

**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009, AT 7.00 pm**

PRESENT Cr Dixey and Youth Crs H Diack, N Dickson, S Dodds, A Heslip, L Keenan, G McVicar, A Miller, T Osborne, S Pay, D Smith, B Stark, M Vercoe and H Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE Community Development Officer (Ms Colleen TeAu) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES Youth Councillors Amy Heslip, Frankie Maslin, Kate Millard, Georgia McVicar and Shannon Pay apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of A Miller seconded by M Vercoe, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 27 August 2009, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

2. PRESENTATION FROM GENERAL MANAGER, DISTRICT ASSETS

The General Manager, District Assets, Mr Paul Withers was in attendance and explained what his role entailed and talked about his involvement with Civil Defence.

Disaster Awareness Week would run from 12-17 October inclusive. The General Manager showed a carry bag designed to help get the message through to the community Southland wide, about being prepared at all times in the home by having enough emergency items available to last up to three days, should a disaster occur.

He asked for a team of committed people to help promote Disaster Awareness Week by distributing the bags at the local New World supermarket and to encourage people to start purchasing the necessary items listed on the bags. He thought it was a good opportunity for the Youth Council to be involved in the community initiative.

In response to L Keenan, the General Manager said he would encourage Youth Councillors to distribute some bags at their schools.

RESOLVED on the motion of N Dickson, and seconded by L Keenan, THAT the Gore District Youth Council assist the local Civil Defence with its disaster awareness week promotion from 12–17 October, by distributing bags and information at the local New World supermarket.

3. PRESENTATION FROM JAN GOULDING, GORE YOUTH WORKER

Jan Goulding was in attendance and spoke about her role and experiences as a Community Youth Link Co-ordinator. Jan had come from a teaching and counselling background and her role was to assist with projects and to connect with youth in the community.

She was keen to attend more Youth Council meetings. She was there to guide, help and support and was open to ideas.

The Community Development Officer said when the Youth Council had been formed in 2008 it was always the intention to have the Youth Co-ordinator involved. It was great to see it happen.

4. COMMUNITY MAX PROGRAMME

The Community Development Officer and His Worship had attended a meeting with staff from the Invercargill City Council and Mayors of the Southland District regarding the Community Max programme. The Government was aiming to create 3000 new positions in community programmes for young people.

She was waiting to receive a meeting report that would contain ideas and suggestions of how the Youth Council could be involved.

5. LAW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS PAPER

Val Sim, from the Law Commission had visited Gore on 15 September and discussed the Law Commission's recommendations paper on the reform of New Zealand's Liquor Law. The Community Development Officer, Nathan Dickson and Braden Stark had attended.

B Stark said the meeting had been about what youth views were on possible law changes surrounding alcohol.

N Dickson said discussion had been held regarding having a split rule surrounding the age for purchasing alcohol at a licensed premises, but not at takeaway outlets.

He thought the meeting had been a great opportunity to be involved and to be able to voice concerns on the Youth Council's behalf.

The Community Development Officer said she was proud of how the Youth Councillors had responded to questions and thanked them for their involvement.

6. WEB PAGE AND SOCIAL EVENT SUB COMMITTEES

Web Page

L Keenan and T Millan had met with the Gore District Council IT Manager Tony Shepherd about the implementation of a Youth Council page on the Gore District Council website.

The Youth Council needed to decide on the layout and theme it wanted the page to look like. Some printouts of other Youth Council home pages were distributed.

The sub committee would draft a copy of how they wanted the page to be set out.

Social Event

The Sub-Committee advised it was planning a drive in movie night outside the multi sports complex. The screen would be the side of a truck. Cover charge would be approximately \$3.00. Refreshments would be served by PHO South. The date and movie to be screened were still to be confirmed.

7. GENERAL

N Dickson advised the next Maitaura Taskforce meeting was scheduled for 12 October. He asked T Osborne and L Keenan to consider attending with him as he was leaving the district at the end of the year. Continued representation from the Youth Council would be ideal.

S Dodds advised that the EXO day event had had a name change to Elevate Day due to an annual event held in Australia having the same name.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15 October 2009

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm.