advised she had attended a meeting of the Southland Warm Homes Trust.

Cr D Grant attended the community bus working party meeting which had worked out well, with a bus service between Mataura and Gore getting underway shortly.

Cr Gover advised the Pioneer Women's Trust had held its annual meeting and would be conducting interviews for its scholarships shortly. She had also received an invitation to the Southland Heritage Forum, but was unable to attend.

The meeting concluded at 8:33 pm