

# SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**  
held at the **Selwyn District Council Headquarters**  
**2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston**  
on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**  
commencing at **7:05pm**

## **Present**

Georgie Watson, Harry Mayo, Katelyn Twiss, Maria Mendoza-Nieto, Michelle Bruce, Olivia Duder, Chloe Duff, Paige Sullivan, Taylin Smith, and Sam Broughton

## **In attendance**

Jason Flewellen (SDC) and Cr Craig Watson (SDC)

## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Gabriel Clarke and Tyla Harrison-Hunt

Apologies from invited guests were received from Cr Murray Lemon

Apologies for leaving early received from Harry Mayo

**Moved** – Michelle / **Seconded** – Maria

*‘That the apologies be received and accepted’*

**CARRIED**

## **Confirmation of the previous minutes**

Minutes of the Selwyn Youth Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 taken as read.

**Moved** – Olivia / **Seconded** – Katelyn

*‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 meeting be confirmed’*

**CARRIED**

## **Correspondence**

### **In**

30 April	Maisie Wood	Resignation email
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### **Out**

1 May	Maisie Wood	Acknowledgement and thank you
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**Moved** – Georgie / **Seconded** – Taylin

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

**CARRIED**

Maisie Woods's resignation was accepted by the Selwyn Youth Council.

### **Financial statements**

Presented to the youth council by Jason.

Due to Tyla being away Jason could only present the expenditure that he was responsible for. An updated financial statement will be presented at the June meeting.

**Moved** – Harry / **Seconded** – Chloe

*'That the financial statement presented is true and accurate'*

**CARRIED**

### **Agenda items**

#### **1. TeenFest – Choose a new name**

Jason explained that many possible names had been suggested, but one stood out, BOOST. The word means – improve, raise, uplift, increase, amplify, enhance, encourage, help, foster, nurture, inspire and best sums up what the week is about. The decision was made to leave the name for a couple of days and do a Facebook poll.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Jason to conduct a Facebook poll about the name BOOST2018. Youth council members are to think about what 1 or 2 workshops as a council they would like to organise, promote and lead during the week.

#### **2. Selwyn Youth Survey**

Jason explained that every year the district council conducts a resident's survey and suggested that the youth council could do the same aimed at Selwyn youth. It would be an opportunity to discover what is important and where the youth council could focus its efforts. Jason handed out a pilot survey of 12 questions, created by using questions from the resident survey and youth council ideas from the orientation weekend. Michelle brought up youth may not want to fill out a survey, she suggested that we could use this survey at our 'What to YOUTH think?' events and use vouchers as an incentive. There was a discussion about how we could give examples for some of the questions but that that might give false hopes or expectations.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Youth council members are to consider if a survey is needed and how it might best be done (online, events etc.).

#### **3. SYC Expectations / Commitment**

Jason went over the agreement that all youth council members have signed as a commitment to each other. Paige discussed how being a member of the youth council is a privilege and how many other young people missed out on being on the youth council. It was decided that this topic could be addressed when looking at amending the Terms of Reference.

#### **4. Selwyn Link update / what next?**

Jason explained how he is currently sorting through the data and that the youth council are going to present this information to ECan at a later stage. It was asked who would like to present this data and Paige suggested that she and Katelyn would be great candidates for this because they had already presented to ECan with Jason in December. Michelle also suggested that Katelyn and she would benefit from presenting to ECan as they are speaking at the LGNZ conference in July. The youth council discussed their experiences on the Selwyn Link and agreed that it was a success. Paige, Katelyn and Taylin were chosen to present to ECan. Sam suggested that a presentation also be made to the district council at their June meeting. Jason gave Michelle a gift for her efforts during the Selwyn Link trial as she did all the shifts on both days.

### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Once all the data collection is finished, Jason is to give Paige, Katelyn and Taylin all the information so they can put the presentation together for the district council meeting in June.

#### **5. NYD & Activate update**

Chloe, Paige, Taylin and Katelyn talked about how they had a really great experience at Activate and enjoyed the workshop and experience. Paige showed the rest of the group the video that was shown about the Selwyn Youth Council at Activate.

#### **6. LTP Consultation**

Sam describe how every 3 years there is a long-term plan and how he thinks having our voice is crucial and would benefit the community. He thinks it would be beneficial for the youth council to write a small submission on the long-term plan and that the youth opinion needs to be taken into consideration. As a youth council we made a submission online with support from Sam and Cr Craig Watson.

#### **7. Terms of Reference amendments**

We decided to discuss this more in depth at the next meeting as we were running out of time. Jason had one suggestion that he wanted the youth council members to think about before the next meeting. He suggested that the youth council term be standardised, that would mean that newly elected members (Ethan, Chloe, Taylin and Paige) term is one year. Currently the communications about how many positions are available is confusing, four spots last elections and eight the year before. By standardising the term, elections would be held every two years with all 12 positions available. Existing member will be eligible for re-election.

This would be easier to communicate and give a group two years together to build and offer continuity. Some members were unsure if the two year term would work.

### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Members are to bring to the next meeting any suggested changes to the Terms of Reference to eliminate the need to go through the document line-by-line.

#### **General business**

None.

#### **Meeting close at 8:29pm**

Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Dunsandel Community Centre, Dunsandel.