



GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2012, AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT

Youth Crs Jamie Shanks, James Bell, Thomas Cairncross, Kateleen McWhirter, Luke Dolamore, Joshua Sutton, Essie Van Zuylen, Veronica McKenzie, Gavin Stark, Katie McCabe, Jacquelyn Syme, Ellie-May Jarvis, Caroline Morton, Rebekah Tripp, Paige Wilson, Maxine Wilson and Peter Dodds.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP) (from 5.00pm), The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Cr Redhead, Hannah Armstrong (Youth Worker) and Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan).

APOLOGIES:

Keith O'Connor and Charlotte Morton apologised for absence.

1. UPDATE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive advised he had attended the meeting in the Community Development Officer's absence. He advised J Green was not present at the meeting because there had been some issues around comments made on a Facebook page that would appear in the paper the following day.

Cr Redhead said Youth Councillors were in a position of leadership and to take the opportunity to uphold the integrity of that. As a Youth Council it wanted to move forward and continue to be a young person's voice in the community.

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

RESOLVED on the motion of T Cairncross, seconded by L Dolamore, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 3 April 2012, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

2. SETTING GOALS FOR THE YEAR

The Chief Executive encouraged Youth Councillors to set goals now so that the year did not run by without opportunities being met.

T Cairncross suggested the Youth Council could be involved in the celebration of 150 years of the Gore District.

The Chief Executive said The Arts and Heritage Curator was planning an event to be held later in the year. The Youth Council could either

be involved with plans of the Council, or alternatively plan a youth celebration.

M Redhead suggested liaising with the Curator before deciding which direction to go and then holding a workshop to brainstorm ideas.

V McKenzie had been approached by St Peter's College Student Council regarding a project to produce ID cards for St Peter's College students.

3. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution had been reviewed and amended to include a representative from Reap and the addition of Gore and Districts Community Youth Worker Trust Youth Worker and Youth Specialist.

4. YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – REPORT FROM ATTENDEES

L Dolamore, J Syme, K McWhirter and T Cairncross had recently attended the recent Youth in Local Government Conference. The theme had been Communication and workshops were held on different topics including “speed dating” with councillors.

The attendees had learned that New Plymouth Youth Councillors were paid \$68 per hour for attending formal meetings.

5. APRIL COUNCIL MEETING – REPORT FROM ATTENDEES

T Cairncross L Dolamore had attended the April Council meeting and provided an update to the meeting about the recent planning day.

6. YOUTH WEEK

Final arrangements were confirmed for Youth Week.

- Monday 21 May – Sports Day. Venue to be confirmed.
- Tuesday 22 May– Clean up in Mataura
- Wednesday 23 May– Skate Competition
- Thursday 24 May– Free ice-creams at McDonalds
- Friday 25 May– Movie night – The Avengers. Charge will be \$5.00 per person.

Flyers would be collected and distributed on Thursday from the Council office.

Youth Councillors would meet the following Thursday to discuss final preparations for Youth Week.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. A Facebook page request from Jacob Barker inviting Youth Councillors to join a national youth council network had been received. Councillors would join on an individual basis if they wished.

Youth Councillors requested that a closed group be set up on Facebook as an easy way for them to communicate. T Millan would discuss with IT staff.

A Facebook request had been received from Michael Fryer from the Horowhenua Youth Council wanting to establish a link between the two Youth Councils.

Youth Councillors were interested in the possibility of strengthening the link between the Horowhenua and Gore District Councils.

2. An invitation had been received from the Regeneration Trust inviting young people to attend a five day event called Winter Jam in Christchurch from 2-6 July about community development and politics.

His Worship now attended the meeting.

8. WHAT NEEDS TO BE REPORTED BACK TO COUNCIL

The next Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30pm. V McKenzie and E Van Zuylen would provide an overview to the Council of events the Youth Council had been involved in.

9. DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN SUMMARY

Cr Redhead provided a brief explanation of the Long Term Plan process.

In response to E Syme asking why the Hokonui Moonshine Museum was to be relocated, the Chief Executive advised more space was required. Requests were frequently received by the Gallery to display more exhibits and room was limited.

The Chief Executive provided a brief overview of the key notes relevant to the Long Term Plan and issues that could be submitted on.

In response to E Syme, His Worship advised that planning by the Parks and Recreation Manager was underway for new signs to be gradually rolled out.

His Worship encouraged the Youth Council be involved with the Long Term Plan process whether it be in support of current issues or new ideas.

Following discussion Youth Councillors decided to provide a submission to the Long Term Plan.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm.