

# SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**  
to be held at the **Selwyn District Headquarters**  
on **5/8/20**  
commencing at **6:48pm**

## **Present**

Jonathan Schwass, Olivia Duder, Erana Riddell, Nevaeh Maeder, Benjamin Dodson, Isabella Kennedy, Emma Johnson, Inaki Cepeda, Scarlett Shannon, Jeremy Reed and Councillor Sophie McInnes.

## **Apologies**

Mayor Sam Broughton, Councillor Shane Eipha, Chloe Duff, Laura Hann, Shay Robinson, CR Shane Eipha and Ethan Richards-White.

## **Confirmation of apologies**

## **Moved / Seconded**

**CARRIED**

## **Identification of any urgent general business**

## **Confirmation of previous minutes**

## **Moved Emma / Seconded Inaki**

*'That the minutes from the 24/6/20 be confirmed'*

**CARRIED**

## **Matters Arising**

## **Correspondence**

Selwyn Motorfest have requested support from the Selwyn Youth Council for volunteers to help out on the day (22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020). Shay to put poll on Facebook.

## **Financial Statement**

To be presented next meeting.

## **Agenda items**

### **1. Electoral Commission and Voting**

The Electoral Commission came in to speak with the Selwyn Youth Council about voting in the elections and encouraging young people to enroll. The youth advocates also provided resources that could be shared on social media. It is important that the youth council remain politically neutral but they are able to promote enrolments and voting in general.

Youth council members spoke National, Labour and Greens candidates are all available to do a speaking event if it is something the youth council might consider hosting. There is risk in terms of political neutrality with a candidate's event, however, there was an option of creating a podcast for MPs to come in and answer questions relevant to young people in Selwyn. A word document is to be created to formulate these questions.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Youth councilors to vote in poll about who is to lead the podcast interviews
- Digital Marketing Apprentices to share resources on Facebook and Instagram

### **2. Council Report**

Liv and Ethan to present to Council, they will update at the next meeting.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Liv and Ethan to meet and prepare powerpoint slides/presentation. Jono to put together results.

### **3. Survey**

The results of the survey haven't been released yet but Jono and Shay are working on these. The survey was administered at each of the high schools in Selwyn with youth councilors helping out during lunch times. Issy attended the Lincoln University Club Day with Shay.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Jono to work on results
- Results to be presented to Council

### **4. Podcasts**

Podcasts have been a great project and so far there are 14 podcasts lined up. These are on Spotify and are being promoted on social media. Posters handed out during this meeting to put up around each of the high schools.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- All youth councilors to share across social media and in high schools
- Nevaeh add link to podcasts on Social Media.

### **5. Project 3 Team Update**

Under the name BOOST Give Back, the following is being organized and/or supported by the project team and wider youth council:

- A planting day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September to welcome international students, newcomers and migrants. Youth councilors to invite a international student from each high school.
- A Keep NZ Beautiful – Clean Up Day which includes cleaning up the community, parks and reserves. More information and dates to come but likely to be held the weekend after the planting day on either Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Poll to go up on Facebook for those interested in helping.
- Youth councilors to volunteer at a local food bank; dates to follow.

- Older volunteers in the community to be interviewed about why they volunteer and why they give back to the community.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Polls to be created on Facebook and those who do not have Facebook to email through interest to Shay.
- Project team to meet again to discuss Keep NZ Beautiful clean ups.
- Shay to confirm dates and times for volunteering at the food banks.
- 2 or 3 older volunteers to be identified to be interviewed.

#### **6. Selwyn Young Leaders Day**

This was an event supported by the Selwyn Youth Council through the Youth Project Fund. Jeremy and Shay attended this in July to promote Selwyn Youth Council and raise awareness for elections in November this year. Erana also recorded a podcast with the Two Raw sisters at the event which will be posted on Spotify in the coming weeks.

#### **7. Selwyn Community Fund Committee**

Selwyn youth councilors to have representatives on the committee. Emma and Issy to participate in the July round.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Shay to get in contact with Emma and Issy and connect with Council funding coordinators.

#### **8. Creative Communities**

The Creative Community Fund is like the SYC fund group, except they are specifically funding creative events. Amazing events have happened though the funding of this group.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

#### **9. Boost Spook**

Youth council members to try and come along as it's a team experience. Also, if you can, bring friends to volunteer on the day too. The BOOST Spook Project Team needs to be established with 'champions' to lead the organization of the event.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

- Youth councilors to opt onto the project team via the poll on Facebook
- Everyone to consider dates in October and this year we will look to run it before day-light savings so it does not get dark too late.

#### **General business**

Triathlon - a vote was put to the voting members of SYC to see if we would allocate some of the Selwyn Youth Project Funds to help out with this event, it was decided that we would and a sum of \$200 was allocated. There is to be a poll asking if any SYC member could volunteer to help out on the day.

Voting – Liv spoke about voting in this election and how this is being encouraged by a student at Lincoln High School. Potential funding could be available if he applied to the Youth Project Fund.

**Meeting closed at 7:40pm**

