



**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON  
TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2008, AT 7:33 pm**

**PRESENT** Cr Dixey and Youth Crs D Luoni (Chairman), J Bone, M Boyd, N Dickson, R Gibson, A Heslip, J Jenkinson, R King, F Maslin, E Paterson, B Stark and H White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell).

**APOLOGIES** K Barron, M Hansen, A Rennie and the Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry) apologised for absence.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED** on the motion of R King, seconded by J Jenkinson, **THAT** the report of the Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2008, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Clause 4 – Confirmation of proceeds raised from National Hoodie Day

N Dickson advised he was still unsure as to what funds would be available from Gore High as he had yet to meet with the Rector.

Clause 9 – Hokonui Horizons

Cr Dixey advised he had contacted Rachel Eyre from Hokonui Horizons and thought the game from Landcare Research was not something the Youth Council needed to look at.

2. MATAURA HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

N Dickson had been invited to represent the Youth Council on the Mataura Taskforce Committee. Plans were underway to develop a Youth Centre in Mataura with Harley Ware and Hokonui Horizons and he asked for input on what such a centre should have. The initial plan was for a café with cheap food, dance floor, enough room to hold dance parties, pool tables and couches.

F Maslin suggested it could offer internet access.

Cr Dixey thought it could be located in the old Town Hall.

N Dickson added there had been discussions about establishing a BMX park where the youth could build their own tracks.

D Luoni said it was unfortunate the Youth Council did not have a representative from Mataura.

N Dickson advised the results of the Mataura Health Needs assessment had been developed from the last census. He asked whether the Youth Council thought a BMX track was a viable option.

J Jenkinson asked if there was any land available and expressed concern about the lack of adult supervision.

R King thought a BMX track would only suit a minority of people.

N Dickson said it could be located on a section of land by the landfill.

Cr Dixey asked the Youth Council to pass on any feedback to N Dickson. It was important to try and help, as a large number of kids in Mataura were dropping out of school.

D Luoni asked whether the taskforce wanted the Youth Council to be involved long term.

N Dickson replied it would like the Youth Council's opinion.

F Maslin thought the taskforce could consider offering jobs at the Centre as an alternative.

J Jenkinson suggested educational options be made available at the Centre to teach job skills.

D Luoni suggested computer games.

Discussion was held about the similarities of Gore to Mataura. Mataura's low decile school had been a reason for the survey to be implemented.

N Dickson said he had been asked to represent Mataura on the Youth Council.

**RESOLVED on the motion of J Jenkinson, seconded by F Maslin, THAT N Dickson represent Mataura on the Youth Council.**

### 3. RESULTS OF THE SURVEY FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

N Dickson advised the results from surveying years 7-10 at Gore High School and Longford Intermediate were available. He identified there was a need for after school programmes with a range of indoor/outdoor activities. There were concerns about cost and he had approached various facilities who had intimated there would be no problem in developing package deals.

J Jenkinson advised approximately 50% of the year 7-10 students had parental care after school. An after school programme would be of great assistance to the community and provide help with homework. He suggested there was a need for a Youth Centre where kids could hang out which could solve the loitering problem. He felt the Youth Council needed to contact Harley Ware and Nathan Judd who could give better insight to the availability of such a centre with unobtrusive supervision.

R King advised Nathan Judd was keen to get on board with the idea of developing a Youth Centre.

F Maslin suggested for Nathan Judd to attend the next meeting.

N Dickson and J Jenkinson would provide a copy of the actual survey to the next meeting.

Cr Dixey suggested approaching Hokonui Horizons, Nathan Judd and Harley Ware to help get a Youth Centre established. The survey had identified a need and the next step was to get in touch with people who could help.

D Luoni agreed and thought it would be good to get involvement from them rather than the Youth Council starting its own programme.

J Jenkinson questioned whether there was a need for two Youth Centres. He thought there could be a carpool system set up for kids in Mataura to get to Gore.

N Dickson did not think it would not be an option as the Youth Centre was being developed specifically for youth in Mataura.

Cr Dixey agreed transport would be a problem but suggested the Youth Centre's could meet once or twice a year. He asked if youth groups held at the local churches would be sufficient as there were cafés located at both the Calvin and Baptist churches.

R King felt it would not be sufficient as there needed to be a drop in centre available and the churches could not provide that.

**RESOLVED on the motion of J Jenkinson, seconded by F Maslin, THAT an invitation be extended to Nathan Judd to attend the September Youth Council meeting.**

R King said she would contact Nathan.

#### 4. VISION STATEMENT/GOALS/STRATEGIC PLAN

D Luoni asked for ideas about the Vision Statement. It needed to be a broad statement about what the Youth Council wished to achieve.

After group discussion, the vision statement was recorded as *“Our purpose is to serve the youth of the Gore District and act to increase their opportunities”*.

**RESOLVED on the motion of J Jenkinson, seconded by F Maslin, THAT the vision statement of the Gore District Youth Council be *“Our purpose is to serve the youth of the Gore District and act to increase their opportunities”*.**

D Luoni called for feedback on goals to be set.

J Bone felt the Youth Council should not set goals as it could limit its achievements.

Cr Dixey said the Youth Council had already set itself some goals with the Art/Graffiti Exhibition, after school care, and the skate park. Tree planting at Hamilton Park could be another goal.

H White did not think there should be too many set.

F Maslin felt it was important to set firm goals, to give the Youth something to aim for and as a guide for the future members of the Council.

The Youth Council agreed to setting goals.

D Luoni thought the Youth Council could help motivate the establishment of an after school programme and development of a Youth Centre.

Cr Dixey advised a group had been set up to plant trees at Hamilton Park and had requested the Youth Council’s help.

R Gibson thought the Youth Council needed to be role models for youth and if they were involved, others could follow.

F Maslin felt it did not revolve around youth issues.

N Dickson suggested the Youth Council could establish its presence in the District by running an event like the exhibition.

D Luoni agreed and thought an event to raise the profile of the Youth Council was good idea especially due to recent articles in the media about teenage drinking. It could be risky but rewarding.

J Jenkinson thought a concert at Dolamore Park could be a good idea.

The Committee agreed to run a social event to make the Youth Council more tangible.

The goals set were:

1. Organise an art/graffiti exhibition
2. Becoming actively involved in assisting with the creation of a Youth Centre and an after school care programme.
3. Run a social event to make the Youth Council more tangible

A sub-committee was formed to organise the social event and consisted of N Dickson (chair), J Bone, M Boyd, R King, E Paterson and B Stark.

## 5. ART/GRAFFITI EXHIBITION SUB-COMMITTEE

D Luoni called for nominations for the sub-committee.

J Bone queried what the Youth Council was trying to achieve by holding such an event.

N Dickson said the event would help show that graffiti was not just about vandalising property and could be seen as a form of art. He hoped it could become an annual event.

F Maslin added that it would hopefully show youth there was no need to tag property.

A sub-committee was formed to organise the exhibition and consisted of J Jenkinson (chair), R Gibson, A Heslip, D Luoni, F Maslin and H White.

## 6. YOUTH FORUM

J Jenkinson raised his interest in attending the Youth forum in Christchurch and said he would be happy to pay his own way.

D Luoni said he had finalised his travel arrangements and thought it would be good to have someone else going to the forum that would still be on the Youth Council next year so the information gleaned would be retained.

Cr Dixey asked if Marty Redhead could attend the next meeting to give his perspective on what he was doing in the community.

**RESOLVED on the motion of N Dickson, seconded by J Jenkinson, THAT an invitation be extended to Marty Redhead to attend the September Youth Council meeting.**

The meeting concluded at 8:57 pm.