



Minutes

Youth Council Meeting
Tuesday 27 May 2014
Council Chambers
Lithgow City Council
180 Mort Street Lithgow
4.00-5.00pm

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MINUTES – YOUTH COUNCIL – 27 MAY 2014

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES



PRESENT: Cllr Statham, Cllr Inzitari, Kane Bott, and Rachael Besley. Guest- Leanne Walding.

APOLOGIES: Matthew Johnson, Melissa Besley, Daniel Whiteman and Cllr McAndrew

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek and Melanie Jones.

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 29 April 2014 were ratified by email and reported to Council on 12 May 2014.

ACTION

THAT The confirmation of the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Rachael Besley

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

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. Lithgow High School to be contacted and given a date to have the membership forms back otherwise the scholarships will be given to other people.

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. It was discussed that the best option might be to partner with private enterprise or the PCYC in developing a youth specific space. The committee also discussed putting questions on facebook to get other ideas.

ACTION

THAT The update on Business Arising be noted.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Rachael Besley

ITEM: 4 YOUTH COUNCIL WORK PLAN

SUMMARY

Youth Council considered ideas for the Youth Council Work Plan for the coming year.

COMMENTARY

It was decided to bring ideas for the 2014/15 Work Plan back to the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT Youth Council bring ideas for the 2014/15 Work Plan back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Rachael Besley

SECONDED: Kane Bott

ITEM: 5 YOUTH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

SUMMARY

Council has created a new Youth Council Facebook page to replace the previous Facebook page, which was not being maintained and updated consistently.

COMMENTARY

The Youth Council Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LithgowIgaYouth) 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. Youth Council members may forward any information they would like placed on the Facebook page to Council.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Rachael Besley

SECONDED: Kane Bott

ITEM: 6 VOLUNTEERING

SUMMARY

Encouraging young people in the Lithgow LGA to volunteer and promoting the importance of volunteering were discussed as being a worthwhile project for the Youth Council.

COMMENTARY

Volunteering opportunities were discussed including 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 be noted and that Youth Council members bring ideas back to the next meeting for further discussion.

MOVED: Rachael Besley

SECONDED: Kane Bott

ITEM: 7 DRAFT COUNCIL 2014/15 BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY

Youth Council was asked to make comment on Council's draft 2014/15 budget and Operational Plan.

COMMENTARY

Members didn't have any feedback on the plan.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Rachael Besley

SECONDED: Kane Bott

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 New membership nomination: A nomination has been received from Leanne Walding (Lithgow High School).

8.2 Safe Driver Program PCYC: PCYC is running a safe driver program to allow young people to achieve the required hours to get their license. The Youth Council will look into possibly assisting the PCYC financially with this in some sort of scholarship model.

8.3 BMX Trails: a proposal was brought to the committee to develop a BMX trail in Lithgow.

8.4 Geocaching: It was discussed that this type of adventure walking might be something the committee can look into promoting in Lithgow.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The discussion under General Business be noted.
2. Further discussion occur at the next meeting on BMX trails and Geocaching.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council appoint Leanne Walding from Lithgow High School to the Youth Council to fill one of the Youth Work professional vacancies.

MOVED: Kane Bott

SECONDED: Rachael Besley

ITEM: 9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Council Committee will be Tuesday 24 June 2014, 4.00pm-5.00pm in Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.55pm