

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 12 February 2007, in the Council Chambers, Ashburton District Council, commencing at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** J McKenzie (Chair), E Gerard, E Neil, T Obafemi and E Sole  
Also in attendance, Cr Kilworth, Cr Bevan and two Administration Officers.

**APOLOGIES:** G Robertson & T Blair **Sustained**

### ***Introductions***

Vikki Prendergast the new Administration Officer was welcomed to the meeting. Introductions and a brief personal background were made by all present.

### ***Minutes***

“That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council held on Monday, 4 December 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Sole / Gerard

**Carried**

### ***Matters for Discussion***

#### **Community & Public Health, Smokefree Cars and Homes Campaign**

Members noted the success of Friedlander Park playground being declared smoke-free. Members discussed whether other parks in Ashburton could be made smoke free also.

The Administration Officer agreed to contact Cheryl Galland from the Cancer Society for an update on the mural competition on the Hampstead School swimming pool wall.

#### **Youth Guide**

The Administration Officer advised no notification had been received from the Nelson Youth Council in regards to the draft guide and will contact regarding progress.

#### **Youth Council Events**

Members agreed to possible dates for the next Rock'n Vegas events, with 30 March put aside for Year 9 and 10 and 11 May for Years 11 to 13.

Members agreed to trial a new venue for Rock'n Vegas that is closer to town. The Administration Officer will contact the Tinwald Club, Ashburton Hockey Pavilion and Sinclair Centre to seek quotes re hireage of these venues. It was noted that Celtic Rugby Clubrooms is free of charge to the Youth Council for events.

The Administration Officer agreed to contact local DJ's for their prices to perform at Rock'n Vegas events. Cr Kilworth kindly offered to contact the DJ at Port FM to investigate using her services.

#### **Youth Council Membership**

Members acknowledged the contribution of departing Chairperson Jane McKenzie and Administration Officer Sharon Robinson and thanked them for their loyal service.

Following the departure of some current members it was discussed how to attract new members to the Youth Council. The Administration Officer agreed to contact Mount Hutt College in an effort to get further Methven representation on the Council.

Ashburton College has offered a stand at their upcoming Orientation day on February 20 to help promote the Youth Council. Members agreed to participate on this day to attract potential new members.

Youth Council members agreed it would be beneficial to aim for a variety of ages on the Youth Council. Youth Council members are to visit family form classes seeking members to be representatives for their year. The Administration Officer is to contact S Tyrell at Ashburton College to discuss also.

### ***General Business***

Cr Bevan wished to thank Ellen Sole for her excellent Youth in Local Government Conference report.

Information has been received from the New Zealand Youth Council regarding applicants for Media Liaison positions for Youth Week 21-27 May. Ellen Sole agreed to forward these to the Ashburton College Journalism class.

Cr Kilworth offered congratulations to Tobi Obafemi on becoming Head Boy at Ashburton College.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Ashburton Youth Council will be held on Monday 5 March 2007, in the Council Chambers commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.