

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 23 June 2014, at 5pm.

Present Georgia Johnston (Chair), Devin Kubala (Deputy Chair), Renee Moyles, Alec McWhirter, Skyla Mill, Alex Parish, Cirque Gammelin. Megan McCall, Olivia Nicholson, Georgia Nicol, Alice Robertson, Grace Kelly, Jordan Edwards, Sian Davis, Tayla Marlow, Hamish Goatley, Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich, Abigail Visser

In Attendance Cr Anne Gover, Corporate Support Officer Kylie Weir, Hannah Armstrong, Youth Development Coordinator, Melissa King, Hokonui Radio Station,

Apologies: Kayla, McIntosh, Luke Howden, Andrew McLeod, Amy McCabe, Brayden Scott, Paige Ogilvy

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 26 May 2014 were confirmed. Alex Parish moved that they be received and this was seconded by Renee Moyles.

2. Preparation for the Council Meeting Performance

Cr Gover asked which Youth Councillors involved in the skit from Clash of the Youth Councils event were definitely going to be available to attend the Council meeting on 24 June at 7.30pm. It was advised that they should arrive at 7pm to practise this before the meeting.

Alec McWhirter now joined the meeting at 5.03pm

Council agenda items:

Parare Trust

Discussion was held around the Methodist Church on Irk Street opposite New World and what the Youth Council felt about this building being pulled down or revamped. Georgia informed the Youth Council that this was a heritage building. Through the discussion the Youth Council thought that the building if safe to do so should be kept as a structure but it should be utilised for another cause so that the space could be better utilised. However if the building is not safe or the project is too expensive they believe it should be knocked down and a new structure built.

Cr Gover informed the Youth Council that a heritage building can be changed inside but you have to keep the outside walls and informed the Youth Council that this was the case for the Thomas Green when it was being built.

Abigail Visser and Alice Robertson now joined the meeting at 5.09pm

Annual Plan

Georgia informed the Youth Council of what projects the Council have decided to support through their Annual Plan process. Discussion was held around what the Youth Council thought on the funding of different projects.

In response to Alex the dog park was declined as those proposing this had not been able to source any funding and most submissions opposed this.

Speed dating

Cr Gover asked the Youth Council if they were interested in having another Speed dating event with the Councillors towards the end of the year. This can be arranged to fit in with exams. The Youth Council recommended that 23 September could be an option if this date suited the Council.

Sian Davis now joined the meeting at 5.12pm

3. Festival for the Future Scholarships.

Devin asked the Youth Councillors if anyone applied for this scholarship. No one applied for this.

4. Information about Cultural Diversity Forum

Cr Gover informed the Youth Council that the information in the agenda that was sent out was incorrect. The information given was on the conference from the year before.

Cr Gover informed the Youth Council that this is going to be held in Christchurch on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 August. Cr Gover informed the Youth Council that more information will be coming through shortly. The Youth Councillors need to notify Kayla if they are interested as there are limited spaces available.

5. Kidzone Bus – Hokonui Radio Network and Gore Youth Council

Melissa King came on behalf of Hokonui Radio for Luke and informed the Youth Councillors at where they were with the planning of the event. Melissa informed the Youth Councillors that Bakers Beyond have confirmed that they will provide all the lunches, The Stags are going to come and have lunch with the children who go on the trip, a bus from Ritchies and a driver have been secured.

Luke has started the promotion on the radio informing that this event is coming up and to get applications in fast. St Marys School principal is assisting with the legality of the forms like consent forms for parents/guardians.

There are still things to get sorted:

- Kidzone is a non-profit organisation which runs this even. They cannot cover the cost for the entry for the kids so there needs to be \$480.00 to be paid.
- Goodie bags – Youth Council to coordinate this, get the support from local retailers for donations for goods to go into the bags.
- Perhaps get a disposable camera for each bag so that the winners can take some photos for their own memories of the day.
- Aquatic Centre vouchers and movie vouchers
- Congratulation Certificates

Melissa informed the Youth Council that the Ratio is 1 supervisor to 5 children. Would like some volunteers from the Youth Council to come along and support this. There will be 32 Children who will get to be involved in this event. The Youth Council can also nominate someone that is school age of 5-12 years who they think deserves this chance.

Georgia Johnston moved that the Youth Council were happy with the plan so far for the Kidzone event and wanted to proceed with this. Alec McWhirter seconded this.

The Youth Council decided to hold a short meeting on 30 June at 4pm to arrange who will collect items for the goodie bags.

Melissa King now left the meeting at 5.31pm

6. Paint ball Challenge Other Matters

Cr Gover informed the Youth Council that Andrew McLeod thought if there was funding left over could have a paintball function for the older children. He had not managed to get costing for this to present to the meeting so it would need to be left.

7. 2014 -Gore Youth Awards

Devin addressed the Youth Council on what the Gore Youth Awards are. There is a need to begin planning for this. Currently the Youth Council has \$3400 to go towards the awards from ticket sales at their events (Ice Party and Cheap Movie night). However, they would like to get some sponsors to help towards the cost of running the awards.

Discussion was held around the event and what they would like to see for this year.

- Another “superstar” to perform, last year was Tom Bachelor as he was young and an uprising star. The Youth Council decided to stay with this theme being that they are performing at the Youth Awards. Some of the ideas were Cam Luxton, Benny Tipene, Lorde or Kylie Price depending on cost and availability.
- The Youth Council wondered if they opened it up to a wider age group.
- Another after party to celebrate the awards.

Olivia informed the Youth Councillors of the awards they had last year and Devin asked if they would like to keep these this year or change. The categories from 2013 were:

- The Good Sort Award– for community service
- The Inspirator Award– for leadership
- The U-Turn Award– making a positive change in health, academic or environmental areas.
- The Conqueror Award– for a can-do attitude
- The Black Sheep Award– non-main stream award
- The No.8 Wire Award– for an entrepreneur
- Top Gun Award—for good work ethic

When discussing other awards that could be considered Abigail said that Cultural things are not often recognised as we are more of a sport focused community. She suggested that a Cultural award could be added to the Youth Awards to include things like Kapa Haka or other cultural achievements could gain more recognition.

Tayla reminded the Youth Council that they do not want too many categories as makes the awards more special therefore encouraging youth to try and strive for a nomination.

In response to Alec last year’s winners got a trophy that Renee had designed and they then ordered.

Discussion was held around how much the Youth Council thought was a fair price for a ticket to attend the Youth Awards which they decided \$20 a ticket as this included food during the awards. They believed \$20 fair price for a ticket and therefore could reduce the number of sponsors needed to raise the money

Last year's awards were held in December to allow for exams to be finished. It was decided to check if the Town and Country Club 5 hall was available for Saturday 6 December.

8. Any other Business

On Thursday 10 July the Youth Councillors are holding the Funding Review Workshop from 9am to 3pm. After this the Youth Council will fill the goodie bags for the Kidzone event on 12 July.

Alec informed the Youth Council that the Mufti day money was all finally collected. Gore High School raised \$723.90. Businesses raised around \$105.00. St Peters money was left at the office for Kayla to collect. The Youth Council were informed that the money needed to be banked and a cheque or direct transfer put through to St Johns for audit purposes.

The next Youth Council meeting is to be held on 11 August at 5pm.

Meeting closed at 5.59pm.