

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 26 May 2014, at 5pm.

Present Georgia Johnston (Chair), Devin Kubala (Deputy Chair), Renee Moyles, Brayden Scott, Alec McWhirter, Skyla Mill, Luke Howden, Alex Parish, Cirque Gammelin. Megan McCall, Olivia Nicholson, Georgia Nicol, Alice Robertson, Amy McCabe, Grace Kelly, Jordan Edwards, Sian Davis

In Attendance Youth Development Coordinator Kayla McIntosh, Cr Anne Gover, Corporate Support Officer Kylie Weir

Apologies: Andrew McLeod, Tayla Marlow, Tyron Belt, Hamish Goatley, Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich, Paige Ogilvy, Abigail Visser

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 12 May 2014 were confirmed. Megan McCall moved that they be received and this was seconded by Alec McWhirter.

2. Summary of the Mufti Day

Alec informed the Youth Council on how the Mufti Day went. On 22 May 2014 Alec, Jordan, Alice, Luke and Kayla went around the businesses that signed up to collect the donations, both Gore High School and St Peter's held a mufti day as well to support the cause.

Money was still coming in from some locations however the total for St Johns rebuild from the mufti day is around \$1400 so far. There were containers at Zaney's and Subway to be collected and money to come in from St Peters College. A full total will be provided at the next meeting. There were four subway platters that had been handed out to participating businesses.

Alec informed the Youth Council about how proud he was for how the day was carried out. However, if they were to do it next time there were a few things he would do differently. He learnt that you couldn't take businesses at their word as they didn't all get back to him. Alec felt he gained a lot more communication

skills and that follow up is required when running an event to ensure the information gets through to everyone who requires it.

Kayla congratulated Alec on a good job of organising and to Luke for all the background work that he carried out for this event.

3. Feedback on Pink Shirt Day and Cheap Movie Night

Devin addressed the Youth Council on how the Youth Week events of Pink Shirt Day and Cheap movie night went.

For the Cheap movie night they received a good turnout to watch Amazing Spiderman 2. About 350 people turned up which was nearly a full house. The Youth Council raised around \$1300 which wasn't counting the tickets that had already been brought.

The pink shirt day was about getting some of the Youth Councillors at all the local school wearing pink shirts raising awareness of ant bullying.

In response to Brayden the Councillors who have the pink shirts can keep them.

Alec believed pink shirt day went really well and for next time need to do something on the day at the schools so there is more awareness for the cause and better promotion as some students thought it was for breast cancer.

4. Reminder on expectations of Youth Councillors

Kayla led discussion around Participation, Apologies, Associating yourself with the Council during non-youth council events. This was carried over from last meeting due to some Councillors going to Otago day.

Attendance at events to date:

31 March Meeting	75%
Informal Meeting	33%
Interschool Social	16%
Anzac Service	8%
Ice party	40% nine people didn't contribute at all

Kayla reminded the Youth Council that they are meant to be a team and that it is accepted that there are some occasions and prior commitments which can mean you can't help out. However there are always other ways to assist like handing out posters and doing some other jobs before the event. There was also discussion around expected behaviour when representing the Youth Council at an event and that they have to be a good role model.

Discussion was held around the use of social media, Kayla reminded the Councillors that they shouldn't say that they are a Youth Councillor on social media pages. Cr Gover informed the Councillors that they needed to be very careful and Council employees have lost their jobs previously for what they have

said on social media platforms. As a group they need to be seen as supporting each other and should not be seen bullying or making snide remarks.

5. Feedback on “Clash of the Youth Councils” event in Winton

Devin addressed the Youth Council on how the Clash of the Councils went in Winton.

Devin explained to the Youth Council about the Clash of the Councils event along with the challenges they faced throughout the event. Discussion was held around what they believed they carried out well and where they could improve for the following year if the event was held again.

Devin believed it was a great event to open up the gap between other local Youth Councils and a good way to develop learning experiences. All shared ideas on what each group had carried out through the challenges to learn more about a further.

Kayla asked the members who participated in the skit if they prepared for one of the challenges to perform this to the Council at their next meeting on 24 June at 7.30pm.

Jordan Edwards now joined the meeting at 5.34pm

6. Festival for the Future Scholarships

Kayla led the discussion on the festival for Future Scholarships which is for a leadership conference in Auckland on 5-7 September. This conference is available for the age group of 16-30 years. Youth Councillors need to fill out the registration form and return to Kayla to notify their interest.

7. UNICEF Scholarships

In response to Georgia no one applied for the UNICEF Scholarship.

8. Feedback on Speed Dating

Georgia addressed the Youth Council on how the Speed dating event went with the Councillors on 13 May. The speed dating event went well and many of the Youth Councillors found it interesting and gained valuable information out of this experience.

The Youth Council would like this event to be held again next year however believed that they needed longer time with each Councillor to complete each conversation. The Youth Council felt that if they had up to five minutes at each station it would allow a better opportunity to learn off the Councillors.

In response to Amy there were questions provided last year but when no one used these they didn't bring them back for the current year.

In response to Kayla the Youth Council liked being in pairs to reduce the awkwardness, however if the time was longer pairs could work together and be able to ask all the questions they have with the Councillor's.

9. Event funding

Kayla addressed the Youth Council on event funding. She informed them that her intentions were to get final figures of the funding money. They need to come up with a plan to spend this before the end of June as it would be a shame to give this grant money back.

Cr Gover suggested that the Youth Council should hold a leadership workshop with some guest speakers to come and talk utilising the last of the funding.

Kayla informed the Youth Council that they need to hold a workshop to debrief on how the events went and plans for the following year. This workshop needs to be held early July to get the response back in time.

Discussion was held around what the Youth Councillors would like to do as their final event to utilise the last of the funding money. With the recent events involving the Sharks being in the media it is no longer appropriate to go on the basketball trip with nominated youth from the District. The Youth Council came to the decision that they would still like to do something for the Youth in the Gore District.

In response to Cirque the utilisation of the Gore Pool with some Pizza and Hot chips and getting someone like a Stag or Steel player would be better use of the funding and supports our local facilities and businesses. It was decided that a small group would look into the idea over the next week and they would hold a meeting on 4 June to put the plans into action and start contacting the schools for nominations.

10. Instructions for Kayla's absence

Kayla informed the Youth Council that she is away from 30 June to 7 July and Cr Gover will be the contact person, Cr Gover provided the Youth Councillors with her business card so the Youth Council can contact her with any queries.

11. Other Matters

Alec informed the Youth Council about an event they could support which was the Lions young speechmaker completion to be held on 15 June for youth aged 16-22 years old. Alec suggested that maybe a few Councillors could go along and support it and help promote the event on the Youth Council Facebook page.

Youth Councillors Georgia, Sian, Alec and Abigail are all competing in this event. Would be good for other Youth Councillors to go along and support the event and their fellow Councillors.

Kayla informed the Youth Council that she had a meeting with the Scout regional manager and they are looking for volunteers to help with their Kea Clubs and Scout Groups. This is a really good way of achieving the Volunteer Service component for Duke of Edinburgh and looks good on a CV. There are plenty of perks for the volunteers as well. They put you through an Adult leadership programme which is recognised by employees in New Zealand and they also have a flying school, which is a week long course and can get you into the armed forces.

The next Youth Council meeting is to be held 23 June at 5pm.

Meeting concluded at 6.11pm