



**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2008, AT 7:30 pm**

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Dixey and Youth Cr D Luoni (Chairman), Youth Crs J Bone, M Boyd, N Dickson, H White, A Rennie and B Stark.

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Administration Manager (Susan Jones).

**APOLOGIES** Youth Crs J Jenkinson, E Paterson, A Heslip, R Gibson, F Maslin and Kate Barron apologised for absence

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED on the motion of N Dickson, seconded by J Bone, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

2. PRESENTATION FROM ACTING SENIOR SERGEANT RICHARD McPHAIL

Senior Sergeant Richard McPhail and Sergeant Ian Temple were in attendance and discussed graffiti, loitering, vandalism and other anti-social behaviours in the Gore District and the legislative powers that the Police had to prosecute offenders.

*Senior Sergeant McPhail and Sergeant Temple departed the meeting at 7.49 pm.*

3. PRESENTATION FROM HARLEY WARE

Harley Ware was in attendance and spoke about the YMCA's intention to expand its programme to include Gore. It was possible the after school care may be able to be included.

He advised that a pilot programme would be run by the YMCA at Longford Intermediate for up to 15 Year 8 children for an hour during school time and would highlight values such as honesty, responsibility, integrity and respect. Additional activities such as cooking, team building and rock climbing would be included. It was hoped that the children who started the course would continue on through other courses. The pilot programme would last for two terms and the participants would hopefully move on to a Level 1 course to be run at secondary school next year. It was relatively cheap to run due to funding received from the Community Trust of Southland.

He added in terms of after school care for older children, a person had been employed by the Maitua Youth Centre who would offer a programme probably one day per week after school. There was a lot of paperwork involved with setting up OSCAR programmes but it attracted a lot of funding. Sport Southland was investigating running an after school recreation programme.

Cr Dixey suggested Harley provide a report back to the Youth Council in say three months after the programme had started.

H Ware advised that Nathan Judd had recently started as the Gore Youth Worker and would be mingling with young people at the skate park and other areas.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDS RAISED FROM NATIONAL HOODIE DAY

N Dickson advised \$580 had been raised at Gore High School but it was uncertain as to whether the full amount would be available to the Youth Council.

5. YOUTH FORUM

Information on the Youth in Local Government Forum to be held in Christchurch on 6-8 October was relayed to the meeting.

**RESOLVED on the motion of J Bone, seconded by M Hansen, THAT D Luoni attend the Youth in Local Government Forum in Christchurch on 6-8 October.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of N Dickson, seconded by A Rennie, THAT an application for financial assistance to attend the Forum be made to the Maitua Licensing Trust.**

6. ART/GRAFFITI EXHIBITION AT THE SKATE PARK

The meeting considered the format of an art/graffiti exhibition. Rather than exhibiting at the skate park which was felt to be perhaps a little isolated, Cr Dixey suggested the exhibition be held at the Gore A&P Show in February.

D Luoni suggested a Sub-Committee be formed to establish the criteria for an exhibition and arranging judges,

Nathan and Marc indicated an interest in being involved.

**RESOLVED on the motion of M Hansen, seconded by B Stark, THAT a Sub-Committee be established to organise an art/graffiti exhibition to be held at the 2009 Gore A&P Show.**

7. RESULTS OF SURVEY FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

N Dickson had results from the survey carried out at Gore High School, but other members of the Working Party were absent from the

meeting so he suggested waiting until the August meeting for further discussion.

8. VISION STATEMENT/GOALS/STRATEGIC PLAN

Due to few members, this item was held over until the August meeting. D Luoni said the intention was for a statement of intent for the group and goals the Youth Council wanted to achieve.

9. HOKONUI HORIZONS

D Luoni advised he had been approached by Rachel Eyre of Hokonui Horizons. The organisation had a charter that ensured the community was healthy. She had provided him with a document about future scenarios for New Zealand and where it could be headed in terms of environment, culture, economy etc.

There was a game that was run by Landcare Research and the Youth Council had been approached to be involved. He suggested a special meeting could be held to play the game and look at what it meant for the Youth Council.

Cr Dixey referred to the letter that had been received from Hokonui Horizons and the meeting scheduled for later in the month.

D Luoni said he would like to attend the meeting on 31 July. N Dickson and M Hansen also indicated they would attend.

**RESOLVED on the motion of J Bone, seconded by N Dickson, THAT a delegation from the Youth Council attend the meeting on 31 July.**

With respect to taking part in the game, Cr Dixey offered to speak with R Eyre to ascertain what was involved.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19 August 2008

The meeting concluded at 8.38 pm