

SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**
held at the **Lincoln Event Centre**
15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln
on **Wednesday 2nd August 2017**
commencing at **5:40pm**

Present

Ella McClure, Gabriel Clarke, Georgie Watson, Harry Mayo, Katelyn Twiss, Kusal Ekanayake, Maria Mendoza-Nieto, Michelle Bruce, Olivia Duder, Paige Sullivan, Jason Flewellen, Tyla Harrison-Hunt and Sam Broughton

In attendance

Cr Murray Lemon

Apologies

Apologies were received from Maisie Wood

Moved – Gabriel / **Seconded** – Michelle

‘That the apologies be received and accepted’

CARRIED

Apologies from invited guests were received from Cr Craig Watson, Cr Nicole Reid and Board Member Megan Hands

Confirmation of the previous minutes

Minutes of the Selwyn Youth Council held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 taken as read.

Moved – Paige / **Seconded** – Maria

‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 5th July 2017 meeting be confirmed’

CARRIED

Correspondence

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25 July	Todd Adams	‘What do YOUTH think?’ at Darfield High School
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Moved – Harry / **Seconded** – Olivia

‘That the correspondence in and out be received and accepted’

CARRIED

Financial statements

Jason & Michelle presented the financial report for July in a new format. It is hoped that it will more clearly show what has been spent including when, why and where and features graphs showing total spend for the month and the available budget. The new format was well received, Sam suggested that it could also include any predicted spending.

Attached.

Moved – Katelyn / **Seconded** – Gabriel

‘That the financial statement presented is true and accurate’

CARRIED

Agenda items

1. YC members future intentions / meeting structure

Jason explained with the youth council’s applications opening for new members in October, now is the time for current council members to recommit. He reminded everyone how important it is to attend meetings, of which there are only 11 each year. He asked members to think now before the election process begins about next year and if the time commitment is still something they can honor. He also mentioned that it might be time to reconfirm that Wednesday is the best day to hold meetings and whether the timings could be brought forward.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Jason will send a group email asking each council member about their future intentions and for them to reconfirm their availability to be an active member of the youth council. He will also conduct a Facebook poll asking about days of the week and timings of the monthly meetings.

2. Confirm YC member contact details

The current contact detail form was circulated for members to update if needed.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Jason will update the form and distribute it at the September meeting.

3. Joint training day update

Following a recent poll on Facebook, the best day to hold the joint training is Sunday. Jason has relayed that to John at the Ashburton District Council and asked him to consider a Sunday in November. It was suggested that earlier in the month would work best to avoid school exams.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Jason is to finalise a date in November to hold the joint training day once he hears from John. The likely dates are either Sunday 5th or Sunday 12th of November.

4. Signature event ideas

Youth council members were asked to present any ideas for a signature event that they have. Ella talked about a ‘Leadership Day’ that would involve Year 9 & 10 students from around Selwyn getting together to be inspired and offered leadership training. Jason added there is over 1200 Year 9 & 10 students in Selwyn. It was suggested that each school would send 25 students. Jason was uncomfortable with this idea, who gets to choose? What is the criteria? Sam suggested youth workers in each school would help identify who should go. He also mentioned

including students who are home schooled, a conversation was had about young people who live in Selwyn but attend school out of the district.

Sam had the idea of a Youth District Bus Tour. Tyla presented a new programme to be trial this summer call 'Show me Selwyn'. The trial has two different routes around the district, Lakes & Pa and Foothills & Mountains and residents will be invited to join a tour to find out more about the Selwyn district. It was decide to leave this idea until after the trial and relook at it then.

Jason present the idea of a 'Teen Fest' on the back of the success of 'Kids Fest'. It would be a weeklong programme during a school holidays full of activities, workshops and other events aimed at the 13-19 age group. It could include things like Graffiti Art, DJing, Stone Carving, Relationship skills, Communication skills etc. The youth council could be involved in selecting what was on offer and promoting the festival. Some of the more inspirational or upskilling workshops could be 'presented by' the youth council by putting funding towards them, allowing the workshops to be free.

ACTION / OUTCOME

It was decided that to make an informed decision more information about each option was needed. At the September meeting Ella, Gabriel, Paige and Michelle will present what a 'Leadership Day' might look like and involve to put together and Jason with support from Selwyn Events staff will present 'Teen Fest'.

5. Ellesmere 'What do YOUth think?' event report

Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions the Ellesmere College event was postponed.

ACTION / OUTCOME

The event will be held on either Friday 11th or 18th of August. Ella is to confirm with Jason which of these dates works best for the school.

6. Confirm date for Darfield 'What do YOUth think?' event

Michelle reported that Todd Adams (Darfield High School Deputy Principal) suggested Wednesday 23th August would be ideal to host a 'What do YOUth think?' event at Darfield High School as the Well-Being Committee are running an event that day. The location for the poster should be 'the quad' and instead of including times should simply read 'lunchtime'.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Tyla and Jason are to confirm their availability on the 23rd with Michelle and organise posters.

7. Launch new SDC youth council page

Jason asked the youth council members to find the Selwyn District Councils website on their phones and locate the Selwyn Youth Council page which now features member photos and profiles, information about the Youth Project Fund and a link to their new Terms of Reference.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Members are to let Jason know any changes they want made.

8. Selwyn Timebank

During the Public Forum time Thea and Evelien from the Selwyn Timebank gave a presentation about what a Timebank is and what it provides for the community which was well received by youth council members.

ACTION / OUTCOME

An invitation was given for youth council members to join the Selwyn Timebank if they wish too.

9. Report to council in September

As per the Terms of Reference, the youth council are to present to council twice a year. The district councils September meeting is on Wednesday 13th and will be held at the new Dunsandel Community Hall beginning at 1:00pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the youth council to update the district council on all the changes that have happened this year and report on the 'What do YOUTH think?' events.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Ella and Katelyn are keen to organise and present a 15 minute presentations to council. Jason will provide transport and support on the day.

General business

- Ella update the council members about the Christchurch Youth Council Action Plan launch held on Thursday 20 July that was attend by herself, Kusal, Olivia and Jason.
- Kusal was part of the Amplify Youth Voice event held by ECan on Saturday 29th July and talked about ECan establishing a Youth Advisory Board.
- Paige has been accepted on a programme run by Inspiring Stories which involves 25 young people from Canterbury receiving one-on-one monthly coaching and mentoring that kicks off this weekend in Auckland at the Festival for the Future.

Meeting close at 7:05pm

Next meeting Wednesday 6th September 2017 in Rolleston.

Financial Statement as at 2/8/17

Selwyn Youth Council Financial Report - July 2017

General Ledger #2016025 \$10,925 (all figures include GST)

When?	What for?	Where from?	How much?
5/7/17	Dinner	New World	\$72.00
12/7/17	Formal shirts	L&A Apparel	\$558.00

