

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held in the Council Chambers, James Cumming Wing, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore, on Tuesday 10 March 2020, at 4.07pm

Present His Worship the Mayor, Mr Tracy Hicks JP, Crs Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant JP, N Grant, Highsted, MacDonell, McPhail, Phillips and Reid.

In attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Regulatory and Community Services (Mr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), Communications-Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring) and one member of the public in the gallery.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Dickson, **THAT** the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McPhail, seconded by Cr Bolger, **THAT** the report of the meeting of the Community Strategy Committee, held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, as presented, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and complete record.

Clause 3 – Predator Free Southland (SC2590)

Cr Gardyne refereed to the recommendation and said Environment Southland rated everyone in Southland. It was also responsible for controlling pests and he believed Environment Southland should fund the whole initiative. Cr Dickson said the role was a separate role that was partly funded by DoC and the local Councils. Environment Southland was included in that and it was a separate role. The coordinator worked out of Environment Southland's office. The General Manager Regulatory and Community Services added the role also oversaw pest control at Dolamore Park. Cr Gardyne said most farmers undertook their own pest control as did Environment Southland. He did not want any duplication. He suggested waiting until all signatures to the Memorandum of Understanding had been received.

Cr Highsted pointed out the recommendation was for funding to be included in the Long Term Plan. The Chief Executive said it was not a fait accompli. The funding was being included in the LTP but there was no guarantee that the Council would confirm its financial contribution.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Dickson, THAT the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting of the Community Strategy Committee, held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, as presented, be ratified.

2. YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Councillors Emily Chamberlain (Chairperson), Myah Kortbaoui (deputy Chairperson), Heidi Goatley and Jessica Murray were in attendance and provided an update on Youth Council activities. There were 19 Youth Councillors in 2020 with 12 returning from 2019. The first workshop had been held on 17 February with an outline of expectations of the Youth Council. The Youth Council had been involved with Children's Day. Future events included Youth Week, Youth Awards, river clean-up, Maori language week and the Santa parade. A speed dating session with the Council was also planned.

3. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A copy of the report from the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 17 February had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the information be received.

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4. FORMER MATAURA PAPER MILL BUILDINGS – STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY (SC0494)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive after being approached by the Regional Manager of WSP New Zealand Limited for Otago and Southland with an offer of assistance in any investigative work that may be required during or after the flood event. WSP's principal engineer civil and structural, Mr Andrew Blackler, visited Mataura late in the morning of 6 February. Mr Blackler was able to provide verbal assurance to emergency staff on the ground at Mataura that the paper mills building was safe to enter and had not suffered damage from the flood event. A brief written report on his findings had been received and had been circulated with the agenda. The report provided a high degree of confidence that the building was well anchored with its massive reinforced concrete foundations.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr MacDonell, THAT the report and letter from WSP New Zealand Limited be received.

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5. FUTURE GOVERNANCE – SOUTHLAND MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY (SC0329)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive after the Council had provided its endorsement in August 2019 to a proposal from the Invercargill City Council that governance and management of the activity of the museum for Invercargill be transferred from the Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust to a core department of the Invercargill City Council. A copy of a report from the Chief Executive of the Invercargill City Council on progress made since August last year had been circulated with the agenda.

Cr Highsted suggested one of the Council's representatives on the Southland Regional Heritage Committee may be the best placed to be appointed.

Cr Phillips said the timing of the meetings was unknown at this time and he was mindful of his and Cr Reid's time, given that the meetings were likely to be held during the day. He wondered if the appointment could be shared between the two of them.

Cr Highsted said he had been involved in the past and was willing to be the Council's representative.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the Council appoint Cr Highsted as its representative on the Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust Board for the purpose of facilitating change to its governance arrangements.

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6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC2553)

A memo had been received from the Administration Manager advising that the Local Government New Zealand conference would be held in Blenheim from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 July inclusive. A copy of the programme had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Phillips, THAT the Council delegation to attend the 2020 Local Government New Zealand conference in Blenheim comprise His Worship the Mayor, the Chief Executive and Cr Reid,

AND THAT His Worship the Mayor be the presiding delegate at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand, with Cr Reid being the alternative delegate.

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The meeting concluded at 4.34pm