

**Minutes**  
**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Date: Monday 24 April 2012**  
**Venue: Council Chambers**  
**Time: 4.00pm**

**ITEM: 1      PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Mayor Neville Castle (Lithgow City Council), Cr Col Hunter (Lithgow City Council), Mallory Sedger, Brenella Abdel-Rehim, Zac Dray, Ethan Perry, Jenna Martin, Daniel Whiteman, Mel Besley, Sharni Banks and Heath Zorz (LINC).

**Apologies:** Joel Cama

**Officers:** Viktoria Gulabovski (Community Development Officer) and Wendy Hawkes (Cultural Development Officer).

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil

**ITEM: 2      CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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The minutes of the 27 March 2012 meeting were ratified by email and were reported to Council on 23 April 2012.

**ITEM: 3      BUSINESS ARISING**

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**SUMMARY**

An update on the progress of the tennis courts and toilet signage and shade cloth at the skate park was provided by Viktoria Gulabovski.

**COMMENTARY**

Viktoria Gulabovski has attempted to contact Lithgow Tennis Club on a few occasions without success. She will keep on trying and advise Youth Council of the outcome via email when it becomes available.

She also spoke to Matthew Wade from Council's Operations unit to arrange for toilet signage near the skate park. Matthew will be ordering the sign in coming days and hopes to have it up within a few weeks.

Viktoria Gulabovski spoke to Terry Nolan regarding the possibility of installing a shade cloth over the skate park area. Terry advised that the budget has already been set for this financial year, however, he will build this item into the next budget estimate.

Shade cloths are big ticket items and will require regular maintenance work and ongoing costs. This can be avoided by creating shaded seating and planting a few more trees around the area. Youth Council is in favour of creating shaded seating areas through a combination of trees so Viktoria Gulabovski will arrange to meet with Terry Nolan to progress this item.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The progress update on toilet signage and shade cloth at skate park and tennis courts to be noted.

**MOVED:** Daniel Whiteman  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Brenella Abdel-Rehim

## **ITEM : 4 UNION ROCK EVALUATION**

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### **SUMMARY**

A report was provided on the Union Rock concert held on 14 April 2012 to inform future organisation of similar events.

### **COMMENTARY**

#### Aspects that worked:

- High profile bands attracted people
- A little over 100 people attended the event
- The Union Theatre is a good venue for this type of event
- Lots of volunteers ensured event ran smoothly
- It was a very positive event that everybody enjoyed
- Need to have more often (twice a year)

#### What we could have done differently:

- Use of current background music while bands are setting up
- Commence promotional activity earlier
- Bus on standby not necessary
- Always start event with a lively and current band
- Ensure security guards are appropriate for this type of event
- Charge \$10 per ticket

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the 14 April Union Rock event be noted.

**MOVED:** Mallory Sedger  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Zac Dray

## **ITEM : 5 FUTURE YOUTH CONCERTS**

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### **SUMMARY**

There was a discussion about having youth concerts in the future.

### **COMMENTARY**

Overall everyone that attended the 14 April Union Rock event was pleased and thought it was a positive thing for the youth of Lithgow. It was agreed that these type of events should be held at least twice a year so that young people can enjoy themselves, particularly over the school holidays. Viktoria Gulabovski, on behalf of Youth Council, will put in an application for financial assistance to organise another event like this in December 2012.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on planning for future youth concerts be noted.

**MOVED:** Brenella Abdel-Rehim  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Ethan Perry

**ITEM : 6 NEW MEMBERS**

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**SUMMARY**

There was discussion about the possible recruitment of new members for Youth Council outside the formal nomination period.

**COMMENTARY**

Viktoria Gulabovski circulated a memo to Youth Councillors outlining a recent call from a young person expressing an interest in joining Youth Council as well as the current process for recruiting new members. While Youth Council agreed that the recruitment process remains as per Terms of Reference (i.e. on an annual basis in September), they were in favour of allowing interested persons to participate on an "invitee" basis. While invitees will not have voting rights, they will not be precluded from participating through suggestions and the decision making process.

Viktoria Gulabovski will write to the interested young person and invite her to participate on Youth Council.

Viktoria Gulabovski will contact the La Salle Academy and invite young people to participate on Youth Council as there are currently no representatives from that high school.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on new Youth Council members be noted.

**MOVED:** Mel Besley  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Sharni Banks

**ITEM : 7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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7.1 There was discussion about Youth Council's future focus and it was agreed that underage drug and alcohol consumption is an issue that needs some attention in Lithgow. Youth Council agreed to do some awareness raising work on this topic via making a short film about the consequences of underage drug and alcohol consumption. A project plan will be developed at the next Youth Council meeting where Youth Councillors will put on their thinking caps and creative ideas to piece this project together.

7.2 Brenella Abdel-Rehim advised that there is no lighting on the sports field at night during soccer practice. Viktoria Gulabovski will forward item to Iain Stewart from Operations for his attention.

7.3 Zac Dray brought up a number of traffic requests relating to stop signs and give way signs. Viktoria will forward his request to Council's Traffic Committee for their consideration.

**Meeting Closed 5.05 pm**

**Next Meeting  
Tuesday 30 May 2012 at 4.00pm in Council  
Chambers**