



**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON
TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010, AT 4.00 PM**

PRESENT Cr Dixey and Youth Crs B Austin, N Crawford, S Dickie, H Duthie, L Keenan, F Maslin, T McKeown, A Miller C Morton, T Osborne (from 4.42pm) and N Parry.

IN ATTENDANCE His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks), Community Development Officer (CDO) (Ms Colleen TeAu) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES Youth Cr H Diamond, S Pay, J Stark, S Tuhakaraina and M Vercoe apologised for absence. T Osborne apologised for lateness.

Cr Dixey introduced His Worship the Mayor to the Youth Councillors.

His Worship thanked the Youth Councillors for volunteering to be a part of the Gore District Youth Council. Together with the responsibility went the privilege. It was very important that senior Council staff and Councillors were able to connect with youth. He thanked returning Councillors for the good progress that had been made in 2009.

He said from a Council perspective, it wanted feedback and comment on agendas that required decision making. They were a valuable resource.

His Worship said when selecting a leader, several factors needed to be considered, ie honesty, integrity, having the ability to look at the big picture, communication skills and having fun.

The Council chambers required new tables that would need to last a long time, and invited Youth Councillors to come up with a design for some tables.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of Sam Dickie, seconded by Laura Keenan, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held

on 5 November 2009, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

2. DECLARATION

His Worship took a declaration from Nathan Crawford.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Cr Dixey explained the nomination process

The Community Development Officer invited Youth Councillors interested in standing for Chairperson to speak to the meeting. Youth Councillors Frankie Maslin and Laura Keenan both introduced themselves.

A vote was held and F Maslin was declared elected as Chairperson and Laura Keenan, as Deputy Chairperson.

4. SIR PETER BLAKE TRUST YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP FORUM, WELLINGTON

A letter had been received from Environment Southland inviting 15-18 year olds interested in attending the National Youth Environmental Forum as an ambassador for Southland to apply. The conference would be held in Wellington from 11-15 April 2010.

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND

A letter had been received inviting applications for funding for projects that would improve outcomes for young people aged 12-24 years. Applications from the Youth Development fund would close on 19 March 2010.

The Community Development Officer (CDO) said although the timeframe did not allow the Youth Council enough time to apply this year, it was a great opportunity for it to take notice and think about a potential project that could be applied for next year. Funding of up to \$250,000 was available.

F Maslin thought it was an opportunity to foster ideas for the future Youth Council.

Cr Dixey wondered if it would be possible to apply this year for funding for a person to be employed at the new Indoor Event Centre to work with youth programmes, especially with school holidays coming up.

The CDO thought Sport Southland already had a programme organised. The OSCAR programme also offered holiday activities for young people.

The Programme Co-ordinator from Sport Southland, Mr Matt McFadzien was interested in attending a future meeting to speak about youth leader activities coming up at the new Indoor Events Centre.

Tom Osborne now attended the meeting at 4.42pm.

6. YOUTH PARLIAMENT

A letter had been received from the Ministry of Youth Development advising Youth Parliament 2010 would be held on 6 and 7 July. Every electorate throughout New Zealand was eligible to send a youth representative for a day.

The Community Development Officer said she had information available if Youth Councillors were interested in attending. There was also an opportunity for a Youth Councillors to attend as press in the gallery while the Youth Parliament were sitting.

RESOLVED on the motion of H Duthie, seconded by T McKeown, THAT the Gore District Youth Council support Franky Maslin's application to attend the Youth Parliament Day.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The new website was ready to go live. Two computer/IT minded councillors were required to be responsible for regular updating of the site.

RESOLVED on the motion of H Duthie, seconded by B Austin, THAT Tim McKeown and Nathan Crawford be responsible for updating the Youth Council website on a regular basis.

A meeting time would be arranged for T McKeown and N Crawford to receive training on how to update the webpage from the Council's IT Manager.

8. REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The annual regional Youth Council Meeting would be hosted by the Gore District Youth Council. The Southland District Youth Council and Invercargill City Youth Council would be attending. The date had been postponed to July, and would be held in the James Cumming Wing. Workshops would be provided by Tristan Swain, from the Ministry of Youth Development.

The Community Development Officer advised workshop options to choose from would be; running a meeting, leadership; representing your community; working with the media; and working as a group.

9. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Ministry of Youth Development had recently offered the Gore District Youth Council \$5000 towards a worthwhile project. The Officer had consulted with the Invercargill City Youth Council and Southland District Youth Council and it had been decided to pool resources together to deliver a leadership forum, with \$15,000 being available. The forum would be held at the Ascot Hotel.

A Planning Committee of Youth Councillors would be formed in the near future to finalise details.

The CDO expressed her thanks to F Maslin, M Vercoe, N Crawford and S Pay for their attendance and help at the Children's Day recently.

The Race Relations Expo was being held on Thursday 18 March from 7-9pm. It was a good way to support Youth Councillor's fellow exchange students. Some volunteers were required to help out at the movie night.

S Dickie, N Crawford, T Osborne and L Keenan were able to assist.

There was a Young Leaders Conference for Students against violence being held in Nelson on 16 April. Scholarships were available for two youths from Gore to attend. If anyone was interested in attending they were to advise the Officer.

The newly elected chairperson and deputy chairperson would be invited to attend the Youth in Local Government Conference in Porirua in April. The experience would expand their knowledge and they would then be able to bring that knowledge back.

Youth Week 2010 applications would be opening soon. It was time to pin down some ideas about activities that could be organised.

Some discussion was held regarding the idea of meeting more than once a month in a workshop environment, to better inform Youth Councillors of agenda items.

RESOLVED on the motion of T Osborne, seconded by L Keenan, THAT the Gore District Youth Council will attend a

workshop on the first Tuesday following the regular monthly meeting, at 4pm at the Council office.

The meeting concluded at 5.14pm.