

Report of the ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Tuesday 25 November 2014, at 4.00pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr P Grant (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Byars, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D 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 (Mr Aaron Fox), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mrs Sarah Crooks), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Communications Coordinator (Sonia Gerken), Senior Planner (Mr Howard Alchin), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Aquatic Centre Manager (Ms Kim Peterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir), Senior Regulatory Officer (Mrs Frances Shepherd), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson) and Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen) and two members of the public.

Cr P Grant asked for any conflicts of interest. None were received.

1. PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE BY CATHY MCFIE AND RACHAEL EGERTON ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL HERITAGE STRATEGY

Cathy McFie and Rachael Egerton from Heritage South were present to give a detailed powerpoint presentation on the proposed Regional Heritage Strategy. The presentation was on the development of the draft Regional Heritage Strategy, outcomes of the strategy work, and the future for heritage in Southland.

In response to a question from His Worship, the presenters advised that the timeframe they were looking at to develop the strategy would depend on how the regional heritage committee wanted to handle it. The committee originally prepared a time frame that aimed for completion in November 2015 assuming outcomes were determined by this December.

Cathy McFie and Rachel Egerton departed the meeting at 4.15pm

2. REPORT OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The Committee perused the report from the Youth Development Coordinator.

The Chief Executive stated that the Youth Council was slowly improving on its predecessors as it goes from strength to strength and with the Youth Awards coming up it would be a good way to showcase the improvement every year.

Cr Gover encouraged the Councillors to attend the Youth Awards on 6 December. The tickets are \$20.00 and the awards are to be held at the SBS St James Theatre.

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

3. REPORT OF THE LIBRARIES MANAGER

The Committee perused the report from the Library Manager.

In response to Cr P Grant, the Manager advised that the photos in the report were from Craig Smith's performance of his book "*The Wonkey Donkey*" which was held at the Gore Library. The Manager said the photos showed the number of people who attended and the potential of the library being able to accommodate up to 200 people in the children's section.

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

4. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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

The Chief Executive advised that he felt empathetic towards the staff during the testing weather experienced lately.

The General Manager District Assets advised that the Parks and Recreation Manager wanted to emphasise the utilisation of the reserves recently and the Council had received some positive feedback from the events.

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

5. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR

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

In response to Cr P Grant, the Curator advised that everything was going well after a busy month of exhibitions. The heritage precinct was leading up to a busy quarter

next year with the official opening of Clematis Cottage. The opening would coincide with Heritage Month. The Curator also emphasised that the Department also had the Moonshiners festival coming up along with World War One commemorations and the 100th anniversary of Sgt Dan.

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

6. REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

The Committee perused the report from the Communications Coordinator.

The Coordinator advised that the new road works/road conditions advisory web page was launched during the week, showing what work was happening and when. It also showed any road closures.

The Coordinator also added to the Parks and Recreation Manager's report that in December the Gore A & P show ground would be hosting the South Island Show Jumping Championships which was expected to bring around 300 people to Gore.

Cr Davis stated that she would like to thank the staff for their work on gaining recognition from the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. She said that it was a delight to see that it had progressed as well as it had.

His Worship stated that the 1000 likes on Facebook was no mean feat to get. Apart from Queenstown Lakes District Council no other Council had reached this level.

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

7. REPORT OF THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

The Committee perused the report from the Aquatics Services Manager.

In response to Cr D Grant, the Manager stated that Tuturau School had pulled out of the Matura Pool because it was now going to Edendale. This was due to it being more cost effective and that it was easier to transport the children there. The school also liked the instructor in Edendale.

In response to Cr Sharp, the Manager advised that the issue around false fire alarm call outs had been reduced resolved.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.31pm.