

# 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 6th September 2017**  
commencing at **5:43pm**

## Present

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

## In attendance

Cr Murray Lemon and Cr Craig Watson

## Apologies

Apologies were received from Georgie Watson and Olivia Duder  
Apologies from Ella for being late and from Katelyn and Sam for leaving early

**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 2nd August 2017 taken as read.

**Moved** – Kusal / **Seconded** – Harry

*‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 2nd August 2017 meeting be confirmed’*

**CARRIED**

## Correspondence

### In

9 July	Rails Mackey	Selwyn Secondary Students Exhibition
9 August	Murray Allison	Youth Project Fund (Lincoln Rotary – inquiry)
14 August	Murray Allison	Youth Project Fund (application)
14 August	Murray Allison	Youth Project Fund (reply to questions)
24 August	Maj. Gardner	Joint Training Day (High Ropes)

### Out

9 August	Murray Allison	Youth Project Fund (Lincoln Rotary – inquiry)
14 August	Murray Allison	Youth Project Fund (questions)
14 August	Maj. Gardner	Joint Training Day (High Ropes)

**Moved** – Maria / **Seconded** – Harry

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

**CARRIED**

## Financial statements

Presented to the youth council by Michelle.

Attached.

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

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

**CARRIED**

## Agenda items

### 1. 'What do YOUTH think?' Ellesmere Report

Ella and Katelyn outlined what took place at the Ellesmere High School event. It was an incredible and highly successful event with an overwhelming turnout, 127 survey responses and was overall very fruitful.

### 2. 'What do YOUTH think?' Darfield Report

In Georgie's absence, Michelle outlined what took place at the Darfield High School event. Similarly to Ellesmere, it was really popular and a high demand for sausages with 198 survey responses, very successful.

### 3. WDYT survey results

Tyla led a general discussion about the 'Selwyn Link' and public transport survey results and went through every question in depth. The high participation rates is promising and indicate it's a good initiative for the future.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Jason will use the data from the surveys to finalise plans for the 'Selwyn Link' trial.

### 4. Joint Training Day update

On Sunday the 29th October, Selwyn Youth Council is collaborating with the Ashburton Youth Council to engage in a joint training day. One activity (Clifton Strength Finder) involves going online and answering questions to discover and acknowledge the predominant strengths of individuals. It does have a cost however, so it's important to know who has already participated in it before. Jason asked the Youth Council to tell him who has completed this task before, and Ella and Kusal confirmed they have. Jason thoroughly went through the schedule and agenda for the day. Notably, there will be a giant 'leap of faith' and a giant swing which is challenge by choice.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Jason will create an event on the youth council Facebook admin page, each council member needs to confirm their availability on that day so Jason can finalise plans as soon as possible.

### 5. Report to Council update

On the 13th September, Ella and Katelyn are going to present to the SDC (Selwyn District Council). Some topics they will raise and discuss include the 'What do YOUTH think?' events and the discretionary fund. Cr Craig Watson commented on the importance of mentioning the active youth engagement we have encouraged in our community.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

If youth council members have any more ideas, let Ella or Katelyn know.

## 6. Selwyn Youth Project Fund

The first ever application for the SYPF (Selwyn Youth Project Fund) is from the Lincoln Rotary Club. They are requesting funds to send a third student to the Rotary Outdoor Leadership Challenge for Lincoln/Ellesmere year 10/11s. The Selwyn Youth council would be putting forward a lump sum of \$390 to make this a reality.

### ACTION / OUTCOME

A vote took place to determine whether we would put money forward to the project. The vote was unanimous with every council member confirming they are for this donation. Jason will liaise with Murray tomorrow to inform him of the good news. Furthermore, they will publicise the SYPF even more to remind the community we still have a significant amount of money in the fund, and that we are looking for innovative proposals to offer this money to.

**Moved** – Ella / **Seconded** – Maisie

*‘That the Selwyn Youth Project Fund provides funding of \$390 to the Lincoln Rotary Club’*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Signature Event Ideas

Jason proposed the ‘Teen Fest’ event, a weeklong smorgasbord of events designed for young people aged 13-19. Whilst reminding us that this is just a mock design to give us a flavour of what we could do – he discussed the activities involved in the event. In terms of the leadership day, Michelle suggested we could make it bi-annual and select 25 students from schools in Selwyn to go. We could also choose 25 students who live in Selwyn but don’t necessarily attend school in Selwyn to make an appearance. She projected the potential costs we would need to implement to meet the requirements of the course i.e. lunch. In Teen Fest, the possibility of incorporating ‘What do YOUTH think?’ was discussed. Ella informed the Youth Council about a youth workshop she was involved in the weekend. She shared ideas for the themes of next year’s ‘hui’, including, finding successes, recognising opportunity, volunteering etc. These themes could be effective ideas for workshops in Teen Fest.

### ACTION / OUTCOME

The general consensus and response from the council members of ‘What do YOUTH think?’ being integrated into Teen Fest was very positive. Once Teen Fest is confirmed and finalised, revisit this conversation about workshops and collate some more ideas.

## 8. Youth council recruitment

There will be four positions available and up-for grabs next year on the Selwyn Youth Council. Applications open the 1st November and close the 20th November. Selection announcement will be declared and broadcasted in December with team building in January 2018 followed by the first meeting in February. Jason ran through the questions the application form contains, and asked the youth council about adding/discarding any questions from last year. Ella added that the best way of recruiting is to identify the gap and demographics we need to form a more diverse youth council. Cr Craig Watson emphasised the importance of this. For the orientation weekend, visit the marae with the intention of it being a bit ‘lighter’ in terms of information than the orientation weekend this year in Wainui.

### ACTION / OUTCOME

Because there is a mere four positions available, we will advertise through schools, council call and social media and perhaps not in the local paper as we did last year. We may wish to select some recommended criteria that we want in people applying i.e. we are looking for someone who is home-schooled.

## 9. Selwyn Youth Council Handover

Jason is looking at when he will pass over the youth council coordinator responsibility to Tyla. He will carry Jason's responsibilities soon and start to organise the monthly meetings, exec meetings, training, recruitment, team building events, 'What do YOUth think?' events, Selwyn Youth Project Fund, update SDC website and social media, attend Youth Voice Canterbury meetings and trainings and manage our two budget lines.

### ACTION / OUTCOME

The youth council will start to see Tyla taking over Jason's responsibilities soon. Tyla will be the youth council member's first point of contact.

### General business

None

### Meeting close at 7:02pm

Next meeting Wednesday 4th October 2017 in Rolleston.

### Financial Statement

