

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.37pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Crs Beale, Bolger, Byars, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted (from 7.46pm), 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), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mrs Sarah Crooks), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications Coordinator (Sonia Gerken) and 11 members of the public in the gallery.

1. NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY (SC0256)

His Worship conferred New Zealand citizenship on Mrs Mary Pieg, a Filipino citizen and Mrs Annemeik Wilson, a Dutch citizen. Both read the Oath of Allegiance and were presented with a New Zealand kowhai.

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

Cr Highsted now attended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7.47pm and resumed at 7.57pm, with two members of the public in the gallery.

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Highsted, **THAT** the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 23 September 2014, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr P Grant, **THAT** the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 14 October 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 Gover, **THAT** the report of the ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 14

October 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 Page, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 14 October 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 14 October 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 Dixon, **THAT** the recommendations contained within the report of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 14 October 2014, as presented, be ratified.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Page, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 14 October 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 Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 14 October 2014, as presented, be ratified.

2. PRESENTATION BY YOUTH COUNCILLOR

Youth Councillor Alex Parish was in attendance and gave a presentation about the forthcoming Gore Youth Awards and an idea to have a youth show on Caveman radio.

Alex departed the meeting at 8.03pm

3. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Mataura Community Board held on 29 September 2014 had been circulated.

Cr Highsted queried the lack of hand washing facilities in the new toilets at Queen's Park.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised one unit did have hand washing facilities and a change table. There was no requirement to have hand washing facilities in public toilets. There had been a spate of vandalism some years ago with hand wash dispensers being ripped off the wall.

The Manager said the barrier was the location of where the dispensers could be located.

Cr Beale asked if there was a tap nearby. He found it incredible that hand washing facilities were not available.

The Manager said there was no exterior tap on the facility. The tap for cleaning the toilet block was in the secure unit.

Cr Byars suggested a sign be placed advising users that hand washing facilities were available in one unit.

Cr D Grant asked if there were hand washing facilities in the Gore toilets.

The Manager said there were, but there was no hand cleaner. There were taps.

Cr D Grant asked if hand sanitizer could be a solution.

His Worship understood the challenge, but every public toilet had the same one. He expected to be able to wash his hands if he used a public toilet.

The Manager was happy to investigate a sanitizer option and report back through the Community Board.

The Chief Executive understood the design had been approved by the Board and did not include hand washing facilities.

The Manager agreed that was correct. He added the initial plan had included hand washing facilities, but the Board decided to select a different option.

Cr Bolger agreed a sign would be appropriate but any other option was a decision for the Board to consider.

The Board Chairman, Mr Taylor felt it had been an oversight on the Board's part and perhaps it could be worthwhile going back to the manufacturer for assistance.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report of the meeting held on 29 September be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY (SC0110)

A memo had been received from the General Manager Community and Strategy and Communications Coordinator together with a copy of the new Significance and Engagement Policy. The new policy replaced the Significance and Consultation policies. Due to recent changes to the Local Government Act 2002, the Council was required to have a Significance and Engagement Policy adopted no later than 1 December 2014.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Gover, THAT the Significance and Engagement Policy be adopted.

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5. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the minutes from the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 16 October had been received.

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

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6. SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the report from the Sport NZ Assessment Committee meeting held on 23 October had been circulated.

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

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

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7. MOTOR CARAVAN FRIENDLY GORE (SC0927)

A report had been received from the Roding Manager that provided an update on arrangements being made to encourage motor caravan travellers to visit Gore.

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) was an organisation that represented the owners of motor caravans around New Zealand. Motor caravans had self-contained facilities and had storage on board for all of the caravan occupants for a minimum of three days.

Gore had two established dump stations; one at the A& showgrounds and the other on Richmond Street adjacent to the children's cycle park. The station at the showgrounds had been constructed by the NZMCA and fully complied with the Association's requirements.

Currently, there was no free parking area close to the CBD specifically designated for overnight stays by self-contained motor caravans. An assessment of potential sites had been carried out and the recommended area was on the east side of Tower Lane.

Copies of aerial photographs illustrating the Tower Lane site along with two other suggested parking areas had been circulated.

The Manager advised that there was no charge for using the dump station at the showgrounds. There was also a third station at the Gore camping ground. He confirmed the only area proposed to be designated as an overnight parking zone for self-contained motor caravans was on the east side of Tower Lane.

Cr Bolger said another potential area was behind the swimming pool in Mataura.

Cr Davis questioned whether the Richmond Street dump station should be relocated given its close proximity to the children's cycle park.

The General Manager District Assets had also heard those concerns and had asked for options to relocate the station to be included in the Long Term Plan.

Cr Dixon thought if the Richmond Street station was closed then there should be one provided in Mataura.

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

AND THAT the Council approve the implementation of the measures recommended in the report.

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8. UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR EASEMENT THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A WASTEWATER RISING MAIN (SC0943)

A report had been received from the Chief Executive providing an update on negotiations for an easement through private property to facilitate the installation of a wastewater rising main. The new rising main was designed to go through land owned by the J A Noble Trust. Unfortunately, discussions with the Trust and its Dunedin based lawyer in respect of possible compensation payable for the installation of the new wastewater main had proven to be very difficult.

Cr Bolger moved THAT the report be received,

THAT the Council affirm its earlier resolution of 3 June 2014 to issue a Notice of Intention to take land pursuant to section 23 of the Public Works Act 1981, to commence the process to try to secure an easement over land owned by the JA Noble Trust,

AND THAT in order to maintain momentum with this upgrade project the Council endorse the continuation of building the upgraded pump station.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dixon.

Cr Beale felt it was very unfortunate that the Trust had engaged legal counsel that gave no consideration for where the money may come from for its exorbitant

compensation claim. The project needed to be progressed and the Council could not be held to ransom by a Dunedin lawyer.

Cr Davis concurred and felt it imperative the project was moved along. There were stormwater issues and the Council was aware that it was critical to proceed. She found it ironic that the landowner who had raised the stormwater issues in the first place was now the barrier to getting the project moving.

Cr Sharp said the Grants were good people and were open to negotiation. He thought the lawyer's valuation of \$151,703 was nuts. He said between \$20,000 and \$151,700 there was a solution. He thought it was not necessary to use the Public Works Act and questioned how much that would cost. It could end up the same as Coopers Well.

His Worship said the ball had been in the court of the Noble Trust insofar as negotiating with the Council, but it had not been picked up. The project could not be held up any longer. There were people suffering as a result. The Council really had no option but to use the Public Works Act.

Cr Highsted said the Council needed to place on record that this issue was not the same as Coopers Well.

The Chief Executive said the recommendation was to go down the Public Works Act path which was a starting point. The Council had to enter into negotiations with the Trust.

The motion was put and it was carried.

Cr Sharp voted against the motion and asked for it to be recorded.

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9. AMENITY HIRE FEE WAIVER – ANNUAL REPORT

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive advising that he and Cr Bolger had delegated authority to make decisions on applications from community organisations for a full or partial waiver of the hire of Council amenities.

A copy of the schedule detailing fees waived by the sub-committee for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 had been circulated.

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

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10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Reports from Crs Davis, D Grant, Beale, P Grant, Page, Byars and Bolger had been received.

The meeting concluded at 8.43pm