

Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Tuesday 20 November 2018, at 4.07pm

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

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas), Library Manager (Lorraine Weston-Webb), Events and Promotions Coordinator (Emma Carle), Tourism/Visitor Centre Senior Consultant (Renatta Hardy), Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), and four members of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr Highsted apologised for absence.

1. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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

The Parks and Recreation Manager noted the 5 star operator rating from NZTA was pleasing.

The Chief Executive commended the nomination Gore Main Street received for the Keep NZ Beautiful Award. The parks and reserves team should be proud to be a finalist.

Cr Dickson enquired about drainage issues at Charlton Park Cemetery.

The Manager said the drainage was under pressure with the recent high rainfall but once the rain stops the problem should dissipate.

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

2. REPORT FROM SPORT SOUTHLAND

The Committee perused a report from Sport Southland.

The Manager extended his thanks to Sport Southland for its continuing contribution to the community and noted there would be a new appointment made in the near future following the resignation of Martin Mackereth.

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

3. REPORT FROM 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 Davis, THAT the report be received.

4. REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Communications/Marketing Manager.

The Communications/Marketing Manager provided an update on the online survey conducted in relation to safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists on the Gore traffic bridge. 132 responses had been received which was encouraging for an online survey and there was a positive engagement of young people.

Cr Reid commented on the numerous comments made on Facebook regarding recent flooding and asked if there was there an opportunity to have a once a month historic update to allow for more public engagement.

The Manager agreed with that suggestion and would look into it.

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

5. REPORT FROM EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

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

The Coordinator updated the Council with progress on the signs which had been erected at Dolamore Park and said the timing coincided with the new brochure that was to be released.

Cr Reid congratulated the Coordinator on the success of the Community Awards and said many positive comments had been received.

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

6. REPORT FROM THE TOURISM/VISITOR CENTRE SENIOR CONSULTANT

The Committee perused a report from the Tourism/Visitor Coordinator.

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

7. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Library Manager that had been tabled at the meeting.

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

The meeting concluded at 4.22pm