

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 28 August 2018, at 5.39pm.

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

**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), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh), Communications/Promotions Manager (Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas) District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), District Library Manager (Ms Lorraine Weston-Webb), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Ms Emma Carle), Gore Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Renatta Hardy), Migrant Services Coordinator (Mihaela Erdelyi), Social Capacity and Health Coordinator (Bernadette Hunt) and two members of the public in the gallery.

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1. REPORT FROM AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Aquatic Services Manager.

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

2. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS-MARKETING MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Communications-Marketing Manager.

The Manager said she was proud to announce that Gore was in the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards as a “best street” nominee, to be held in Auckland and it was hoped there would be two representatives from the Council able to attend the awards even though it clashed with the Gore Community Awards.

Cr Beale asked if there was one award for the South Island and one for the North Island.

The Manager confirmed it was one award nationwide but the three finalists were all from the South Island.

Cr Bolger referred to the warning lights launched by the roading department to indicate when the ground temperature dropped to zero. He asked where these had been trialed and how successful their use had been.

The Manager replied she understood they had been trialed in Dunedin which is where the Transport Manager had previously lived and worked.

Cr Phillips commented the warning lights were in all fire stations throughout New Zealand.

Cr P Grant asked for the official start date for the Tulloch Park redevelopment. He was concerned an article published in the Ensign stated the start of development had not gone ahead as promised.

The Manager responded that originally fencing was to be erected 20 August but there was some fluidity around those dates.

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

### 3. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Library Manager.

Cr Bolger observed electronic activity had increased dramatically and asked if it corresponded with a decline in the issue of physical books.

The Manager explained electronic issues were only 2% of total issues.

Cr Gardyne wished to note a correction – the book bus route included Waikaka not Waikaia as reported.

Cr Beale commented on the noise of customers involved in a conversation via social media during a recent visit.

The Manager confirmed staff monitored customers involved in invasive conversations and asked them to move into the foyer for privacy.

Cr Reid commented on the installation of security cameras and asked if this had an impact on reducing inappropriate behaviour.

The Manager said it enabled staff to monitor all areas of the library and allowed staff to intervene, prior to a disturbance occurring and also enabled identification of offenders.

Cr D Grant asked how often the police were involved in disturbances.

The Manager said one to two times a year was usual and a number of individuals had been trespassed.

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

#### **4. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR**

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

The Coordinator drew the Council's attention to the Community Award nominations which were due to close Friday 7 September.

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

#### **5. REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

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

The Chief Executive informed the Council the long standing caretaker of Dolamore Park, Mr Vic Herring, was retiring in November and a suitable replacement had been found. He noted this would be a "passing of the guard" and a well-deserved send-off would be forthcoming for his retirement.

Cr P Grant noted the good result from the Dolamore Park forestry harvest, but asked why it had not been replanted.

Cr Reid said there was still lot of debris to be tidied and perhaps this needed to take place first, prior to replanting.

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

#### **6. REPORT FROM THE MIGRANT SERVICES COORDINATOR**

The Council received a report from the Migrant Services Coordinator.

The Coordinator reminded the Council her office had moved to the Visitor Centre.

Cr Bolger considered immigration and the difficulties immigrants had experienced in obtaining residency. He asked if more resourcing was needed in that area and was it an area the Council could get involved in.

The Coordinator agreed that in future there could be an opportunity for the Council to be involved. She had identified a need to report to the Ministry of Business and Innovation and suggest each region was considered, rather than the country as a whole. Southland was dependent on migrants for its work force and this needed to be addressed separately rather than under one policy.

His Worship commented Ready for Growth had focused on the needs of migrants and was a priority.

Cr Dickson said local MP's were there for that reason and had experience in that particular area.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the report be received.**

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

A report had been received from the District Arts and Heritage Curator.

The Chief Executive congratulated Project Ark and said it was a fascinating project and a boom for the regional museums.

Cr Beale informed the Council the East Gore Art Centre had recently received a grant and a donation by a former Mayor of Gore.

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

**8. REPORT FROM TOURISM/VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT**

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

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

The meeting concluded 6.05pm.