

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 5 March 2007, in the Council Chambers, Ashburton District Council, commencing at 7.05 pm.

**PRESENT:** E Sole (Acting Chair), E Gerard, E Neil, T Obafemi, R Riley and G Robertson

Also in attendance, Cr Beavan and the Administration Officer.

### ***Minutes***

“That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council held on Monday, 12 February 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Neil / Obafemi

**Carried**

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

#### **Youth Council Chair**

After the resignation of the Youth Council Chairperson at February’s meeting, members discussed options for a new Youth Council Chairperson. It was decided that the position needs to be formalized, with one nominated person as the Chair, but other members having the right to chair each meeting to gain further meeting skills. Members are to vote next meeting for the formal Chairperson position.

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

Members sought clarification on the status of Friedlander Park and whether it were the entire park or playground which has been declared smoke-free. Cr Beavan advised a decision in regards to this is expected by Council on March 15.

An invitation was extended by the Cancer Society for a Youth Council member to sit on the World Smokefree Day Committee. Ellen Sole volunteered to take part in these meetings.

#### **Youth Guide**

The Administration Officer advised the Youth Guide is in the final stages of proof reading and will be ready to distribute at the beginning of Youth Week- 21-27 May.

#### **Youth Council Membership**

It was reported that the Youth Council received many enquires in regards to membership at the recent Ashburton College Orientation Day. Members will invite serious candidates to the next Youth Council Meetings.

Libby & Ellen volunteered to speak at the Year 12 & 13 assembly at Mt Hutt College about Youth Council membership once a formal invitation has been received from the College.

It was decided not to formally write to the Ashburton College Executive in seeking further Youth Council members. It was noted that three members of the current Youth Council are on the College Executive and will be able to talk about the Youth Council at upcoming Student College Executive meetings.

#### **Youth Council Events**

Members decided the first Rock’n Vegas event for the year will be held for Years 9 and 10 at the Balmoral Hall. Georgia Whiting will confirm with the Administration Officer the dates of 30 or 31 March once she has spoken to Year 9 and 10 students in regards to suitability of these dates. The Administration Officer will contact ACADS to arrange a Youth Team to support the event.

Due to the short time frame before the next Rock’n Vegas, members suggested a further Youth Council Meeting on Monday 19 March at 7 pm to finalize event details.

## **Youth Week**

Youth Week is to be held on 21-27 May with the theme “Re:Define – Challenging Youth Stereotypes”. Members discussed events they would like to participate in this year. It was decided after the success of last year to repeat the Ashburton Guardian Youth Profiles and early morning DJ’s on Fox FM. The Administration Officer will contact the Ashburton Guardian and Fox FM in regards to this.

Members will approach Ashburton College to request a mufti day to be held on Friday 25 May to highlight Youth Week. Pupils and teachers will be encouraged to dress up in a “Youth Stereotypes” theme and money collected on the day is to be donated to a youth charity.

The Administration Officer will check the availability of the East Street fountain Banner to advertise Youth week.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashburton Youth Council will be held on Monday 2 April 2007, in the Council Chambers commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.16 pm.