

SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting of the **Selwyn Youth Council**
to be held at the **Selwyn District Headquarters**
on **Wednesday 16th September**
commencing at **6:39PM**

Present

Ethan Richards-White, Jonathan Schwass, Olivia Duder, Nevaeh Maeder, Benjamin Dodson, Isabella Kennedy, Laura Hann, Emma Johnson, Inaki Cepeda, Scarlett Shannon, Jeremy Reed, Councillor Sophie McInnes and Shay Robinson.

Apologies

Mayor Sam Broughton, Councillor Shane Epiha and Erana Riddell.

Confirmation of apologies

Moved Inaki / **Seconded** Laura

CARRIED

Identification of any urgent general business

Confirmation of previous minutes

Moved Emma / **Seconded** Jonathan

'That the minutes from the 5/8/20 be confirmed'

CARRIED

Matters Arising

Correspondence

Financial Statement

Agenda items

1. Formal Photo 2020

It went well and Erana will be noted as absent. The photo will be printed and put up in the Council hallway with previous formal photos.

2. Exec Team Update

Chloe has resigned and a lovely email from Chloe was read out by Liv.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Deputy Chair position open. Please put forward names to Shay by the end of day Friday 18th September 2020.

3. The General Elections Campaign

Elections have been moved back another month and due to take place on October 17th. 89% of the population who are eligible to vote are enrolled. For Selwyn, 70.6% of eligible 18-24 year olds are currently enrolled to vote. The Electoral Commission estimates there are 6000 young people in Selwyn who are eligible.

The Selwyn Youth Council have a role to play in encourage people to enroll in the elections and vote. It is important that youth councilors remain politically neutral.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Social media posts to be shared from Electoral Commission as a mini-campaign and there is a live Facebook event scheduled in for Thursday 24th September at 7:00pm. SYC members to help host the event (Issy is currently helping) and ask the Electoral Commission youth advocates questions about how to enroll and vote.

4. Put Your Roots Down & The Liffey Clean Up

Issy and Nevaeh attended the Put Your Roots Down planting day welcoming International students, migrants and newcomers to the Selwyn community. They provided good feedback to the event and enjoyed hosting some international students from Darfield High School.

The Liffey Clean Up was a successful Keep NZ Beautiful Week event with approx. 20 volunteers attending including 5 youth councillors.

5. BOOST Give Back

Youth councilors will be giving back and supporting their local food banks in the next two weeks. Issy and Laura will be helping Two Rivers Trust run a food drive in Darfield on October 2nd. Inaki and Emma will be volunteering at the Ellesmere Food Bank in the school holidays.

Interviews are still to take place and Jeremy will be assisting to interview senior volunteers. More details to come.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Youth Councillors to share promotional material about the Darfield Food Drive and if any members can assist Jeremy in shooting the interviews with senior volunteers, please let Shay know.

6. Survey results

The survey went very well with a good range in participant demographic across the district. The most popular ideas were *Eat street food or market food, BBQ area, Rock climbing/boulder climbing, play on an obstacle course or parkour park* and *Meet a friend for a chat*. The youth council are doing a presentation to council on 23/9/20 regarding the results. Physical activities being recommended.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Liv, Ethan and Jeremy to present to Council next Wednesday 23rd September at 4:00pm. Data on interests of each identified gender will also be presented; as well as an update on all youth council activities.

7. BOOST Spook

The youth council are now partnering with the Burnham Halloween Festival this year due to the risk of BOOST Spook being cancelled because of Covid 19. Burnham Halloween Festival have the option of re-structuring their event to a drive-through style and there are plenty of benefits of the youth council partnering with another event organiser.

The event is scheduled for Thursday 29th October from 6:00 - 8:00PM. More details to come.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Those who put their names forward to be involved in the project team will receive a meeting notification to begin planning with the army. All youth councilors are expected to help out on the night. More details to come.

8. Christmas function – Tuesday 1st December in Darfield.

All youth councilors are invited to the Selwyn Volunteers Function this year.

ACTION / OUTCOME

All members to RSVP to Shay.

9. Funding Application

Rolleston Kids Triathlon funding application has been forwarded to all members. It is for a contribution of \$200 which will be used to book the Selwyn Aquatics Centre pools. Volunteers are also needed on Sunday the 18th October.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Voting members to email Shay their vote and Shay will post up a poll on Facebook for those who would like to volunteer.

10. Selwyn Tertiary Scholarships

Youth councilors are eligible to apply if they are year 12 and 13 and attend a Selwyn high school. Members to promote this to their networks. Applications close on the 30th September.

ACTION / OUTCOME

Posters to go up around schools and posts on social media.

General business

- Elections for the Youth Council is coming up in November. FYI at this stage but Shay will be in touch with members about their appointments.
- Culture fest is on Sunday 18th October – Volunteers needed. Shay will post up a poll on Facebook.
- Mental Health awareness week next week. Social Media Digital Apprentices to share an All Right? Campaign post.

School Holiday Activities

The youth council will be supporting events in the school holidays including:

- Mask making event at Rolleston Library – Tuesday 29th September
- Edge Connector Family Fund Day in Prebbleton – Tuesday 6th Oct, during the day for 2 hours
- BOOST Splash - Thursday 8th October 7:30pm – 9:00pm; competition ideas needed and social media prizes

Meeting closed at 7:31 PM