

Report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting, held in the Lounge, James Cumming Wing, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore on Monday 13 October 2014, at 5pm.

Present Georgia Johnstone (Chair), Devin Kubala, Renee Moyles, Alec McWhirter, Alice Robertson, Grace Kelly, Hamish Goatley, Brayden Scott, Tayla Marlow, Olivia Nicholson, Abigail Visser, Paige Ogilvy, Luke Howden, Megan McCall, Alex Parish, Jordan Edwards and 10 members of the public

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

Apologies: Amy McCabe, Skyla Mill, Andrew MacLeod, Cirque Gammelmin, Georgia Nichol, Sian Davis and Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich.

1. Confirmation of Report

The report of the Gore District Youth Council meeting held on Monday 1 September 2014 had been circulated. Alex Parish moved that it be received, seconded by Hamish Goatley.

2. Introduction of workshop presenter – Andrae Gold from Public Health South

Andrae Gold was in attendance to gain a youth perspective of important community issues to promote young people to achieve in all aspects of their lives.

3. Gore Youth Awards

Updates from the Youth Award groups were provided.

The entertainment group informed that since the last meeting it had not achieved anything else however, it was meeting on Thursday.

The PR group stated it had placed an article in the Ensign looking for entertainers and getting the nomination information out to the public.

The decoration and nominations group stated it had not had a meeting yet as it was too early to begin anything.

The sponsorship group stated that letters had been sent to potential sponsors. Confirmed sponsorship of \$500.00 each had come from:

- Gore District Council, for the Good Sort Award
- Ajax Building Contractors, for the No 8 Wire Award
- Bully Proof, for the Black Sheep Cultural Award
- The Ensign had sponsored \$1,000.00 towards advertising costs. Naming rights for the Conqueror Award would be named after them.

Gore Health Ltd and Sport Southland had decided not to sponsor an award. The sponsorship group was waiting to hear back from Advance Agriculture and Paper Plus however, more sponsors were still required for other awards.

The catering group had received quotes from Food Affair, Table Talk and Subway but had not made a final decision on who would do the catering on the night.

Cr Gover asked for the email address of the company who produced last year's trophies so she could contact it.

4. Christmas Parade 2014

Kylie addressed the Youth Council on the Christmas Parade which was being held on 14 December 2014 at 12.00pm. She asked for some volunteers to either dress up or wear their Youth Council uniform and hand out lollies to the kids.

Abigail, Braden, Ben Heaps, Grace, Paige, Tayla and Shanley all volunteered to help on the day. Several other Youth Councillors were going to confirm at the next meeting.

5. General Business

Kayla presented a small token of congratulations to Alec, Abigail, Jordan for being nominated in the forthcoming community awards. Kayla informed the Youth Council that Cirque and Andrew were also nominated.

Kayla informed the Youth Council that she had received an email from a member of the community concerned about the skate park being outdated, boring and dangerous. Kayla wanted to gain the perspective of the Youth Council. Discussion was held around how the park was getting damaged. It was believed that the use of scooters on it was leading to the materials being worn out faster.

Alex stated there was a need to fix the metal bars that were used for grinding off. With the more popular use of scooters this had caused more damage and it was now dangerous.

Luke informed the Youth Council that the Invercargill skate park was having its official opening shortly and that maybe a couple of the Youth Councillors could go and gain some ideas.

Georgia advised the meeting which was to be held on 24 November had been changed to 1 December due to end of year exams.

Alex asked if he could have the names and numbers of the Youth Councillors that wanted to be a part of the Caveman Radio slot. Alec, Brayden, Renee all confirmed that they wanted to be a part of it.

Date of next meeting – Monday 3 November at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.