

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30pm.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Beale, Bolger, 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), General Manager Community and Strategy (Dr Aaron Fox), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Communications Coordinator (Sonia Gerken) and six members of the public in the gallery.

His Worship called for any conflicts of interest.

Cr P Grant declared an interest in clause 12 - proposed parents hub due to his daughter-in-law being involved with the Gore Toy Library.

Cr Byars declared an interest in clause 12 - proposed parents hub due to being a member of Gore Parents Centre.

Cr D Grant did not believe either Councillor needed to be excluded from taking part in any discussion.

Crs Highsted and Page declared an interest in clause 10 – Gore Health Incorporated constitutional review - due to being Directors of Gore Health Ltd.

His Worship said Cr P Grant was the Council representative on Gore Health Inc and he was the alternate representative.

Cr Highsted declared an interest in clause 1 of the in committee agenda – Mataura Valley Milk – water supply provision due to his being an employee of Tulloch Transport.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 18 August 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 2 September 2014, 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 Highsted, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Beale, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Page, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr P Grant, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 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 Dixon, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixon, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 2 September 2014, as presented, be ratified.

2. PRESENTATION BY YOUTH COUNCILLOR

Youth Councillor Alec McWhirter was in attendance and gave a presentation about his attendance at the recent Festival of the Future workshop held in Auckland.

His Worship encouraged Councillors to attend the Youth Awards being held in early December.

The Youth Councillors departed the meeting at 7.46pm

3. PRESENTATION ABOUT SOUTHLAND MUSEUM REDEVELOPMENT

Mr Paul Horner, Building Assets and Museum Manager with the Invercargill City Council was in attendance and provided a powerpoint presentation on the Southland museum redevelopment.

Cr Highsted said the Southland Museum and Art Gallery had made presentations and submissions to the Council in the past but no benefit had been identified for Gore which had its own arts and heritage projects to support and fund.

Mr Horner thought the story of Southland that could be told would be a regional showcase. The Trust Board wanted to do something special that showed visitors what Southland had.

Cr Highsted said if Gore wanted to establish a regional facility in Gore he could not imagine Invercargill ratepayers wanting to contribute to it.

Cr Davis did not believe the Regional Heritage Committee should be funding over \$500,000 towards costs associated with the museum. She was also concerned at the proposed future amounts that may be sought from Gore District ratepayers. Gore had its own developments that it wanted to progress in the next ten years. She felt it would be a hard sell to convince local ratepayers to pay more through the regional heritage rate.

Mr Horner departed the meeting at 8.28pm

4. WASTENET WASTE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the draft minutes from the WasteNet Waste Advisory Group meeting held on 19 June had been circulated for the Council's information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June be received.

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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 AMENDMENT ACT 2014 – OVERVIEW

A report had been received from the Chief Executive following the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014 becoming law on 8 August 2014. The report provided an overview of the key changes that the Council would need to be aware of, particularly as it was now in the early phases of developing the next iteration of its Long Term Plan.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report be received.

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6. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 12 August 2014, had been circulated.

Cr Dixon moved THAT the report of the meeting held on 12 August be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

The motion was seconded by Cr Davis.

Clause 5 - Railway Crossing – Bridge and Main Street intersection (SC0778/802)

Cr D Grant referred to the Bridge Street intersection and the confusion that could arise from installing “left turning cars give way to right” signs and questioned whether traffic lights could be an option.

The Roding Manager did not think so but a roundabout had been considered.

His Worship reminded the Council that the item had just been for discussion and there was no recommendation forthcoming.

He added that the former picture theatre building on the corner of Main and Carlyle Streets had now been demolished and he congratulated the Board on its initiative in tidying the property up.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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7. GORE AND DISTRICTS HEALTH INCORPORATED – CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (SC0925)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive, together with a letter from the Chairman of Gore and Districts Health Incorporated requesting the Council to undertake a review of its constitution. A copy of the current constitution had been circulated.

It was understood from Board members of Gore and Districts Health Incorporated that the current constitution revolved around Board members being predominantly elected as opposed to appointed and it had not delivered decisive governance that the original authors of the constitution had been desirous of securing.

The first phase of the review would be more in the realm of political and managerial analysis to identify at a broad level the most effective and efficient means by which to structure the governance of Gore and Districts Health Incorporated. The Council needed to consider whether it was prepared to fund the proposed review and

commission an external review or utilise what expertise and resources it had available to complete the political and managerial investigation itself.

