



REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009, AT 7.23 pm

PRESENT Cr Dixey and Youth Crs G Austin, S Dickie from 7.42pm, N Dickson S Dodds, A Heslip from 7.42pm, L Keenan, F Maslin, G McVicar, K Millard, A Miller, M Morris, T Osborne, A Rennie, D Smith, B Stark, M Vercoe and H Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES Samantha Dickie and Amy Heslip apologised for lateness. Community Development Officer (CDO) (Ms Colleen TeAu), Youth Councillors Hayden Diack, Shannon Pay and Hannah Rawiri, apologised for their absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Frankie Maslin, seconded by Laura Keenan, **THAT** the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 16 April 2009, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Youth Week

Cr Dixey advised the finalised arrangements for Youth Week. There would be the Mataura has Talent event; movie, popcorn and a drink at the SBS St James Theatre at a cost of \$5 per person; a pool party and an ice disco. The Hip Hop Prestige concert scheduled to be held in Mataura had now been downsized to children at Mataura School only.

The Chairman advised buses would not be provided to transport people to the Prestige Hip Hop Concert in Invercargill.

Cr Dixey asked if Youth Councillors had arranged what events they would be attending..

The Chairman confirmed groups of Youth Councillors would attend the pool party, ice disco and movie.

F Maslin said the Youth Council needed to offer more assistance to the Community Development Officer so that planning and advertising of events could be finalised earlier.

L Keenan suggested next year a sub-committee be formed to coordinate different events for Youth Week.

N Dickson advised Hannah Rawiri was resigning from the Youth Council and Georgia McVicar would be the new representative for Menzies College.

2. HOKONUI RUNANGA – ANAMATA SEMINAR

Mr Terry Stott and four young people spoke to the meeting about what they had learned at a recent ALAC seminar.

3. SETTING GOALS

The summary of ideas put forward by Youth Councillors was discussed.

A Miller thought a social or ball would be a good idea.

M Vercoe thought a social that was not too formal was a good idea.

Cr Dixey thought the third term would be a more appropriate time as everybody got very busy in the fourth term.

T Osborne, A Rennie and G Austin suggested more social events to get the youth in the community interacting more.

L Keenan and N Dickson thought it would be good to get involved with other Youth Councils.

K Millard thought a youth sports league of some sort could be organised around the opening of the new stadium.

M Vercoe thought the Youth Council could become more involved in raising alcohol and drug awareness amongst the youth in the community.

D Smith thought a social event for the primary schools and another for the secondary school age youth would be a good idea.

Everyone agreed a non-alcoholic social event was worth pursuing..

F Maslin said the Youth Council could help to advertise youth events happening in the community through the schools.

F Maslin and N Dickson thought creating a webpage with a link from the Gore District Council website that would be updated regularly would be a good goal to achieve. Everyone agreed.

Cr Dixey advised the Gore District Council had a website and there was also a Gore website. The sub-committee responsible for the Gore website had applied to the Council for funding to have the website updated and developed.

Two sub-committees were formed to help achieve the goals of setting up a webpage and the organising of a social event. If the web page was not a possible option, the sub-committee would be responsible for organising communication to schools and community groups.

A sub-committee was formed to create a webpage and consisted of F Maslin (Chair) A Miller, B Stark, L Keenan, G Austin, A Heslip, M Vercoe, S Dodds and D Smith.

A sub-committee was formed to organise a social event and consisted of N Dickson (Chair), T Osborne, A Rennie, M Morris, S Dickie, K Millard, G McVicar, H Diack, H Wilson and S Pay.

The goals set were:

1. To create a website off a link of the Gore District Council website that will be updated regularly.
2. Interacting with other Youth Councils and networking within the youth community and to get their opinions heard at meetings and in the press.
3. To organise a social function for the youth in the community.

4. SUBMISSIONS FOR LTCCP

A copy of the submission put forward to the LTCCP from the Youth Council was perused and discussed.

Cr Dixey thought it was good the Youth Council had got together and drafted a submission. He noted that it had been mentioned in a local newspaper.

5. COMBINED YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman advised the Ministry of Youth Development would be hosting a combined Youth Council meeting for the Southland District Youth Councils on Tuesday 30 June 2009 at the Invercargill Library Function rooms.

Cr Dixey asked T Millan to write and advise the schools about the meeting as it would fall on a school day.

6. ALAC YOUTH STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT HUI

An invitation had been received from ALAC for any youth interested in attending an engagement Hui on 2 June 2009 about the direction it should be taking when working to reduce alcohol related harm for young people.

A Heslip and S Dickie now attended the meeting.

N Dickson, F Maslin, L Keenan and K Millard confirmed they would be available to attend.

7. PROPOSED WORKSHOP REGARDING THE GORE DISTRICT ALCOHOL STRATEGY

The Community Development Officer would discuss the possibility of holding a workshop in the near future and would provide an overview of the alcohol strategy at the next meeting.

8. GENERAL

Cr Dixey advised Jan Goulding had been appointed as the new Youth Worker for Community Connections. He said it would be good if the Youth Council and community groups liaised and worked together with issues that related to youth in the community.

A multi cultural group had been formed and had held two successful events. Cr Dixey said he thought it would be a good opportunity for the Youth Council to get involved. The group meet once a month as a social gathering. A lot of young people were involved in the group.

The meeting concluded at 8.09 pm.