

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 1 May 2018, at 4.07pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr P Grant (Chairman), Crs D Grant, Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, Highsted (from 4.11pm) Phillips, Sharp and Reid.

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Promotions Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Suzanne Lucas) District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), Aquatic Services Manager (Ms Kim Peterson), Gore Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Mrs Renatta Hardy), H/R Manager (Susan Jones) Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), and Junior Planner (Ms Fran Davies).

**Apology** Apology for lateness Cr Highsted.

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**1. HOKONUI CYCLE TRAIL – CROYDON BUSH (SC1949)**

A report from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received providing an update of the cycling trail development by the Hokonui Trails Trust in Croydon Bush.

Cr Beale asked for clarification of the entry points for access to the trail.

The Manager confirmed that the trail could be accessed from either Pope Road or Domain Road and explained that in the future it was intended to allow access through Dolamore Park.

Cr Davis enquired whether the trail was two way or one way. The Manager believed it was two way.

*Cr Highsted attended the meeting from 4.11 pm*

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

**2. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR**

The Council perused a report from the Arts and Heritage Curator.

Cr Davis asked for clarification about the sizing of the Thompson works.

The Curator explained they were small diagrams and that they pre-dated the establishment of Gore. He explained that they will be on display as a digital copy.

Cr Dickson asked if the closing of the Invercargill museum was having an impact on patronage at the Gallery.

The Curator commented that the Gallery had been very busy of late and he could see the closing of the Invercargill Museum having a positive impact on the Gallery and Museum in Gore.

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

**3. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

A report from the Parks and Recreation Manager had been received.

Cr Dickson enquired as to whether it was the responsibility of the Council to provide seating for the elderly at the cenotaph during the ANZAC Day Service as she had witnessed some elderly people collapsing at the recent service.

The Manager replied that seating would be the responsibility of the RSA.

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

**4. REPORT FROM THE AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER**

The Council perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

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

## 5. REPORT FROM GORE VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

The committee perused a report from the Gore Visitor Centre Senior Consultant.

Cr Beale commended the Consultant on her good work making contact with GPS suppliers, resulting in increased campervan traffic within the town and said that there must be a positive financial pay off. He asked if there had been more enquiries at the Visitor Centre since the re-routing of traffic.

The Consultant confirmed that there had been a notable increase in visitor enquiries and that staff were fielding a lot of queries from people interested in moving to Gore. In particular, there seemed to be a number of MVM employees and contractors looking at investment opportunities within Gore.

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

## 6. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING MANAGER

A report from the Communications Manager had been received.

The Manager advised that there had now been 115 submissions received to date with 69 of this being submitted online.

The Manager confirmed that since her report had been written the Migrant Coordinator would be moving to the Visitor Centre from 1 June.

Cr Dickson expressed her concern that a number of Waikaka residents had not received the Consultation Document.

The Manager replied the Council was reliant on the Rural Delivery drivers to deliver to each box.

Cr P Grant reminded the Councillors that it was not a legal requirement to deliver a Consultation Document to every household.

Cr Gardyne mentioned that some residents had missed out due to being situated on the boundary of the Southland or Clutha districts.

The Manager said that Rural Delivery had been used to cover those areas, but whether or not this was done she could not be sure.

Cr Reid asked if there was an indoor venue organised for the busking if there happened to be wet weather.

The Events Coordinator confirmed that the Thomas Green would host the competition in the event of bad weather.

Cr Davis queried how people without landlines would be contacted during the residents' survey.

The Manager replied that it is possible to obtain a mobile phone list but most people were reluctant to answer an unknown number. She said there were alternative means such as setting up at supermarkets to survey residents and that social media was also a good option for reaching people.

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

#### 7. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

The Council perused a report from the Events and Promotions Coordinator.

The Coordinator was pleased to announce that funding from the Community Trust had been confirmed for the Freeze Ya Bits Off competition.

She added that the Festival booklet would be widely distributed through Rural Delivery, would be available in a number of local outlets and able to be downloaded from the GoreNZ website.

Cr Beale asked how the town liquor ban restrictions would be overcome if the public were to be seated outside the Thomas Green.

The Coordinator confirmed that a request for a dispensation to the liquor ban during that time had been made.

His Worship offered his congratulations on the organisation of the event and the presentation of booklet.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dickson, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received.**

#### 8. REPORT FROM LIBRARY MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Library Manager which was presented by the Parks and Recreation Manager

Cr D Grant expressed his concern about the heating unit being out of action and that replacement parts had to be sourced from overseas.

The Parks and Recreation Manager explained that a large cartridge needed to be sourced and this was only available off shore.

Cr P Grant asked if the failure was electrical.

The Manager confirmed that it was and the unit was essentially a large heat pump.

Cr Phillips was pleased with the opening hours at the Mataura library.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.35pm

