

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Gore District Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 21 September 2015, at 4.00pm.

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

In Attendance Youth Council Coordinator (Mrs Kayla Mitchell), Cr Anne Gover, Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Kylie Weir), Events and Promotions Manager (Ms Emma Carle) (from 5.30pm) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apologies Tessa Kelly, Mikayla Ferguson, Kate Martin and Caitlin Bennett apologised for absence.

1. Confirmation of Report

The report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2015 had been circulated. Olivia Samson moved that it be received, seconded by Brayden Scott.

2. Council Agenda Items

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy

Discussion was held around what remotely piloted aircraft were and why the Council needed to impose some rules around the use of drones in public places.

Alec thought these needed to be banned in residential areas to allow for individuals privacy.

Hamish thought it would be a good idea to keep them a certain distance from other people and private homes.

In response to Kayla, the Youth Council felt public places were alright for people to use drones as long as they were being used in a safe manner.

Thomas did not see any issue with using them on your own property or farm but he thought the user should warn the neighbours about it. He felt the use of drones came down to common sense.

Annual Residents Survey

Renee and Devin provided information on the annual resident's survey that was carried out by the Council to see how the public felt about the Council as well as areas to improve on.

Alex thought by taking the survey to local schools it would reach a wide age range and would gain a younger perspective.

Olivia felt doing the survey online would be a good idea as both young and older generations have access to it.

Cr Gover advised the survey was carried out only on land lines at the moment. She advised the Council were looking at new ways to conduct it.

In response to Thomas, Cr Gover advised there were hard copies made available at the local libraries.

Town Crier

Discussion was held around what the role of the town Crier was and what events Lynley McKerow could be involved in once she took up the role.

The Youth Councillors noted they could invite her along to the Youth Awards and other youth events.

Fair Trade

Cr Gover advised that the Gore District Young Ambassador, Nicole Parry would like Gore to become a Fair Trade town. She explained the rules around what would be required to become fair trade accredited.

Alec believed it was a good idea and would be good for the image of Gore. He thought it would be a positive way to lead the way for other towns to make the change.

Devin agreed with Alec and thought the cause could only be seen as a positive.

Alex advised their church was already making the fair trade products available and you could purchase them from there.

3. Craig Sinclair from Emergency Management Southland

Craig Sinclair was present at the meeting to provide a short powerpoint presentation on Shakeout. He provided an overview of what Shakeout was, how it fitted with earthquake drills globally and how it was going to be rolled out in Southland. He provided some information on how the Youth Council could get involved.

4. New Zealand Youth Parliament 2016

Discussion was held around how councillors could apply to be on the New Zealand Youth Parliament for 2016. They were advised they had to fit within the criteria and make a short video clip so that the local MP could pick who he wanted to attend as the representative.

5. MC/Host for the Gore Youth Awards

Discussion was held around who the Youth Council would like as their MC/Host for the Youth Awards. Flynn from ZM was the previous year's one and they felt he was good however some of his comments were inappropriate for the younger audience and he did not follow the script left for him. The ideas they had were:

- Mike Peru
- Luke Howden
- Caveman
- P from Hokonui
- Pete and Andy off the Block
- A comedian

Alec thought it would be a good idea to have a half time as it would slow the awards down and there could be some entertainment on if they did not want to go down and purchase any food or drink.

The Youth Council though it would be better to have upbeat entertainment to keep the whole feel of the awards positive. They though it would be good to have entertainment as people arrived, during the half time and at the end so people could stay around for a bit longer.

Kylie suggested the Councillors could get the winners from their Prefect Contests, Eisteddfod competitions, and talent shows from the schools to perform. It could also be good publicity for residents to attend these shows as well.

The Youth Council decided they would like the Longford Kapa Haka group to open the awards again.

Emma Carle suggested to take lots of photos of the awards so they could use these for promotion in the following years advertisements.

6. Gore Youth Awards Update

It was decided the update would be carried over to the event planning workshop which would be held immediately after the meeting.

7. Feedback on surveys for event planning

Kayla advised the most popular suggestion was for the Youth Council to hold a colour run. Kayla advised she had filled out the application form to try and secure funding for this event and it would have to be carried out before the end of June 2016.

In response to Alex, Kayla advised the Youth Council could look at running another ice party after the Youth Awards were finished.

Discussion was held around how a lot of older students would not attend their events and had defaced the surveys rather than providing decent feedback. Kayla advised the year seven to ten school bracket provided the best feedback for events to plan.

Discussion was held around planning another Junior Prom as it had showed popular by the survey.

The meeting finished at 5.02pm for an event planning workshop.