

Hastings District Youth Council



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MINUTES **(Informal Session)**

HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 7 June 2017**

**Minutes of an Informal Session of the Hastings District Youth Council
held on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 at 3.45pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL SESSION OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2017 AT 3.45PM

PRESENT: Chair: Grace Peia (HGHS)
Rytasha Sekhon and Pelerose Vaima'a (HGHS); Liam Davies (Karamu High); Faith Gill (Flaxmere College); and Max Sharp (EIT)

IN ATTENDANCE: Youth Co-ordinator (Ryan Gardiner)
Team Leader Community & Safety (Paddy Steffert)
Committee Secretary (Christine Hilton)

Twelve apologies had been received and so this meeting was addressed as an informal session, due to the lack of a quorum.

1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted.

Calvin Herbert – Deputy Chair (HBHS); Dylan Bishop (St Johns); Antonia Richardson (Rudolf Steiner); Samantha Anderson (Sacred Heart); Bethany Cox and Rueben Lyndon (Karamu High); Hanna Wrigley (HGHS); Olivia Campbell, Eleanor Matich, Ella Hoogerbrug and Hamish Legarth (Havelock North) and Councillor Dixon.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2017 could not be confirmed due to lack of a quorum. They will be addressed at the next meeting.

3. FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATES

This item was not addressed due to lack of a quorum.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)

A letter, dated 24 May 2017, was tabled and discussed (*Council Records reference CG-14-33-00018*). This letter was announcing a partnership with Outward Bound to assist with the personal development of New Zealand's Youth.

There were a number of scholarships to award for youth 16 years and older, which will fund a full 21 day course at Outward Bound.

Places were currently being offered on the courses starting on 30 July 2017 and 27 August 2017. Interest needs to be registered by 12pm on 9 June 2017.

Those present suggested that a group chat with the Youth Council members was needed.

Faith Gill arrived at 3.55pm

Vacancy on Creative NZ Assessment Committee

An email from Vicki Berkahn, Community Grants and Projects Advisor, was tabled and discussed (*Council Records reference CG-14-33-00017*). This advised that there was a vacancy for a youth representative on the Council's Creative NZ Assessment Committee.

Grace Peia; Liam Davies, Rytasha Sekhon, Max Sharp and Pelerosse Vaima'a all expressed interest in this vacancy.

Ideas for future consideration

Two ideas were suggested for consideration by the Youth Council members – being:

- A student exchange with Guilin; and
- A Future Leadership Scholarship offered by Massey Business School or a visit by the Youth Council to Massey.

Council Officers noted that while it was good to bring such ideas to the meetings, it would be more productive for members to investigate these types of ideas and present them in the context of some background information so that they could be considered more effectively.

The Youth Council members who suggested the above ideas would investigate them further and bring additional information back to a future meeting.

Another Youth Ball (Masquerade)

It was noted that another Youth Ball had been suggested, with it being highlighted that this was very short notice.

Makeup of the Youth Council

The makeup of the Youth Council was noted, with it being suggested that there only be one or two members from each school, to try and avoid having large numbers from some schools while other schools were not represented.

Council Officers explained how and why the Youth Council membership was made up. The aim was to try and get members who really wanted to be there, rather than just making up the numbers from each school.

Career Advisors at schools

Those present were asked how the career advisors at each school addressed career issues and what type of information was available – including whether apprenticeships were promoted to students as alternative to attending university.

Youth Co-ordinator, Ryan Gardiner, advised that he was working on a project related to careers advice.

5. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

This item was not addressed due to lack of a quorum.

6. YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN

Group Projects

It was noted that only Activity 2 (Councillor Q and A) and Activity 4 (Council Induction Tour) had been completed so far.

The members were encouraged to promote the remaining activities on Facebook. It was important to get on and for team leaders to push their respective projects and to advise if they could not meet their target completion dates.

It was suggested that these project meetings could be held on the alternate Wednesdays when the Youth Council was not meeting.

Youth Co-ordinator, Ryan Gardiner, and Team Leader Community & Safety, Paddy Steffert, advised that they were both available to attend any of the group project meetings.

Colour Run

Activity 8 (Agenda Page 19) was referred to.

Ryan Gardiner advised that Mark Wilson (ZEAL) had all the details in regard to this event and was keen for the Youth Council to be involved. Ryan will contact Mark about this.

The informal session closed at 4.30pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: