

Report of the ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 14 October 2014, at 4.00pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP, from 4.04pm), Cr P Grant (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Byars, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, Highsted and Page.

**In attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Community and Strategy (Dr Aaron Fox), General Manager District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications Manager (Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir), Libraries Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Aquatic Services Manager (Ms Kim Peterson) and District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes).

**Apology** Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

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Cr P Grant called for any conflicts of interest. Cr Davis declared an interest in Hokonui Aquatics which had been referred to in the Aquatic Manager's report.

## 1. REPORT OF GORE DISTRICT LIBRARIES

The Committee perused a report from the Library Manager.

Cr Dixon observed that the population of the District was close to 13,000 and he noted only 66 respondents had replied to the survey recently conducted and there were 21 pages of results. He thought the survey was a waste of time.

The Manager was also disappointed at the lack of response. It was the first time a survey had been undertaken and was done on-line. She felt the survey had still been worthwhile as it would enable the staff to build on comments received.

*His Worship now attended the meeting.*

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

## 2. REPORT OF THE GORE VISITOR CENTRE

The Committee perused a report from the Gore Visitor Centre.

Cr Davis noted that to qualify for a motor home friendly town sufficient parking had to be available as well as a public waste facility. There were already two waste facilities in Gore and the Association had offered to assist with upgrading one. She asked if there could be a staff report provided about the services and amenities required.

Cr Beale asked if consideration could be given to relocating the facility in Richmond Street near the children's cycle park.

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

## 3. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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

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

## 4. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

The Manager said staff were working through the possibility of assuming the swimming and training programmes previously run by Hokonui Aquatics. The Club had decided not to continue with the employment of a professional coach and to discontinue its Thursday club night.

The Chief Executive said there was a public meeting planned by the Maitua Community Board in the following week and the possible closure of the Maitua pool would be considered at that together with possible recreational alternatives.

Cr Davis explained that Hokonui Aquatics used to employ a professional coach that it fundraised for each year. The club hired lanes from the Council for its squad swimmers and club nights. An unforeseen circumstance this year had been the pool closedown and club income had reduced. Despite the Maitua pool being open and available, a number of the children did not travel there. The club was now unable to sustain the employment of the coach and were in discussions with the Council for it to assume the swim squads. She added he was concerned at the loss of lane hire charges as a result of Hokonui Aquatics ceasing its swimming sessions.

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

5. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR

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

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

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

A report from the Communications Coordinator was perused by the Committee.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.24pm