

**Minutes**  
**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Date: Tuesday 27 November 2012**  
**Venue: Council Chambers**  
**Time: 4.00pm**

**ITEM: 1      PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Clr Inzitari, Mallory Sedger, Kasey Fitzgerald, Mel Besley, Jenna Martin, Brett, Zac Shadbolt, Zac Dray, Wendy Hawkes (Cultural Development Officer), Kane Bott, Suzanne McNamara (PCYC) and Heath Zorz (LINC).

**Apologies:** Clr Higlett and Daniel Whiteman.

**Officers:** Matthew Johnson (Manager Community and Culture) and Melanie Jones (Community Development Officer).

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil

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

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The minutes of the 30 October 2012 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 26 November 2012.

**ITEM: 3      BUSINESS ARISING**

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3.1 There was discussion on development of annual sports and cultural scholarships for low income and disadvantaged young people. Clr Inzitari had looked into this idea inviting Suzanne McNamara from Lithgow PCYC to attend the meeting and give an overview of the activities that could be provided to young people at the PCYC. It was discussed that the scholarships be put in place to assist young people from year 7 to year 12 who are from low income families and may otherwise not have access to sporting activities and programs. Clr Inzitari suggested that the scholarship program, if implemented, may also assist with building self confidence and esteem in the young people. Cost and number of scholarships were also discussed and the Youth Council agreed upon possibly offering 16 scholarships, all lasting for a period of one year. Suzanne (PCYC) discussed with Clr Inzitari that a base or standard cost per scholarship would be approximately \$250 each. This fee paid to the PCYC would allow access to a variety of programs within PCYC, and allow the young person to participate in the activities that interest them most, while also interacting with the staff at PCYC regularly. Clr Inzitari said he would raise it at the next Council meeting.

3.2 Plans for Youthweek 2013 were discussed, with the theme for next year being released, 'Be Active. Be Happy. Be You'. Ideas for an event next year Saturday 6 April 2013 were discussed. Zac and Brett said that Lithgow Community Projects expressed interest in being involved. Clr Inzitari

mentioned applying for funding and organising an event at the Civic Ballroom as well as the skate park. Ideas that were suggested included bands, skate/scooter/bmx demonstrations and a bbq, making it a day/night event. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on business arising be noted.

**MOVED:** Kasey Fitzgerald      **SECONDED:** Mallory Sedger  
**Carried**

**ITEM: 4      NSW LOCAL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

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Wendy Hawkes attended to discuss the Local Citizenship Award Nominations and provided information on how to nominate someone. She also gave a presentation on volunteering within organisations around Lithgow and surrounding areas.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the NSW Citizenship Awards be noted.

**MOVED:** Zac                      **SECONDED:** Mel Besley  
**Carried**

**ITEM : 5      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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Jenna Martin discussed the art exhibition being held by Youthworx/Lithgow Community Projects at Eskbank House. The official opening is 1 December 2012. Clr Inzitari suggested that a media release be organised to promote the event. Melanie to follow up.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on General Business be noted.

**MOVED:**                              **SECONDED:**  
**Carried**

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 4.00pm in Council**  
**Chambers**