

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 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 Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services, (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers, Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Aquatics Services Manager (Mrs 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.

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

Mr John Ibbotson from Gore Community Patrol provided an update to the meeting about the role of the group in the community.

1. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER (25.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

The Manager circulated an e reader book at the meeting.

In response to His Worship, the Manager said there were a lot of different models and brands of e books available. Several libraries in the South Island had banded together to distribute e books. The loan period for e books, dependent on which library had loaned the book, was usually two to three weeks after which the book would expire.

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

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

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

Cr P Grant said the Rhododendron Festival had been the highlight of the month for the community. Everyone involved deserved a pat on the back for their involvement.

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

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

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

In response to Cr D Grant, the Co-ordinator said information about places to go around the town to shop and dine was currently available on the Destination Gore website.

Cr D Grant said the Chamber of Commerce might be prepared to drop its website at some stage if the Council was prepared to take it over.

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

4. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER (24.11.1)

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

In response to Cr Redhead asking if there was a facility available to share blow up devices amongst pools, the Manager said some had been transported in the past, however there were a lot of factors to consider, including the depth of the pool.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager said it was unclear as to why there had been a big drop in patronage of the Mataura Pool. It was well promoted, in particular through the Mataura primary school.

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

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

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

Cr D Grant said the Chamber of Commerce was endeavouring to work with a few key operators in the central business district area to promote the anniversary of the Great Flood in 1913 and to acknowledge the excellent flood protection now in place. Photos featuring a metre of water going through the Main Street and the then new H&J Smith store were available. It would be ideal if businesses could set aside some window display space for the photos. The Chamber of Commerce would also be celebrating 100 years in 2013.

His Worship had recently attended local man Mr John Fairley's book launch about the history of the first 60 years of Gore. It had been very interesting.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.33pm.