

Minutes
Youth Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday 31 July 2012
Venue: Council Chambers
Time: 4.00pm

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies:

Officers: Viktoria Gulabovski (Community Development Officer).

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 26 June 2012 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 23 July 2012.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Lighting at Marjorie Jackson Oval

There is current lighting available at Marjorie Jackson Oval and this is only used by the Lithgow District Football Association. There is a charge for using the lighting.

The current lighting is not ideal for competition, but is suitable for training purposes. The Association may assist in granting permission for the existing lights to be used at agreed times.

Alternatively, Soccer Clubs may ask the Lithgow District Football Association to investigate a proposal for upgrading / improving the lighting and they can then provide the Sports Advisory Committee with a proposal for consideration.

Once the proposal is received, the Sports Advisory Committee can assess the submission, and further investigate any grants or funding opportunities and get this item placed in the draft budget for consideration.

3.2 Poster for Short Film Festival

The poster for the short film festival is now finished. Youth Councillors to promote event using poster at various promotional points throughout

community – schools, notice boards, libraries etc. A thank you letter to be drafted to Cass Dray for the art and design work on the poster.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The progress update on the lighting at Marjorie Jackson Oval and the poster for the short film festival be noted.

MOVED: Sharni Banks **SECONDED:** Darcy Allan
Carried

ITEM : 4 UNION ROCK II

SUMMARY

A discussion about Union Rock II.

COMMENTARY

Youth Councillors will assist with finding bands for Union Rock, and will be forwarding names and contact numbers to Viktoria Gulabovski and Deonne Kinney from Lithgow Community Projects in the next couple of weeks.

Youth Councillors may also assist with designing the poster for the event, and it is anticipated that promotional activity will commence 1 month prior to event – no later than 29 August 2012.

The Union Theatre is booked for Sat 29th September and Lithgow Community Projects will be paying the hire fee in the next few weeks. The plan is to have 3-4 bands play on the night and screen winning films from short film festival on the night as well.

Darcy Allan, Youth Councillor, has volunteered to be MC on the night and the PCYC has volunteered to lend us their projector and laptop for screening the short films just before the headline band plays. The purpose of this is to raise awareness about underage drinking and Heath from LINC will be in charge of screening and projection. It is anticipated that David Brooks, lead singer from Tear Down the Skies, will introduce and talk about films.

The Community Drug Action team (CDAT) will also be on site with a BBQ and serving sausages and drinks. This event will commence at 6pm and finish at 10pm. It is a drug and alcohol free event and tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 each.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notes the Union Rock II event will be held on 29 September 2012 at Union Theatre.

MOVED: Mallory Sedger **SECONDED:** Ethan Perry
Carried

ITEM : 5 YOUTH SERVICES NETWORK

SUMMARY

Viktoria Gulabovski provided an update on the formation of a Youth services Network.

COMMENTARY

Viktoria Gulabovski has formed a Youth Services Network (YSN), which consists of various service providers working in the youth sector.

The Youth Services Network allows service providers to:

- Network and share information
- Discuss, respond to and prioritise current and emerging issues impacting on young people living in Lithgow.
- Identify opportunities to work in partnership and share resources
- Gain a broad insight into current youth activities across the sector
- Advocacy and awareness-raising of youth issues in the Lithgow LGA.

The Youth Services Network will meet on a bimonthly basis however, this is subject to change should more frequent meetings be required.

The YSN had its inaugural meeting on 1 August 2012 at the Hartley Building meeting room where two overarching areas of work were identified including:

- (i) Early intervention
- (ii) Crisis Support

The YSN will also provide input into the Council Youth Strategy and develop an action plan to guide the its of working.

Members of the YSN include:

- Lithgow Community Projects
- LINC
- Lithgow Tafe
- PCYC
- Lithgow Primary School
- Coerwull Primary School
- Wallerawang Primary School
- Lithgow High School
- Lithgow Council
- Octec Youth Connections
- Family Support Service
- Skill Set
- Community Health Network
- Family and community services
- Mountains Youth Services Team (Myst)
- Blue Mountains Youth Accommodation Services

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Youth Services Network be noted.

MOVED: Zac Dray
Carried

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM : 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Viktoria will be taking parental leave towards the end of October 2012. She hopes to be back within 6 – 8 months.

6.2 Cr Neville Castle will be standing down as Mayor in September 2012, therefore the next Youth Council meeting will be his last.

Meeting Closed 4.45 pm

Next Meeting
Tuesday 28 August 2012 at 4.00pm in Council
Chambers