

MINUTES of a meeting of the **ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 3 April 2006, in the Council Chambers, Ashburton District Council, commencing at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: C Woods (Chair), E Gerard, J McKenzie, E Neil, T Obafemi, R Riley and E Sole

Also in attendance Mrs D Luxton, C Luxton, J Rushton (Ashburton College Student Executive), E Graham (ACADS), Cr Kilworth and the Administration Officer

APOLOGIES: T Duncan Blair, S Putaranui and Cr Beavan **Sustained**

Minutes

“That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council held on Monday, 6 March 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Sole / Neil **Carried**

Introductions

Mrs Luxton, Cameron Luxton and Josh Ruston were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions and a brief personal background were made by all present.

Fundraising Concert

Cameron Luxton is 11 years old and attends Mt Hutt College, Cameron explained to members that after suffering from a heart virus last year he decided to organise a country music fundraising concert for the local children’s Heart Foundation. The concert is entitled ‘Let The Heart Beat On For Kids By Kids Thru Country Music 2006’ and will be held at the Ashburton College Auditorium, on Saturday 9 September. Cameron is an accomplished country music singer and will be performing at the concert along with other young artists from around the South Island. Mrs Luxton noted that Cameron had received overwhelming community support for the concert and that the Youth Council’s offer to usher at the concert was greatly accepted. Youth Council members and Josh Ruston as the Student Executive representative from Ashburton College also offered to promote the event at the school. Members congratulated Cameron for his initiative.

Correspondence

“That the correspondence be received.”

Sole / Neil **Carried**

NZ Association for Adolescent Health & Development - Tearway

Due to the short timeframe members were unable to forward photos and comments for publication in the Tearway Magazine to promote Youth Week.

The Mulcher FM – NZ Radio Station Installations

Members discussed the proposal from The Mulcher FM, to develop a low power FM youth radio station to serve the district, however the cost of installation precluded it being an option. Members were interested in pursuing the idea of young people being involved in radio announcing to promote youth activities, events and young people in general, therefore it was agreed that the Administration Officer contact the two local radio stations with a proposal including the stations interviewing young people during Youth Week.

Matters for Discussion

Youth Week

Members compiled a list of possible names of young people that will be invited to be part of the series of profiles on young people in the Ashburton Guardian for Youth Week. The young people identified represented a variety of achievements including sporting, academic, music, community groups and volunteer work, which fit in with the theme of Youth Week, ‘RE:DEFINE Challenging Youth Stereotypes.’

Emma Graham arrived at 7.35 pm

Youth Café

The Administration Officer advised that she and Ellen Sole had met with the Manager of Expressia Café, referring to the activity report in the agenda. Following that meeting and Youth Council discussions the details were confirmed as follows:

- The Café will be held at the conclusion of Youth Week, on Friday 19 May from 7 pm until 10 pm.
- The maximum capacity the venue is 48 people, tickets will be pre-sold for the event at Ashburton College. Josh Rushton will enquire about obtaining permission to sell tickets at school.
- Expressia Café had requested ideas for the type of food to be available at the event; members agreed that nachos, chips, wedges and mini pizzas would be appropriate.
- Ellen Sole has spoken to the Ashburton College band, which will perform at the Café.
- Chris Woods will provide the sound system for the band, which he will need to start setting up at 6 pm. Ellen Sole is to arrange for a band member to contact Chris Woods to confirm their requirements.
- The Administration Officer will contact the Café to confirm the above arrangements and check whether a public toilet is available inside the Café, if not the Rest Rooms on Tancred Street may need to be used.
- Members will meet with the Administration Officer at a later date to design the posters and tickets for the event.

Members discussed the proposal from Aribica Café in Methven, to hold a Café in the new Life Church and for Aribicia to provide catering for the event, as Aribica Café is too small to host the event. Although this offer was appreciated members agreed that a decision on holding a Café in Methven should wait until the Youth Council had new members from Mt Hutt College.

Cameron Luxton and Donna Luxton left the meeting at 7.50 pm

Annual Plan Submission – Youth Council Budget 2006/07

The Administration Officer tabled a proposed amended Youth Council budget; members agreed that the amended budget be the basis of their submission, which will be finalised at the next meeting. Jane Mackenzie felt that the Youth Council should comment on the cancellation of the New Years Eve street party in their submission. Cr Kilworth advised that submissions will be heard on 24 and 25 and the Youth Council submission could be scheduled to be after school.

Membership

Tobi Obafemi advised that he attended a Student Executive meeting at Ashburton College and that the Student Executive had accepted the Youth Council's invitation to send a representative the meetings, hence the presence of Josh Ruston. Tobi also advised he will be attending the Student Executive meetings as a Youth Council representative, to foster the relationship between the two groups. Members thanked Josh Ruston for his attendance at the meeting and welcomed any comments he may have during the meetings. The Administration Officer will send a copy of the Youth Council agenda to the Student Executive for now on.

The Administration Officer advised that Shama Putaranui had been unable to visit Mt Hutt College as yet but intended to before the next meeting.

General Business

Draft Ashburton Physical Activity Strategy 2006

Members discussed the draft Ashburton Physical Activity Strategy and agreed to make a submission. Members supported the draft strategy and made the following comments / suggestions that the Administration Officer will submit on their behalf.

“The Youth Council suggests that the following points be considered to further encourage young people to participate in physical activity:

- 1. Promotion of social sports to young people, at present social sports competitions, such as twilight netball or touch sevens, seem to be aimed at adults / businesses.*
- 2. The ability to enter or register for social sports teams as an individual then to be formed into teams, at present team registrations are received which may discourage participation.*
- 3. Encourage / facilitate unique physical activities of interest to young people, i.e. hip hop dance classes. A request for hip hop classes was also made on the Youth Institute’s comments board at the Youth Council’s X-posure Youth Festival in 2005.”*

Youth Council Workshop

It was agreed to postpone the workshop and that members would meet with the Administration Officer over the next couple of weeks to finalise the promotion of the Youth Café and material to promote the Youth Council at the event.

Emma Graham noted that the Ministry of Social Development has funding available for youth projects, the Administration Officer will obtain further information of available funding for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Youth Council will be held on Monday, 8 May, in the Council Chambers commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.