

REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012, AT 4.00 PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), the General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers) (from 4.02pm), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper) (from 4.02pm), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Aquatics Services Manager (Ms Kim Peterson), Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and one member of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry) apologised for absence.

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

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

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

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

The Committee perused the report from the Arts and Heritage Curator.

Cr Gover referred the meeting to the Talks and Tours list. The Anglican Synod was the Anglican Men's Synod.

Cr Sharp congratulated the Arts and Heritage Curator on his work at the Gallery, in particular its association with Te Papa exhibitions.

His Worship referred the meeting to the Mataura and District Historical Society and the work David Luoni continued to do on the cataloguing and digitisation of its collection. He encouraged Councillors to visit the website, which had opened the Society up to the world and changed the attitude of the group.

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

3. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT (50.12.2)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager together with a copy of the Joint Management Agreement between the Gore District Council and the Gore A & P Association.

The Manager said the current agreement that had been in place for five years was due for renewal. Another similar term of five years had been proposed with the only change being to the percentage split for stock. The A&P Association had bought into the stockholding by 25%.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said there were a number of buildings on the Council owned section of the grounds.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said the land was heavily used, for activities such as sports and by the equestrian fraternity.

Cr Dixon said the Council seemed to be paying premium dollar just to graze sheep.

The Manager said the joint historic agreement was to run the entire grounds.

His Worship said he frequented the Gore showgrounds for events and had visited others around the country and the other grounds were not as well presented. The relationship between the A&P Association and the Council was unique and worked well. As a result of the presentation of the showgrounds, it got a lot of use. He thought the Council got value for money, however it was up to the Council to decide that.

Cr Beale said after a couple of years on the joint committee, he had been surprised at the amount of use the showgrounds got that was not obvious to the public.

Cr Dixon said there was nothing in the agreement to allow for the cost to be reviewed annually. Once signed, the Council was locked into the agreement for five years.

His Worship declared an interest due to his wife being a member of the A&P Committee.

Cr Watt said Cr Dixon's concerns were understandable. There was however a bigger picture in that the facility was a hub for the lower South Island. The Council could be assured the facility was well used and the money was a good investment.

Cr Bolger said if the Council had to fully maintain the grounds on its own, it would not save any money. The business activity around the events held at the showgrounds was colossal and he was sure the Council got its return several fold.

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

AND THAT the Council adopt a new agreement for the operation of the A & P Joint Management Committee between the Council and the Gore Agricultural and Pastoral Association for a further term of five years, with effect from 1 July 2012.

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

The Committee perused the report from the Destination Gore Visitor Information Centre Manager.

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

5. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

Cr Highsted suggested that figures for visitor numbers from previous years for the Gore Pool would be useful for comparison.

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

6. TOWN BELT BLOCK A (PRESTON STREET) (18.11.10)

A memo had been received from the Parks and Recreation Manager in response to an enquiry raised at an earlier meeting relating to the

status of the Preston Street courts now that netball and tennis were played at the MLT Event Centre. Excerpts from the Gore District Council's Town Belt Management Plan, a map that depicted the town belt blocks and a copy of the lease between the Council and the Gore Combined Courts Association had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Beale said he had initially raised the question around the courts and he was satisfied with the comprehensive report.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said there would always be a degree of need for outside courts, which were also available for ad hoc use at weekends by the public at no cost.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Manager said tennis had not asked for more than 40 days use per year, as was stated in the lease agreement.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the information be received.

7. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER (25.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

In response to Cr Gover, the Manager said she was working on a way to determine how many electronic books were being accessed by users.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.23pm.