



Minutes

Youth Council Meeting
 Tuesday 29 April 2014
 Council Chambers
 Lithgow City Council
 180 Mort Street Lithgow
 4.00-5.00pm

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MINUTES – YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2014



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Statham, Clr Inzitari, Clr McAndrew (from 4.30PM), Kane Bott, Zach Dray, Daniel Whiteman and Brenella Rehim.

APOLOGIES: Matthew Johnson, Melissa Besley and Rachael Besley.

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek and Melanie Jones.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 25 March 2014 were ratified by email and reported to Council on 14 April 2014.

ACTION

THAT The confirmation of the previous minutes is noted.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Zach Dray

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

SUMMARY

- 3.1 Update on the Youth Council PCYC Scholarship Program-
The PCYC is waiting for Lithgow High School to return completed memberships forms so the nominated students can begin. Contact continues between the Community Development Officer and Lithgow High School, La Salle Academy and TAFE to identify additional scholarship recipients. An evaluation from the PCYC will be provided at the next meeting to provide feedback from the young people who have commenced their scholarships.
- 3.2 Youth Space-
Locations were discussed for possible spaces including the shop next to the Hartley Building, which has now been leased so is no longer an option. Other locations that were discussed include the Union Theatre and the Library. The Library has been identified as a good option for young people to access due to the youth specific space and the free Wi-Fi; however the committee would like to look into a separate space. The Union Theatre was discussed and barriers to this location include lack of supervision, it being used regularly for other events and the issue of opening and closing the premises. Ideas for potential spaces include the old police station and Westfund's Railway Parade building.

- 3.3 New Member Nomination-
The nomination by Rachael Besley to the Youth Council was endorsed by Council at the meeting held 14 April 2014.

ACTION

THAT The update on Business Arising is noted.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM: 4 YOUTH WEEK 2014

SUMMARY

The Youth Week event was held Saturday 12 April 2014 at the Lithgow Skatepark. The day featured professional BMX and scooter coaching and demonstrations by Newtons Nation, a rock climbing wall and a free BBQ. Attendance was good throughout the day and the feedback was extremely positive.

Discussions about planning and ideas for next year will be placed on the agenda for future meetings and include moving the Youth Week event to Queen Elizabeth Park or booking a headliner band well in advance, possibly moving away from hiring Newtons Nation and hosting the event at the Skatepark. The possibility of running some coaching throughout the year by Newtons Nation instead was discussed.

ACTION

THAT The update on Youth Week is noted.

MOVED: Brenella Rehim

SECONDED: Zach Dray

ITEM: 5 YOUTH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

SUMMARY

Council has created a new Facebook page and closed down the previous Facebook page, which was not being maintained and updated consistently. The Youth Council Facebook page has current information and photos of events and is updated regularly with relevant information including information about local events, Youth Council PCYC Scholarship Program, Council job advertisements of interest to young people and the Council Youth Survey. The Youth Council may forward any information they would like placed on the Facebook page to Council.

ACTION

THAT The discussion about the Youth Council Facebook page is noted.

MOVED: Daniel Whiteman

SECONDED: Kane Bott

Councillor McAndrew arrived at the meeting at 4.30pm during discussion of Item 5.

ITEM: 6 VOLUNTEERING

SUMMARY

Encouraging young people in the Lithgow LGA to volunteer and promoting the importance of volunteering was discussed as being a worthwhile project for the Youth Council. Other volunteer opportunities were discussed such as Optus Rockcorps, volunteering at local nursing homes, Lion's Club, Men's Shed, Museums Groups and community gardens. The possibility of branching out and working in conjunction with other Councils, such as Blue Mountains Council and Bathurst Council, was discussed.

ACTION

THAT the discussion about volunteering is noted.

MOVED: Daniel Whiteman

SECONDED: Zach Dray

ITEM: 7 DRAFT BUDGET

SUMMARY

The Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015 is currently on public exhibition for review and if there is anything the Youth Council committee members identify as needing improvement or would like to see additions made, a submission can be made on behalf of the committee to Council for consideration.

ACTION

THAT The discussion about the Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015 is noted.

MOVED: Brenella Rehim

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM: 8 WORK PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The committee discussed forming a work program to document ideas and actions for the Youth Council to work on during 2014-2015. A draft work plan will be distributed prior to the next meeting for consideration.

ACTION

THAT That the discussion about the youth Council Work program is noted.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Zach Dray

ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

PCYC Driving Lessons Program (Safe Drivers)

The committee discussed the new program implemented by the PCYC to provide driving lessons to young people. A report on the program will be provided to the Youth Council at the next meeting and involvement or assistance by the committee will be assessed.

ACTION

THAT the discussion under General Business is noted.

MOVED: Daniel Whiteman

SECONDED: Zach Dray

ITEM: 10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Council Committee is Tuesday 27 May 2014, 4.00pm-5.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.55pm