

# SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**  
to be held at the **Selwyn District Council Headquarters**  
**2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston**  
on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
commencing at **6:53 pm**

## **Present**

Chloe Duff, Madi Millar, Erana Riddell, Alan Li, Katelyn Twiss, Michelle Bruce, Olivia Duder, Jonathan Schwass, Hannah Ireland, Naomi Scott, Mayor Sam Broughton, and Councilor Murray Lemon.

## **Apologies**

William Topham, Meg Nelis, Adia McKay and Shay Robinson.

## **Confirmation of apologies**

**Moved** – Michelle / **Seconded** – Chloe

**CARRIED**

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

Katelyn briefly mentioned the culture of the official meetings to encourage an efficient, respectful and productive environment. She requested every member send in an apology if they are unable to make it to any meeting and try their best to reply to polls or posts on the Facebook page.

## **Confirmation of previous minutes**

Minutes of the Selwyn Youth Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 taken as read.

**Moved** – Hannah / **Seconded** – Liv

*‘That the minutes from the Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be confirmed’*

**CARRIED**

## **Matters Arising**

Principals of Selwyn schools along with international agents were hosted at the Selwyn District Council with the aim of increasing the number of international students studying in Selwyn. Sam reported that this was a very successful event and he looks forward to seeing the benefits in the Selwyn community.

## **Correspondence**

No correspondence this week.

## **Financial Statement**

Deferred to next meeting

## **Agenda items**

### **1. BOOST Skate**

Katelyn relayed some feedback on BOOST Skate and wanted to see if at the next BOOST event, we could target older audiences and provide a way to give the community a method to place feedback. Some expressed they felt the BBQ was not as popular as they first thought. We discussed how although BOOST Skate was for youth of all ages, perhaps the activity for next time could be better targeted towards teenagers, particularly if the event was held at night. Verbal feedback has been all positive about BOOST Skate.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Looking to target older youth for our upcoming BOOST events by running events at night and having a method of feedback available.

### **2. What do YOUTH think?**

The 'What do YOUTH think?' survey will be made digital this year so that homeschoolers and those who go to school outside the Selwyn district can access the survey with spot prizes providing some incentive.

We discussed the upcoming Lincoln University survey. Erana and Meg can meet at the Selwyn District Council at 10am for transportation to Lincoln University or can make their own way there 45 minutes beforehand for set up. Councilors have been very generous and have provided funds for the sausages for all the proposed surveys. The principal of Rolleston College has also provided approval.

Liv and Katelyn have rewritten the previous year's survey with the focus of cycleways, walkways and safety in Selwyn. We amended a question to ask where an extra walkway or cycleway would be most useful and added a question regarding a community and sports center planned for both Leeston and Darfield in the years ahead. We also discussed whether having a location to cycle to is more important than having a cycleway between two towns.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Michelle is to contact Darfield High School, Liv/Alan are to contact Lincoln High School and Katelyn is to contact Ellesmere High School to confirm the Selwyn Youth Council can run the 'What do YOUTH think?' in each school and are to provide Shay with a written copy of approval.

### **3. BOOST Posters**

Madi and Chloe updated the group on the BOOST Posters and are meeting with the Communications team on Wednesday. They have finalized the messages for the posters and hope to have them completed shortly.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Selwyn Youth Council members to contact Madi or Chloe with a photo of themselves for the posters.

### **4. Selwyn Spring Show**

The Selwyn Spring Show have contacted the Selwyn Youth Council wanting us to create a youth friendly BOOST space at the show on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Shay has replied to the show coordinators and has thanked them for this great opportunity.

#### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

We will investigate potentially reusing the BOOST branding and the Spring Show event at various other shows around the district such as Hororata Highland Games, Malvern Show and the Courtenay A&P show. The Youth Council will continue to brainstorm next meeting.

## 5. Citizenship Ceremonies

The Citizenship Ceremonies roster can be found on the Facebook page. We encourage each Youth Council Representative to give a short speech about being a youth in the Selwyn community and should arrive at 6pm on the day. More than one Youth Council member can be at each ceremony. This is a great opportunity and we are all encouraged to get involved.

### ACTION / OUTCOME

When? (need to be there @ 6pm)	Who? (Youth Council Rep giving short speech)	Where?
12 June	Katelyn	West Melton Community Centre
10 July	Katelyn	West Melton Community Centre
14 August	Chloe	West Melton Community Centre
11 September	Alan	West Melton Community Centre
9 October	Ethan	West Melton Community Centre
6 November	Hannah	West Melton Community Centre
11 December	Naomi	West Melton Community Centre

## 6. Meetings around the district

Meetings will be held around the district every second month with carpooling to ensure everyone finds their way there. The July meeting will be held in Greenpark (rather than June) and the August meeting will be held at Lakeside. We will confirm the new starting time closer to the date but will have the public forum earlier so we are not staying out too late, keeping traveling distances in mind. Later in the year, planning will begin for the December meeting at Castle Hill with the potential for a day trip involving a journey through cave stream.

## 7. Have a go days

We discussed the number of days we want to plan, deciding on running one for both weeks of the school holidays and talked about potential workshops such as cv writing, scholarship applications, baking, cooking and knitting. Libraries and halls around Selwyn are available to us. Day clubs catering for the older generation in each district are a great opportunity for a workshop linking in our goal of encouraging volunteering in Selwyn and connecting youth with the elderly.

### ACTION/OUTCOME

Shay is to contact the clubs for potential volunteering opportunities and for workshop themes. The have a go days will continue to be brainstormed next meeting.

## **8. NZ Youth Awards 2019**

These awards are a great reminder to get Selwyn youth recognized for leadership and community involvement on national level.

## **9. Instagram Account**

Decision has come from the Communications team to decline our request for an Instagram account as they would prefer us to have an Social Media presence via the @SensationalSelwyn page, maintaining style and control. Their reasoning was that when Selwyn Youth Council members leave the council, accounts often become dormant. Although it is disappointing news, we can post via the Sensational Selwyn page and have a social media presence that way.

### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

The Youth Council and Chairperson Katelyn Twiss approves the formation of a focus group of Erana, Chloe and Naomi to talk with council staff on behalf of the Youth Council regarding the Instagram account. The focus group have the goal of outlining how we want to address each issue the Communications team have raised and convey the importance of having youth perspective within our social media platform.

Katelyn is to forward the Instagram account decision email to the focus group members.

## **10. Council Photo**

Our team photo is planned for next meeting.

### **ACTION / OUTCOME**

Wear t-shirts and hoodies to the next meeting

### **General business**

During public forum, Chloe's classmate Emily from Rolleston College interviewed the Selwyn Youth Council about BOOST events run last year along with the impact we have seen in the community for a school inquiry.

Katelyn spoke to the Selwyn District Council during the public forum in the previous week on the topic of lime scooters and presented a youth perspective. A trial has been approved for Rolleston in about 6 months after some modifications to by-laws.

Councilor Murray Lemon commended Katelyn for her great presentation to Council.

### **Meeting closed at 7:52pm.**

Next meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Selwyn District Council HQ, Rolleston.