



GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON  
THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2009, AT 7.20 pm**

**PRESENT** Cr Dixey and Youth Crs G Austin, S Dickie, N Dickson, S Dodds, A Heslip, F Maslin, G McVicar, K Millard, A Miller, M Morris, T Osborne, A Rennie, D Smith, B Stark, M Vercoe from 7.35pm and H Wilson.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

**APOLOGIES** Youth Councillor Maxine Vercoe apologised for lateness. Youth Councillors Laura Keenan and Shannon Pay apologised for their absence.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED on the motion of Kate Millard, seconded by Andrew Rennie, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 21 May 2009, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.**

2. ALAC YOUTH STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT HUI

F Maslin attended an ALAC Hui in Dunedin recently and provided an overview of what she had learned. Frankie was disappointed that she was the only Gore Youth Councillor able to attend. There was lots of brainstorming in a workshop environment and those in attendance were encouraged to offer honest feedback about their opinions on youth drinking in the community.

3. LTCCP SUBMISSION

A letter had been received from the Gore District Council regarding the submission put forward by the Youth Council.

The Community Development Officer said the submission was a good combined effort from the Youth Council. The Parks and Recreation Manager was exploring the opportunity of providing some toys/equipment for the Gore and Mataura Pools.

Cr Dixey explained the LTCCP process. If other submissions such as the new hockey turf, and new equestrian centre were successful, the youth in the community would certainly benefit from them.

#### 4. COMBINED YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

A letter had been received from Trystan Swain, the Youth Participation Advisor from Ministry of Youth Development advising details of the Youth Council meeting and workshop for the Southland District Youth Councils on 30 June from 10am till 3pm.

The Community Development Officer confirmed the schools had been advised of the meeting.

All Youth Councillors present, with the exception of A Miller were available to attend. T Millan would contact S Pay and L Keenan to confirm their attendance and would arrange transport to leave at 8.50am from the Council office. A reminder would be sent out to everyone.

#### 5. THE GORE DISTRICT ALCOHOL STRATEGY

The Community Development Officer presented a power point slide show about the Gore District Alcohol Strategy and explained how the Strategy had come about. A wide range of people and groups had been involved in funding and gathering information which was then collated by author Ron Tustin.

#### 6. NATIONAL HOODIE DAY

National Hoodie Day would be held on the United Nation's International Youth Day, Wednesday 12 August. Ideas were discussed at the meeting.

The Community Development Officer asked the meeting what Hoodie Day meant to them.

M Vercoe said it was to change the stereotype that associated hoodies with gangster behaviour.

N Dickson thought money raised this year could be used to go towards the social event the Youth Council was organising. Everyone agreed.

F Maslin liked the idea of getting the teachers at the schools behind the day by also wearing hoodies.

The CDO asked what ideas the Youth Council had for promoting the day and wondered how the Council could assist, i.e writing a letter to the schools promoting the day and hand delivering to the schools.

K Millard thought sending a letter to the schools would help to get them behind the Hoodie Day.

F Maslin thought primary schools could be invited to get behind Hoodie Day this year.

The CDO thought the primary schools could run a mufti day and the Youth Councillors could visit the schools and promote the Youth Council to younger children.

Cr Dixey thought if the primary schools were approached the Youth Council would need to have a specific project for which the funds raised would be used.

The CDO said there were some good ideas for the Youth Councillors to talk and think about for the upcoming day in August.

## 7. DESIGN FOR GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL LOGO COMPETITION

The Administration Manager had written to local secondary schools and invited them to participate in a competition to design a Youth Council logo. St Peters Year 7 entries were the only ones received. There would be a prize for the winner.

None of the Youth Councillors had been aware of the competition and were disappointed they had not had a chance to promote students to enter.

Cr Dixey thought the competition should be left open for another month to get the competition promoted at school assemblies.

M Vercoe thought the competition was aimed at younger students.

Cr Dixey wondered if the graphic design students would be able to produce some good ideas.

The CDO asked T Millan to provide a copy of the original letter sent to the schools.

K Millard and M Vercoe thought older students might be too busy to enter the competition.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Kate Millard, seconded by Frankie Maslin, THAT local schools be approached to seek ideas for the Gore District Youth Council logo.**

## 8. YOUTH WEEK EVALUATION

Cr Dixey was concerned about the lack of action, promises broken, and the fact that some Youth Councillors had not been behind the organising of Youth Week. He thought it had been an absolute flop. At the previous meeting it had been discussed and realised how important it was for the Youth Councillors to attend the organised events and interact with the younger children of the community.

M Vercoe said there had been good representation from the Youth Council at the ice skating event and the rink was fully booked out.

Cr Dixey wondered if that had been because of the Calvin Church participation or the Youth Council participation. He said it was important for the Youth Council to commit and get behind events such as Youth Week. He wondered how the Youth Councillors felt about their involvement.

The Community Development Officer felt partly responsible as she had been ill during Youth Week. Publicity needed to be worked on for next time. She felt communication between herself and the Youth Councillors needed to be ongoing, especially when projects were being organised.

The CDO had attended the Hip Hop event in Mataura. It had been a success with Mataura school children and would feature on television early next year.

The \$500 funding received from the Mayoral Taskforce funding had been used for the Ice Disco - \$350 and \$150 towards prizes for Mataura has Talent competition.

F Maslin said only five people had attended the movie night.

T Millan said the movie theatre staff had reported back that posters and advertising around the theatre would have helped to promote the event. They thought regular movie goers would have supported the evening if they had known.

N Dickson asked for suggestions for next time.

K Millard thought everyone needed to be assigned particular tasks to ensure things got done.

#### 9. GENERAL

F Maslin thought it would be a good idea for all Youth Councillors to bring along their diary to the meetings, so dates could be set and confirmed for future meetings.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING – 23 July 2009.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.