



**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD IN THE JAMES CUMMING WING, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE
ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2010, AT 4.00 PM**

PRESENT Cr Dixey and Youth Crs B Austin, N Crawford, H Diamond, S Dickie, H Duthie, L Keenan, F Maslin, T McKeown, A Miller C Morton, T Osborne (from 4.20), N Parry, S Pay, and J Stark.

IN ATTENDANCE The Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Community Development Officer (CDO) (Ms Colleen TeAu), Youth Development Officer (Jan Goulding), Sport Southland (Matt McFadzien) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES Youth Cr M Vercoe apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of A Miller, seconded by S Dickie, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 16 March 2010, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

2. PRESENTATION FROM THE PLANNING CONSULTANT

Information has been received from the Gore District Council's Planning Consultant, Mr Keith Hovell regarding potential growth in the Gore District, if the lignite resource controlled by Solid Energy is developed.

Mr Hovell said an opportunity existed for the Youth Council to look at the issue of Gore being short of developable residential land.

If Solid Energy's venture went ahead the Gore District would probably require another 600 houses. There could be up to a 2000 labour force employed if the project progressed. It had created an opportunity for the Youth Council to express its view regarding how as a community it should respond to issues such as allowing sub-division and the erection of high-rise buildings.

He had deliberately not given Councillors any more information because he wanted their own opinions. They would be the people living in the District in 20 years time. He suggested they discuss the issue and then request any information they required.

L Keenan now attended the meeting at 4.08pm.

He said the first question would be to ascertain which areas were presently serviced that were not developed.

The Community Development Officer suggested the Youth Council form a sub-committee immediately to enable Councillors to speed things along.

RESOLVED on the motion of T McKeown, seconded by S Dickie, THAT Sam Dickie, Tom Osborne, Laura Keenan and Caroline Morton be appointed to the Planning Development Committee.

3. YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Community Development Officer said when following up on representation for the Gore District, that she was informed Youth Parliament was directed more at the university aged students. She had supplied feedback expressing disappointment regarding the misleading promotion around age and suggested another forum be held aimed at secondary school age groups.

4. YOUTH COUNCIL WEBSITE

N Crawford and T McKeown advised they had received training on how to update the Youth Council website.

All Councillors would email a few words about themselves and a jpg picture to N Crawford or T McKeown to be uploaded onto the website and any information they thought would be relevant to share.

C TeAu reminded Youth Councillors to send all items for the website, via T Millan for editing.

In response to J Goulding, T McKeown confirmed a link on the website to Youthlink would be set up.

5. REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING/SOUTHLAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Community Development Officer advised the Forum would be held in the supper room of the James Cumming Wing. The

afternoon would be dedicated to putting plans in place for the Southland Leadership Forum.

She encouraged the Councillors to think about positive Youth Leaders who would make interesting keynote speakers for the event.

6. CONSTITUTION

Discussion was held following the perusal of the Constitution.

In response to F Maslin, the Community Development Officer said the Council had approached Alternative Education Provider; REAP inviting representation on the Youth Council. At present, REAP was happy to participate by providing feedback on crunch issues as they arose. The Officer hoped that as the Youth Council evolved, more youth would feel comfortable at getting more involved.

7. YOUTH WEEK 2010 – 22-30 MAY 2010

Youth Week this year will be held from 22-30 May 2010. Following discussion held at the March workshop, two events have been proposed as follows:

- An outdoor movie night on 28 May at the Gore Showgrounds was suggested. Youth Link Co-ordinator, Ms Jan Goulding, was prepared to assist Councillors with organisation.

F Maslin wondered if using the MLT Indoor Event Centre was an option.

The Community Development Officer thought holding an event outside would prove to be more of a drawcard.

- A sports day was also proposed to be held on 30 May at the Indoor Event Centre. Sport Southland Programme Co-ordinator, Mr Matt McFadzien would support Councillors with the co-ordination of the event.

L Keenan would organise some posters to promote Youth Week events.

The Community Development Officer suggested the Councillors formed two sub-committee groups to organise the two events.

RESOLVED on the motion of S Pay, seconded by H Duthie, THAT T Osborne, S Pay, C Morton, T McKeown, A Miller, H

Duthie, S Dickie and H Diamond were appointed to the Movie Night Sub-committee,

THAT B Austin, N Crawford, L Keenan, F Maslin, N Parry, M Vercoe and J Stark were appointed to the Sports Day Sub-committee,

AND THAT the sub-committees meet and set out details for the two events to be held during Youth Week.

8. THE GORE DISTRICT ALCOHOL STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

The Community Development Officer said the advisory group had met earlier that day and F Maslin had represented the Youth Council at the meeting splendidly. The strategy had been adopted on 27 November 2009. The group would meet every six months to keep Health providers, the Police and Council up to date with alcohol related matters.. Issues discussed at the meeting included:

- Submission filed to Law Commission;
- Changes to Gaming and TAB Policies; and
- Police contact with the Council regarding 24 hour precinct.

L Keenan said alcohol abuse was a huge problem and society was limited at finding ways to control and stop the abuse.

The Community Development Officer thought an effective way to control was to enforce the law and to deliver penalties. The message would get through eventually.

L Keenan noted the Police were apprehending and penalising boy racers in Invercargill.

T McKeown said had never noticed any alcohol related issues when he visited Gore regularly.

H Duthie concurred.

J Goulding had been impressed with the increased “nominated sober driver” awareness that was evident with local youth.

9. YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

F Maslin and L Keenan had recently attended the Youth in Local Government Conference in Wellington and provided a power point presentation.

The meeting concluded at 5.25pm.