

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Lounge, James Cumming Wing, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 1 September 2014, at 5pm.

Present Georgia Johnstone (Chair), Renee Moyles, Alec McWhirter, Cirque Gammelin, Alice Robertson, Grace Kelly, Hamish Goatley, Brayden Scott, Sian Davis, Olivia Nicholson, Tayla Marlow, Skyla Mill, Abigail Visser, Paige Ogilvy, Georgia Nicol and Luke Howden.

In Attendance Youth Development Coordinator Kayla McIntosh, Cr Anne Gover, Kylie Weir Corporate Support Officer, Kylie Aitken Youth Worker, Tiffany Hiri Social Sector Trials Coordinator.

Apologies: Devin Kubala, Amy McCabe, Andrew Macleod, Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich, Megan McCall, Alex Parish and Jordan Edwards.

1. Confirmation of Report

The report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 11 August 2014 had been circulated. Alec McWhirter moved that it be received, seconded by Hamish Goatley.

Menzies College had advised Kayla that Tyron Belt would be replaced since he had not been able to make the commitment to the Youth Council this year.

2. Youth Council Radio Slot

Alex was not able to attend the meeting so this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.

3. Gore Youth Awards update

Kayla advised that Tiffany had held a meeting with the entertainment group for the Youth Awards. The biggest change from the entertainment group was brought to the Youth Council for a decision. This was the potential change of venue to the St James Theatre from the Town and Country Club reducing the expectation to have

alcohol at the event. By changing the venue the Youth Council also felt that it would give the awards a more Oscar or Video Music Awards red carpet feel and keep the event young. It would also save money by not having to pay lighting and sound costs as these were already available at the theatre. It would also remove the meal instead providing hors d'oeuvres and nibbles.

Olivia felt that by removing the meal it would take out a big part of the Youth Awards and said it could reduce numbers and people may not want to come back again this year if too many changes were made.

Georgia stated that if they changed the event this year and it did not work out then they could go back to the Town and Country Club the following year. It would take the connection away from the Community Awards and give it a more youthful focus.

Sian thought the theatre would be hard to socialise in due to the limited space in the isles and there was no table for food and drink to be placed on which would mean extra clean up.

Luke Howden now joined the meeting at 5.22pm

Luke advised he had met with Emma Carle at the St James Theatre. Emma had informed Luke that the cost could be around \$1000-1200, which would include the lights and sound set up, ushers and staff on the night.

Kayla asked the Youth Council to vote on moving the venue from the Town and Country to the St James Theatre. There were 13 votes in favour and 3 against.

RESOLVED on the motion of Georgia, seconded by Renee, THAT the venue for the 2014 Youth Awards be changed from the Gore Town and Country Club to the St James Theatre.

4. Notification about ChinWag

Kayla informed the Youth Council on ChinWag the new Council community newsletter, which would be available online every second month. There would also be a limited number of printed copies at Council facilities as well as Gore Hospital, Paper Plus, The Warehouse and Clutterbucks in Mataura. On alternative months, ChinWag would appear as a page in the Newslink.

Kayla asked if anyone had any ideas to put in ChinWag. It could be utilised to advertise the Youth Awards. Youth Councillors could sign up to get the digital copies as they were published.

5. Discussion about Youth Council performance

The Youth Council voted to pull the performance since it had been too long since the event and Councillors had forgotten the words and the skit.

The Youth Council decided to ask for another meet and greet with the Councillors on 23 September before they got too busy with exams.

6. Other matters

Kayla reminded the Youth Council about its workshop it had in the holidays Renee had talked about ideas for getting applications to the Youth Council sorted for 2015 and the idea for some Youth Councillors to be involved in the process or to be on the panel to help choose new members for next year.

Renee stated that by having applications open earlier then the applicants can come to the last couple of meetings and see if they like it before committing to the Youth Council.

Alec believed it was a good idea to be a part of the application process. However, it needed to be carried out before the end of year exams.

Brayden was worried the Youth Councillor on the panel would just choose their friends and not someone worthy of the cause.

Paige asked if the new Youth Council members could be announced at the awards therefore assisting with stimulating more interest amongst local youth to become a Youth Councillor in future years and give them someone to aspire to.

Luke advised that during his talk with Emma at St James Theatre the cheap movie held during youth week went well for both the Youth Council and the Theatre and they were welcome back anytime to hold another movie night. Discussion was held and it was decided to hold another cheap movie to raise funds for the Youth Awards in the next couple of months. Kayla informed the Councillors that she can sort the movie with Emma and the advertising as long as the Councillors helped on the night.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13 October at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 5.47pm.