

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Gore District Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 10 August 2015, at 5.00pm.

Present Devin Kubala (Chair), Renee Moyles, Brayden Scott, Alex Parish, Hamish Goatley, Kate Martin, Thomas Adam, Tom Davies, Max Balloch, Keeley Wilson, Olivia Samson, Danielle Harris, Maddy McKenzie, Sarah Miller, Tessa Kelly, Grace Kelly, Alec McWhirter, Emily Chamberlain and Mikayla Ferguson.

In Attendance Youth Council Liaison (Mrs Kayla Mitchell), Cr Anne Gover, Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apologies Samantha Keighley apologised for absence.

Cr Gover welcomed Kayla's return to the Youth Council under a new agreement with the Gore District Council.

1. Confirmation of Report

The report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 8 June 2015 had been circulated. Alex Parish moved that it be received, seconded by Brayden Scott.

2. Council Agenda Items

Gore Multisports Complex – draft Master Plan for public consultation

Discussion was held around what the Council saw for the potential future development at the Gore Multisports Complex.

Alex thought a new skate park developed on the site could be a good option to add to the alternatives proposed and would be well utilised while children were waiting on other sports to finish.

In response to Alec, Cr Gover advised the sports grounds would still be free to use and it would only be indoor areas that would have a user pay system.

Cr Gover advised the potential of having the football grounds at the Multisports site. She said it could alleviate safety concerns that were held with Hyde Park being so close to a busy street.

In response to Kayla, the Youth Council thought the possible aquatic expansion would be better if it included a waterslide and diving boards with a deeper pool or an area to go and relax that was not in the main swimming pool or the toddlers pool.

In response to Cr Gover the Youth Council thought a kitchen off the stadium would be a good idea for teams to utilise during tournaments and big events.

Tom stated he really liked the idea of having indoor cricket added to the complex so teams could practice during the winter when the fields were too wet.

Tessa thought the Council would need to be careful with making the stadium bigger as it was cold in there now and opening it further could make it worse, especially for spectators. She thought some form of heating would be needed.

In response to Cr Gover the Youth Council liked the idea of adding extra seating for bigger crowds at sporting events and thought it would be good to add seating along all the courts not just at one end.

The General Manager Community and Strategy attended the meeting at 5.05pm.

The overall thoughts for what the Council proposed were as follows:

- Good coverage of all sports
- Liked the idea of having overflow car parks as long as there was plenty for all the sports
- Warm up areas would be an advantage
- Liked the idea of it all in one spot
- Liked the idea of having a café
- Liked the indoor cricket for use during winter
- Thought the fitness track was a good idea and schools could utilise it
- Worried that the location for the warm up area was in a cold shaded spot with the potential to be icy
- Have an entry and exit to keep traffic flowing better
- Easier for parents to have all kids sports all in one area
- Liked the idea of an Aquatic Centre expansion
- Good plan overall and would make new opportunities for Gore.
- Could attract bigger events
- Could isolate a drop off area so parents would not have to go right into the area.

South Gore - Plan Change

The General Manager Community and Strategy introduced himself to the Youth Council and gave a brief overview of his role in the Council. He advised the Youth Council on the availability of land for future industrial developments by changing the zoning from rural to industrial in the plan change.

In response to Alec, the General Manager advised the Council was trying to attract industries and businesses that serviced the rural sector of the district.

In response to Kate, the General Manager advised south Gore area was the best place to start making zone changes and other areas of Gore could be considered in the future.

Cr Gover stated this area was already starting to be a big industrial area and it would help bring the attention of the area to other business owners.

In response to Alex, Cr Gover advised it would not affect home owners and they could still live in their houses. The only thing that would change would be the zoning status of the area.

In response to Tom, the General Manager advised most of the land in the area was privately owned.

In response to Thomas, the General Manager advised there would only be a cost to the landowners during the plan change if they chose to subdivide their land and they would incur land use consent charges.

Olivia and Emily informed the Youth Council that they could speak at the Council meeting on the topics on 11 August.

The General Manager Community and Strategy departed the meeting at 5.35pm.

3. Caveman Radio Show

Olivia, Hamish and Brayden gave a brief overview of how the radio show had gone on 21 July.

Olivia informed the Youth Councillors on the need for a better script as she felt it lacked enough topics to speak about.

The next radio show was scheduled to be held on 18 August and would involve Renee, Devin and Alec.

4. Auckland University of Technology Research – Kayla Mitchell

Kayla advised the Youth Council on a project she was involved with for the Auckland University of Technology as a Research Assistant and asked for some volunteer youth participants.

She advised the Youth Councillors the project was about how technology and online services could help with health. She would be running a group of 6 – 10 people and would be asking some questions. She advised participants would get a \$30.00 voucher for travel costs and time which would be a one off and take a hour and a half.

5. Enviroschool Hui

Kylie advised Alec, Alex and Emily had volunteered to run the presentation at the Enviroschool hui in Gore on 29 October 2015 and asked if anyone else wanted to help. Discussion was held around what the presentation could be and how they would present it.

The group decided to choose the topic “how young people can make a difference in their environment”.

6. Ministry of Youth Development Funding

Renee advised the Youth Councillors of an opportunity to try and secure extra funding towards an event from the Ministry of Youth Development to be used on a project during Youth Week last year.

Alec suggested holding another Junior Prom but building the event to be bigger and better with two different time slots for different age groups.

Alex suggested a mud/colour run.

Renee stated they needed to keep the idea broad as it would have to fit in with the Youth Week theme which had not been released yet.

Alec suggested a survey be put out in schools to get a feeling of what youth would like to see and to help the Youth Councillors decide on new ideas for future events.

Kate suggested holding a mini version of Kidzone in Gore.

The Youth Council decided to run the survey and distribute it within the local schools to gain ideas before applying for the funds.

7. Youth Awards

Cr Gover advised the SBS St James Theatre had been booked for 28 November 2015 from 12noon to 10.30pm. This would allow enough time for set up and clean up to occur.

Alec thought the nominations needed to be pushed more this year to improve on numbers received and making people aware of how they can be a part of the process.

Maddy asked for a junior and senior section to make it fair as younger nominees did not apply as they thought they would not win against older students.

Renee and Devin went over the categories for the Youth Awards so everyone knew what they were and the meaning behind them.

Kayla advised the Youth Council there were some complaints on the Black Sheep award's name and saw it as a form of bullying.

Alec liked the Black Sheep award and suggested putting an article in the paper showing what the awards names and meanings were to remove some of the stigma around the titles of the awards and removing the thought of it provoking bullying.

In response to Alec, Kayla advised the Youth Awards were targeted for the 12-24 age bracket. She suggested 12-16 would be for juniors and 17-24 would be for senior sections.

Discussion was held around the removal of the environmental award as it was a struggle to get any nominations for this category and it could be included into some of the other awards.

Cr Gover advised the winner(s) of the award received a trophy and some flowers or chocolates and a certificate. They are also offered an opportunity to come back and present prize the following year alongside the sponsor.

Discussion was held around making the tickets \$10.00 with no food as they could utilise the snacks available for sale at the theatre if they wish to eat something.

The Youth Council decided to get nomination forms out by the end of September and promote this through the Caveman radio show.

8. Christmas Parade

Kylie advised the Christmas Parade would be held on 13 December and asked for volunteers. Brayden, Grace, Max, Hamish, Keeley and Danielle all volunteered.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.