



REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE JAMES CUMMING WING, SUPPER ROOM, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012, AT 4.00 PM.

PRESENT Youth Crs Caroline Morton (Chairperson), Jamie Shanks, James Bell, Luke Dolamore, Joshua Sutton, Rebekah Tripp, Charlotte Morton, Katie McCabe and Peter Dodds.

IN ATTENDANCE Cr M Redhead, Corporate Support Officer (Tracey Millan) and Hannah Armstrong (Youth Worker)

APOLOGY: Thomas Cairncross apologised for absence.

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED on the motion of P Dodds, seconded by C Morton, THAT the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 24 July 2012, be accepted as an accurate and complete record.

Matters arising

Development of Walnut Grove (Quarter Mile Drag)

Following discussion, Cr Redhead said he would liaise with the Parks and Recreation Manager about the possibility of getting a permanent picnic table at the site, rather than a seat.

3. COUNCIL SPEED DATING

Due to a venue change for the August Committee meetings, a speed dating session with senior Councillors had been postponed. As the October committee meetings date would occur in the next school holiday period and the final meeting for 2012 would clash with the senior external exams timetable, it was decided to wait till early 2013 to arrange another speed dating session.

4. NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Veronica MacKenzie and Jamie Shanks recently attended the National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity in Auckland.

Jamie said she had thoroughly enjoyed the conference which had been held on a marae. She had learnt some Maori words and some sign language techniques. About 85 young people of all cultures had attended and they visited places of worship around Auckland.

6. 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS – SUMMER BALL AT DOLAMORE PARK

Discussion and update on arrangements to be confirmed.

7. THE SOUTHLAND YOUTH SUMMIT

C Morton, J Bell and P Dodds had recently attended the Youth Summit held in Invercargill. Judge Becroft had been in attendance together with the Mayors from the southern region. Discussion had been centred on youth crime. There appeared to be a lot of groups working separately to address the issues around crime and the Forum was to try to create some collaboration amongst those groups.

5. 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS – SUMMER BALL AT DOLAMORE PARK

Cr Redhead said if Youth Councillors wished to continue with the plans to hold a summer ball at Dolamore Park, it was time to commit to the project. Buy in was required from everyone as there was no Community Development Officer appointed yet to assist with the planning.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Redhead, seconded by J Bell, THAT the Youth Council agree to fully participate in the planning for a Summer Ball by showing the commitment required to organise the event.

The Band “Eratic” had been booked for the event. The dress code would be “a shirt for the guys and a skirt for the girls”. A courtesy bus from Gore out to Dolamore Park would be arranged.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Redhead advised that Paige Wilson had resigned from the Youth Council.

Cr Redhead suggested that nominations be sought from local schools now for 2013. He would like to attend the school assemblies to address students the Youth Council and distribute nomination forms.

The meeting concluded at 5.09 pm.