

REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013, AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT Youth Crs Clark Morgan (Vice Chairperson), Georgia Nicol, Megan McCall, Carlie Paterson, Laura Miller, Rihard Gardyne, Olivia Nicholson, Sian Davis, Tayla Marlow, Holly Julian, Andrew MacLeod, Alice Robertson, Danialah Bourke, Devin Kubala, Georgia Johnston, Renee Moyles, Victoria Ponemunski.

IN ATTENDANCE Cr M Redhead, Corporate Support Officer (Tracey Millan) and Community Development Officer (Melissa Smith).

APOLOGY: Kateleen McWhirter, Acacia Barrow, Erin Perry-Tutty and Amy McCabe.

1. SWEARING IN FOR SIAN AND VICTORIA

Sian and Victoria will be sworn in at a later date to be confirmed due to His Worship being away.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolved on the motion of Cr M Redhead and seconded by T Millan that the report of the Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 October 2012 be accepted as an accurate and true record.

3. 2013 MEETING DATES

We have made some changes to meeting dates for this year. Please note the first three meetings have remained the same, and we have an additional date on Tuesday 14 May for a 'meet and greet' session between the two Councils.

New dates are:

- Tuesday 26 March
- Thursday 18 April (3 weeks between meetings due to upcoming Youth Week)
- Wednesday 1 May (additional workshop for Youth Week Planning)
- Tuesday 14 May- Meet and Greet Session
- Monday 24 June
- Monday 5 August
- Monday 16 September
- Monday 28 October

Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 4pm.

4. YOUTH WEEK PLANNING

Youth Week runs from 4-12 May 2013. Planning day discussion resulted in a 'SkateJam' event being the preferred option. Discussed there had been a recent event held at the Skatepark which was targeted at Primary and Intermediate age groups. Further suggestions were offered as an alternative including Gore's Got Talent, Fear Factor, Amazing Race, and an Obstacle Course. With Youth Week approaching, it was decided to have a smaller working group to lead this planning. The group consists of Youth Crs S Davis, C Paterson, O Nicholson, G Johnston, D Kubala, A Robertson, R Moyles and C Morgan. There will be a Youth Week working group meeting on Monday 8 April, 4pm at the Council.

5. PLANNING DAY REFLECTION

A slideshow presentation summarised the ideas collated from group discussion at the planning day. For your reference, a hardcopy will be provided for you at the next meeting. Cr M Redhead suggested each Cr to rank the top 5 matters the Youth Council would like to achieve. We discussed some things will be easier to achieve than others e.g. suggestion box at schools, so please factor this into your decisions.

Please choose and rank 5 of the following:

- interschool social events
- fun amazing Youth Week
- pedestrian crossings
- 'graffiti wall'
- build Youth Council profile
- suggestion box at schools
- youth centre
- more events e.g. races, concerts
- promotion of events
- monthly activities e.g. ½ price movies
- develop level of tertiary study
- small shopping mall/bigger brands e.g. cotton on, glassons
- more restaurants
- bigger farmers market
- improve drinking culture? How?
- reduce bullying? How?
- empowering youth and parents? How

6. YOUTH COUNCIL BUDGET

Cr M Redhead discussed the budget submission process, and the potential for the Youth Council to write a submission. Discussed having a smaller working group for those interested. The working group consists of Councillors C Morgan, D Kubala, C Paterson, R Gardyne, and V Ponemunski. More information will follow for this group.

7. YOUNG AMBASSADOR AWARDS

T Millan gave an overview of the event and passed around posters for Councillors to take back to schools for those who are eligible. The Young Ambassador competition is open to men and women aged between 18 and 35. Nominations open 10 April- 3 May 2013.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussed the format of the meetings, including how they are run and minute taking. This year we will have a rotating minute taker whose role will be to take notes during the meeting, type them up and email them to Melissa to distribute.

The preferred option was to have informal meetings, but with certain formal components that will be included.

The format for future meetings will be:

- Opening and welcome
- Present and apologies- please let Melissa know if you are unable to make a meeting
- Confirm minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising from minutes
- Cover off agenda items
- General business (other things that aren't on the agenda)
- Date of next meeting
- Closing

We also discussed the role of the Chairperson (Cr K McWhirter). This includes:

- Sticking to the agenda
- Help the group complete a task or make a decision by intervening with clarification, summary, suggestion of options, and encouragement of participation by group members
- When closing the meeting make sure everyone is clear on what needs to be done and by when.

Discussed the best method of communication was via text message as it was instant and easy to respond to. Agenda's will be sent via post a week before meetings, please bring these with you to each meeting. Minutes will be emailed after each meeting. Please read over these before the next meeting as they will need to be confirmed.

We have a Gore District Youth Council page on Facebook. Please ensure you 'like' the page because it can be used as another method of communication. Once everyone has 'liked' it we can have a closed 2013 Youth Council page.

The meeting concluded at 5.39 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday 18 April at 4pm, in the Council Chambers.