

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
commencing at **5:16pm**

## **Present**

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

## **In attendance**

Lisa Larkin (SDC) and Cr Craig Watson

## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Paige Sullivan and Jason Flewellen

Apologies from invited guests were received from Cr Murray Lemon

**Moved** – Maria / **Seconded** – Kusal

*‘That the apologies be received and accepted’*

**CARRIED**

## **Confirmation of the previous minutes**

Minutes of the Selwyn Youth Council held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 taken as read.

**Moved** – Kusal / **Seconded** – Michelle

*‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 meeting be confirmed’*

**CARRIED**

## **Correspondence**

**In**

26 September

Murray Allison

Youth Project Fund (acknowledgment)

**Moved** – Katelyn / **Seconded** – Georgie

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

**CARRIED**

## Financial statements

Presented to the youth council by Michelle.

Attached.

**Moved** – Maria / **Seconded** – Olivia

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

**CARRIED**

## Agenda items

### 1. Joint Training Day Update

Tyla informed us Jason has been thorough and sorted all logistics with the Ashburton Youth Council (AYC) for the joint training day held on Sunday 29th October. He distributed all the permission slips for the joint training day for all those whose parents have not already consented their permission. Ella, Maria and Gabriel volunteered to lead the 'ice-breaker' activities and workshops. Tyler proceeded to run through the timetable and all the exciting activities we will be engaging in. AYC will most likely run the next training day, so we can continue to strengthen this relationship.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

All youth council members are to complete and return their Registration Forms by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Ella, Maria and Gabriel to organise 15 minutes of ice-breakers and a SYC presentation during lunch.

### 2. Report to Council

Katelyn and Ella presented to the SDC council in September. The meeting was exceedingly successful and they presented a detailed PowerPoint that expressed all the significant events the youth council has run this year. The meeting resonated well with Mayor Sam and Councilor Craig because it offered tangible results that were demonstrated in a professional manner.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Ella and Katelyn will post more information about how it went on the Facebook page for all youth councilors to see.

### 3. Youth Council recruitment

Jason has updated Youth Council 2018 recruitment applications in accordance with SYC feedback from the previous meeting. Applications will open November 1st and close November 20th and can be completed online via the SDC page. Selection and announcement will be in December followed by team building in January and the first meeting in February. Councilor Craig followed-up on last meeting's discussion about seeking more diversity in potential candidates and discovered there's a small 20 home-schooled students in the Selwyn area, indicating it may be slightly unrealistic to expect an application from one. The Youth Council proceeded to discuss the promotional photos for the application process.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Jason and Tyla will organise for posters to be distributed to the four area High Schools and update the SYC Facebook page as needed before, during and after the application process.

#### 4. Co-Design for Youth Wellbeing Symposium

Maria outlined what happened at the Youth for Wellbeing Symposium she attended in Wellington. She learnt about a variety of noteworthy topics and shared these with the council. She suggested we could implement a focus of more “follow-up” into the council which involves being more thorough on topics. Additionally, she stressed the importance of making a more youth-friendly environment. One should keep an open mind; even graffiti can be considered a way in which youth can express themselves yet it is usually considered negative by the community and a form of vandalism. Craig offered the idea that we as a youth council can support the youth developments happening in Rolleston/Selwyn as a development group (SYC). One possible way of publicly demonstrating this support is a presence at the unveiling of the foster park opposite the swimming pool. This boosts the youth council’s credibility whilst simultaneously expressing our support of the project. Craig emphasised the power of youth having a voice and the importance in the long term of this.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Tyla will promote to all council staff, departments and councilors that the Selwyn Youth Council is the best way to consult with young people in Selwyn using their proven ‘What do YOUTH think’ events.

#### 5. Training 2018

In terms of training for new and continuing youth councilors next year, there will be a workshop held in January. It consists of a district bus tour exposing new and old councilors to all the beauty our region has to offer. Following this we go to a Marae and get a taste of the culture there to accentuate this idea of seeing the Selwyn sights.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

In planning stages currently, Tyla will finalise details in the upcoming weeks.

### General business

- Cr Craig gave a detailed proposal about a community Vehicle Trust in Ellesmere. They aim to support those who don’t possess a method of transport for education or jobs/ STAR courses. Transport options that get people from the Ellesmere community to Christchurch is key for them to function and thrive in their careers. The Ellesmere Vehicle Trust wrote a letter to Ellesmere high school about advertising their enterprise in the school’s newsletters, but were promptly denied due a couple of concerns. The agency responded to this proactively and are now seeking the endorsement of the SYC to promote it. They are proposing ‘a trial to establish more transport in the area’ with the hope the trial will offer a valid insight about whether or not there will be enough uptake from the public. They want the endorsement from the SYC because it demonstrates our support for the trust which could provoke agreement from members of the public who follow the SYC. Ella raised the point that the SYC’s Selwyn Link programme is similar to this enterprise so the two could potentially support one and benefit both schemes. Cr Craig pointed out that the Link was different to this proposal because it demands a focus on youth connectivity. The liaison in charge of this is Pat – and he advised we communicate with her to understand this project better. All enquiries should be sent to Pat via Tyla/Jason. Lisa suggested we wait until next meeting to offer a solid endorsement so we can grasp a better understanding of it. We could make it an agenda item for our November meeting so we can reiterate and affirm the proposal. We support this scheme in principle, but a more robust explanation is required to grasp full appreciation of what the trust envisions with a vote from SYC councilors next meeting.
- The Social Enterprise World Forum was attended by Ella, Paige and Harry a few weeks ago. At the forum the goal was to see what ideas people had to complete ‘business with people’ with the intention of raising funds to show support for a disadvantaged child with a medical drawback. The mission was fruitful with plenty of examples of successful businesses raising money for worthy causes. There was also plenty of information about getting young people into social enterprise and governance. Methods in which youth can avoid this idea of being tokenistic.

- The youth council needs to promote awareness about the proceeding Glentunnel meeting to get more of an audience seeing our meetings in action.

## Meeting close at 6:22pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 in Glentunnel.

## Financial Statement

### Selwyn Youth Council Financial Report - September 2017

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

| When?  | What for? | Where from? | How much? | When?  | What for? | Where from? | How much? | When?  | What for? | Where from? | How much? |
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| 2/8/17 | Room Hire | LEC         | \$96.00   | 6/9/17 | Dinner    | Domino's    | \$68.00   | 6/9/17 | Dinner    | New World   | \$44.00   |

