

**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014 AT 5.13PM.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mrs Sarah Crooks), Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Communications Coordinator (Sonia Gerken), Senior Planner (Mr Howard Alchin), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Corporate Support Officers (Mrs Tracey Millan and Mrs Kylie Weir) and one member of the public in the gallery.

**APOLOGIES** Crs Byars, P Grant, Page and Sharp apologised for absence.

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Cr Highsted asked for any conflicts of interest.

Cr D Grant advised he volunteered as a bus driver for the Parata Anglican Charitable Trust Board.

Cr Bolger declared an interest in item 4 as he would be a future resident at the Parata Rest Home.

**1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORTS OCTOBER 2013-JANUARY 2014**

The Committee perused the October, November and December 2013 and January 2014 reports from the Animal Control Contractor.

Cr Highsted said it was concerning to see serious dog attacks occurring in the district.

The Chief Executive said staff did take these matters seriously and if dog owners were not cooperative about euthanising their troublesome dogs, they were advised a prosecution would follow. It was an ongoing battle as some dogs were bred irresponsibly and then ended up in the wrong hands and caused problems to society in general.

Cr D Grant referred the meeting to an incident a few months prior when two wandering dogs had killed a cat in its own home. The Chief Executive had advised at that time there was something in hand about having on the ground assistance to deal with wandering dogs and he asked where that was at.

The Chief Executive advised a report would go to a future agenda with ideas of enhancing the service. With no reflection on the current contractor, he said the Council was constantly trying to improve the service said health and safety had to be considered including on the ground on the spot assistance.

Cr Beale said he noted 250 dog owners who had not re-registered their dogs had been visited by Council staff and yet only three wandering dogs caught had been unregistered. He asked for some follow up information on those statistics.

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

## 2. SCHEDULE OF BUILDING CONSENTS

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive along with a schedule of building consents issued for January and February 2014, together with comparisons of the previous two years.

The Building Control Manager said it was encouraging that after a six month period, the annual target had already been reached. However, the number of consents received had dropped due to exemption rule changes. A lot was happening across the industry.

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

## 3. CHANGES TO REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLAN (SC0461)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant advising that the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NES) must be complied within the Gore airshed area by 1 September 2016. The purpose of the requirement was to provide for the protection of the health and wellbeing of those in the Gore community.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the Council note the plan change proposed to the Regional Air Plan,**

**AND THAT Cr Highsted be endorsed as the elected representative on the Multi-Agency Task Group.**

#### 4. 47 KITCHENER STREET – PARATA ANGLICAN CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD (PF)

A memo had been received from the Senior Planner advising that the Parata Anglican Charitable Trust Board had sought a waiver of the financial contributions normally payable on the connection of a new residential unit to the Council's reticulated services, for three new residential units on the subject site.

The Planner said previous waiver requests had been dealt with by way of delegated authority. He would like direction from the Council in this situation.

Cr Highsted said the same organisation had previously received dispensation through a planning committee based on the first five units paying a contribution and that the Council would continue to receive rating from all units.

Cr Beale asked if the Council granted the waiver to a rest home that was a charitable trust, could it refuse future requests from for profit organisations that were not a trust.

Cr Highsted said the request related to a unique housing demand that only that organisation was currently able to provide for.

The Chief Executive said the Council could quarantine a decision so the floodgates did not open for future waiver requests. It was at the Council's discretion to partly or wholly grant a waiver.

In response to Cr D Grant asking if the Parata Trust had any more property that could still be utilised for redevelopment, the Planner said he was unsure. The Parata Trust had owned the properties for a long time.

Cr Highsted said he saw the situation as a net positive for the district and a need was being provided for the community.

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

**AND THAT the Council agree to waive the service connection fees for the additional three residential units on the site of what was 47 Kitchener Street, Gore.**

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF CONSENTS ISSUED

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant along with a schedule of landuse and subdivision consents issued as at 27 February 2014.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Senior Planner said historic consents remained open on the schedule if they were still live consents. There was an opportunity to go back and ask for more information. It was the Government's intention to not have old consents sitting around for too long.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Planning Consultant said it had been delayed until the new planning team had been put in place.

The Senior Planner said he wanted to review all consents and remove any that were no longer needed and planned to commence that area of work once the new General Manager Community and Strategy commenced her position.

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

The meeting closed at 5.33pm.