His Worship said had been involved with Gore Health for about ten years and there had been issues at the past two elections at least when there had not been enough nominations received to fill the vacancies available.

In response to His Worship, the Chief Executive felt staff could undertake the review. He thought as a first stage, it would be worth talking to health entities in other areas about how the hospitals were run and what worked and what did not. Once a report had been shaped from that exercise, then appropriate legal advice could be engaged to draft a preferred constitution.

Cr Sharp struggled to understand why the Council was getting involved with the hospital.

His Worship said it was one of the few community owned hospitals in the country and the issue had been niggling for the past 6-7 years. Gore Health Inc could undertake the work but it would mean it would be spending money that was not being directed to health services. He thought the Council's interests with Gore Health were intertwined.

In response to Cr Sharp, His Worship replied it was not a Government cost. The facility was owned and managed by the community. The Government provided funding to provide services but no funding to run the facility.

The Chief Executive said the assets were owned by the people of the community and Gore Health Inc was the guardian.

Cr P Grant advised Gore Health Inc engaged a lawyer to review the constitution and to report back in February. Nothing had been heard and he doubted it ever would be.

Cr Bolger felt as elected community representatives, the Council should be involved.

Cr Page agreed with the suggestion made by the Chief Executive to conduct a review in two stages.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the invitation from Gore and Districts Health Incorporated to undertake a review of its constitution be accepted,

AND THAT the review be undertaken in-house with a report being furnished after stage one and terms of reference being developed if required before the second stage progresses.

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8. SOUTHLAND SHARED SERVICES FORUM – DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL STRATEGY
(SC0963)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that the Southland Shared Services Forum had commissioned a report from McGredy Winder and Co last year to examine opportunities for further shared services amongst the Southland Councils. A copy of the report that had been completed earlier in the year had been circulated to Councillors.

A surprising aspect of the report was a recommendation for a regional strategy to be developed. Since the production of the report, the Southland Shared Services Forum had spent time contemplating how it may act upon the recommendation which had culminated in a request for proposal being developed by the Chief Executive's group. A copy of the request for proposal had been circulated and was aimed at engaging a suitable person to work with a select group of influential and progressive thinkers in the region to develop a strategy for Southland. Final costings for the project would not be ascertained until formal proposals had been received.

The Chief Executive said the matter had been considered for a number of months and there was a degree of uncertainty as to just what a regional strategy should encompass. He added the Our Way Southland account that all Councils had contributed to was showing a surplus which could be applied to the costs of a request for proposal.

His Worship said the Government was keen for regions to develop a single regional development voice and he thought the strategy should be about that. He felt progress was being made.

Cr Davis understood Invercargill City Council had withdrawn from Our Way Southland and asked if it would be asked to contribute to the strategy costs.

The Chief Executive said it had not been formally considered, but he expected Gore's contribution would come from the Our Way Southland account and Invercargill City would be asked to make a contribution.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Gover, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report from McGredy Winder and Co on shared service opportunities for Southland local authorities be received,

AND THAT the Council endorse the request for proposal for preparing a Southland strategy.

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9. REQUEST TO LEASE LAND ADJOINING GORE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX FOR A PROPOSED PARENTS HUB (SC081)

An update had been received from the General Manager District Assets on the request from three local groups, Gore Toy Library, Gore Parents Centre and Gore Play Centre to form a parents hub with a purpose built facility at the Gore multisports complex.

Council staff had reviewed the Reserves Act regarding recreation reserve and the proposed hub. Given the nature of the hub's activities and the associated playground, staff had determined that the placement on recreation reserve fell within the requirements. A map showing the approximate location had been circulated, together with a proposed floor plan and a series of proposed building and playground layouts.

Two options for the siting of the facility were tabled at the meeting. Option 2 was the preferred site plan.

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

THAT the Council in its capacity of lessor, approve in principle the location of the proposed parents hub at Wayland Street east,

AND THAT the Council agree to a long term lease at a nominal rental being granted.

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10. SOUTHLAND SHARED SERVICES FORUM

A copy of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Southland Shared Services Forum held on 5 September 2014 had been circulated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Southland Shared Services Forum meeting held on 5 September 2014, be received.

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11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Reports from His Worship the Mayor and Crs Byars, Beale, Page, D Grant, Davis, P Grant and Gover had been circulated. Cr Davis spoke about her involvement with the Motor Home Association and making Gore a motor home friendly town which would provide great benefits for visitors and locals.

The meeting concluded at 9.07pm