



**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON
TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2008, AT 7:36 pm**

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Dixey and Youth Crs D Luoni (Chairman), K Barron, J Bone, M Boyd, N Dickson, A Heslip, J Jenkinson, R King, F Maslin, E Paterson, and A Rennie.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler) and the Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell).

APOLOGIES B Stark and H White apologised for absence and F Maslin apologised for lateness.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of D Luoni, seconded by J Jenkinson, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

F Maslin attended the meeting from 7:39 pm.

Clause 4 – National Hoodie Day

J Jenkinson advised \$545.30 was raised by St Peters College for National Hoodie Day.

K Barron noted it had been a success at Gore High School with teacher support and would advise the amount raised at the July meeting.

2. JUNE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

The Council's Committee agenda for June 2008 had been circulated. The Chief Executive advised it was an opportunity for the Youth Council to find out what was happening in its Council.

Cr Dixey reported on WasteNet Southland and the former Gore landfill site. He noted the Gore Forest Native Group had plans to develop the site and thought the Youth Council could help.

J Jenkinson suggested the community could have input on what it would like to happen with the site.

The Parks and Recreation Manager noted regular planting was not currently happening and he thought an Arbour Day programme could be introduced in the schools.

RESOLVED on the motion of D Luoni, seconded by J Bone, THAT the Youth Council endorse in principle, native planting on the former Gore landfill site,

AND THAT consultation be taken with the District's youth seeking input on how the land could be developed.

3. REPORT OF VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI AROUND THE DISTRICT

The Parks and Recreation Manager spoke about the ongoing problem with vandalism and graffiti in the Gore District. It currently cost the ratepayers \$8,000 per annum to clean up. The skate park was a prime example with the initial art-based graffiti being defaced to such an extent, it was to be totally cleaned off.

The Roding Manager added damage to road signs was costly and could cause a serious accident. A large proportion of the budget for renewing road signs was used as a result of vandalism.

Discussions ensued about the difficulties in keeping graffiti under control. It was an ever increasing problem.

The Chief Executive thought it would be good to have the Police and Youth Aid Officer attend the next meeting for their input.

It was suggested an event could be held where individuals could be invited to tag temporary fence panels at the skate park similar to an art exhibition.

4. REPORT ON CHAINS ACROSS RIVER ACCESS IN EAST GORE

The Roding Manager spoke about the Council's rationale to put chains across access to the track from River Terrace to Woolwich Street on the river side of the floodbank. Damage to the flood bank from motorbikes and the possibility of a serious accident had resulted in the chains being erected. The Council had been unwilling to upgrade the track but he noted it did not

currently allow easy for pedestrian access. He wondered if it would be worthwhile to make modifications to allow cyclists and pedestrians on the track which would be a relatively low cost.

J Bone noted motorbikes were still using the track and agreed it would be good for it to be open to pedestrians and cyclists.

It was illegal to ride motorbikes on reserves. The Youth Council would keep it under consideration.

5. YOUTH COUNCIL FORUM

D Luoni advised the youth forum had been discussed at the training seminar held with Tristan Swain and was to be held in August at Christchurch. It was a chance for representatives from Youth Councils around the country to meet and learn about their roles as youth councillors. There was a big cost involved and a decision was required on whether it wished to be involved, to what extent and how it would be funded.

Cr Dixey thought it could be left until the Youth Council had established itself further and he questioned the value of it at this early stage.

J Jenkinson thought it could be interesting to hear what other Youth Councils had gained from attending the forum and assumed it would be held annually.

D Luoni agreed it could be hugely beneficial to provide some direction, but wondered whether the Youth Council could justify the cost of attending when it had only just started. He urged the Youth Council to find out more information about the forum and it would need to be discussed prior to the July meeting to ensure any registration would be on time.

6. REPORT FROM OUT OF SCHOOL CARE WORKING PARTY

F Maslin reported St Peters College had undertaken a survey but the results could not be provided as the other two schools, Gore High and Longford had yet to complete its surveys.

N Dickson noted Longford Intermediate had requested a covering letter with the survey for the parents which had not been drafted at this stage. He was planning to have the survey put out the following week.

In response to F Maslin, D Luoni felt the consultation needed to cover both parents and children. He had spoken with Harley Ware and been advised there was a possibility that YMCA in

Invercargill was looking to expand. He had asked him to speak at the next meeting.

The survey results would be provided at the July meeting.

7. VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

D Luoni asked for the Youth Council to provide a vision statement to sum up what it was about. He felt it needed to set some short, medium and long term goals and how the Youth Council expected to achieve them.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Cr Dixey asked the Youth Council to visit the Pakeke Lions cardboard recycling venue to show them what was happening. He had recently attended a Public Conveniences working party meeting and noted loitering around the town was causing problems. The Council were suggesting a bylaw could be introduced.

D Luoni felt a bylaw was not the solution and perhaps it could look at giving people something else to do.

A Heslip felt the seats situated outside the toilets encouraged people to loiter.

The meeting concluded at 8:54 pm.