

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014 AT 7.35pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers) Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mrs Sarah Crooks), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard) and 20 members of the public in the gallery.

1. NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY (SCO256)

His Worship conferred New Zealand citizenship on Lisa, Philip Norman and Alexander Lee Jones, British citizens and Marie-Cristinne and Jan Gheorghe, Romanian citizens.

All adults read the Oath of Allegiance and were presented with a New Zealand kowhai tree.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm and resumed at 7:56pm with four members of the public in the gallery.

His Worship extended a welcome to Ms Petria Jukes, Cultural Development Officer with the Tamworth Regional Council who was in Gore for three days to spend time with Jim Geddes and the arts and heritage department.

His Worship called for any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 18 February 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Page, THAT the report of the ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 11

March 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

Clause 1 – Eccles Street Playground – Fencing (SCO380)

The Council agreed to remove the word “for” from the third paragraph on page 2.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

Page 1 – Cr Bolger clarified he did not intend to a resident of Parata in the immediate future but rather would have family members who may be.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

Clause 1 – Financial Report for September 2013

Page 2 - Cr Bolger said at the meeting he had noted current liabilities were down. The Council agreed to delete the remainder of the sentence.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, as presented, be ratified.

3. URGENT LATE BUSINESS (8.

His Worship advised there was one item relating to the notice of requirement in relation to Coopers Well and the Council needed to discuss the content of the minute that had been issued by the Commissioners.

RESOLVED on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT pursuant to Section 7((2)(g) (*maintain legal professional privilege*) and Section 46 (a)(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Council address the following matter in committee which requires urgent attention:

Reason for Urgency

To consider content of a minute issued by the Commissioners who heard the notice of requirement application for Coopers Wells..

Reasons why not circulated with the agenda

Information was not available.

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4. PRESENTATION BY YOUTH COUNCILLORS

His Worship welcomed Kayla McIntosh to the meeting. With the recent departure of the Community Development Officer, Melissa Smith, Kayla had agreed to assume responsibility for the Youth Council.

Gore District Youth Councillors Georgia Johnston (Chairperson) and Devin Kubala (deputy Chair) were in attendance at the meeting and provided an update on forthcoming activities being undertaken by the Youth Council.

The Youth Councillors departed the meeting at 8:09pm

5. SOUTHLAND SHARED SERVICES FORUM

A copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the most recent meeting of the Southland Shared Services Forum held on 7 March had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Southland Shared Services Forum meeting held on 7 March, be received.

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6. SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Assessment Committee meeting held on 24 March had been circulated for the Councils information.

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

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7. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 19 March had been circulated for the Council's information.

The Council *noted* that Shona Kapea-Maslin had been in attendance at the meeting.

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

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8. LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (SCO110)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002 required local authorities to prepare and make publicly available

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the updated Local Governance Statement be adopted and made available to the public.

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9. REMOVAL OF BUILDING LINE RESTRICTION – 45 ORDSAL STREET, GORE (P/F)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the Council had received an approach from a representative of the owners of the above property seeking to remove a building line restriction. The restriction was imposed many years ago to facilitate widening of the street, but there was now no reason for it to remain in place.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the Council authorise the removal of the building line restriction registered against Certificate of Title SL159/278 pursuant to section 327A of the Local Government Act 1974.

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10. RONALD McDONALD HOUSE FAMILY ROOM –SOUTHLAND HOSPITAL (SCO870)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from Ronald McDonald House providing details of requests made and responses received in regard to potential funding by the Invercargill City and Southland District Councils.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Byars, THAT the information be received.

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11. JOINT SOUTHERN COUNCILS RESPONSE TO THE BUILDING (EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDINGS) AMENDMENT BILL (SCO980)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive together with a letter from Mayor Garry Kircher of Waitaki District seeking support for territorial authorities of Otago and Southland to band together for the purposes of developing a robust and compelling submission on the Building (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment bill.

The approach appeared to have considerable merits and efficiency given that all Councils in the Otago/Southland region to a lesser or greater extent faced similar issues when it came to compliance with the proposed statutory amendments in respect of earthquake prone buildings.

The Chief Executive advised the West Coast Councils had also agreed to be part of the venture.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the Council endorse a joint submission on the Building (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment bill being compiled by the territorial authorities from Zones 5 and 6,

AND THAT the participation in the process of West Coast Councils be noted.

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12. GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND ST JAMES THEATRE TRUST INC WORKING PARTY (SCO320)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive following the establishment of a working party in August last year to investigate the future repayment of an interest free loan of \$250,000 advanced to the Trust in 2008. A copy of the terms of reference had been circulated.

The Chief Executive sought an extension of time to report back to the Council. Due to other commitments, the working party had not met until February this year

Cr Bolger moved THAT the Council approve an extension of time for the completion of a report from the Gore District Council and the St James Theatre Trust Inc working party through to 31 July 2014.

The motion was seconded by Cr Gover.

Cr D Grant wanted to make sure the matter did not drag on for too long. He hoped the report would be available by 31 July.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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13. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A copy of reports from Councillors had been tabled at the meeting. His Worship thought the format was relatively simple and he hoped that everyone would provide a report for future agendas.

Cr Highsted advised he and Council staff had attended a workshop about the air quality issues surrounding the Gore District and added that Environment Southland would be making a presentation at the next Committee round.

The meeting concluded at 8:24pm