



GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012, AT 4.00 PM.**

**PRESENT** Youth Crs Caroline Morton (Chairperson), Jamie Shanks, James Bell, Thomas Cairncross, Luke Dolamore, Joshua Sutton, Veronica McKenzie, Rebekah Tripp, Charlotte Morton and Peter Dodds.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Corporate Support Officer (Tracey Millan).

**APOLOGIES:** Gavin Stark, Kateleen McWhirter, Keith O'Connor, Essie Van Zuylen, Maxine Wilson and Paige Wilson.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**RESOLVED** on the motion of P Dodds, seconded by J Sutton, **THAT** the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 19 June 2012, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

2. SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN (LTP) – PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

The Parks and Recreation Manager was in attendance and provided an overview about the Walnut Grove recreational area that the Youth Council had submitted on in the Long Term Plan process.

**Development of Walnut Grove (Quarter Mile drag)**

The Manager said the area fell within the flood zone, and there were a lot of rules and regulations in the District Plan relating to that area. Environment Southland also enforced some rules about the flood zone area. Any structure that could uproot and prove to be a hazard in the event of a flood would not be permissible in that area as a structure floating down the river could potentially take out a bridge. Rubbish bins and picnic tables were already provided at the site.

The reserve was a lower serviced area and was flayer mown, unlike other reserves around the town. The Manager presented a map to the meeting that depicted the flood zone area.

In response to V MacKenzie asking if the potholes along the reserve could be repaired, the Manager advised some work had been carried out recently. Potholes in an area such as that could be beneficial in that they could deter fast cars from using the area.

**Playground equipment at Mataura park – Cnr Kana and Forth Street**

The Manager said that maintenance on the playground equipment had been completed. The equipment had been returned to Mataura Park.

**Smoke free parks and reserves**

The Manager advised a report would be included on the next Council Committee Agenda about signage that would soon be placed at all the playgrounds and reserves that were to become smoke free in the District.

3. COUNCIL SPEED DATING

A Council speed dating session would be held on 28 August at 5pm during the Council committee meetings. Each Youth Councillor would interview six senior Councillors for approximately three minutes.

4. NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Veronica MacKenzie and Jamie Shanks advised they had registered for the National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity in Auckland on 17-20 August and would provide a presentation about the conference to the Youth Council on their return.

5. 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS – SUMMER BALL AT DOLAMORE PARK

A summer ball to celebrate 150 years of the Gore District would be held on Friday 7 December at Dolamore Park. A workshop would be held on Tuesday 7 August at 4.00pm to finalise details.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

C Morton asked Youth Councillors to post a short blurb about themselves on the Facebook group page. She would collate them and send them to M Fryer from the Horowhenua District Council.

The meeting concluded at 4.42 pm.