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HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 21 June 2017**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Hastings District Youth Council held on
Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at 3.45pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017 AT 3.45PM

PRESENT: Chair: Grace Peia (HGHS)
Councillor Dixon
Pelerosse Vaima'a and Hanna Wrigley (HGHS); Bethany Cox, Liam Davies and Rueben Lyndon (Karamu High); Olivia Campbell, Eleanor Matich and Ella Hoogerbrug (Havelock North); Faith Gill (Flaxmere College); Dylan Bishop (St Johns); Samantha Anderson (Sacred Heart); and Max Sharp (EIT)

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

1. APOLOGIES

Max Sharp/Rueben Lyndon

That apologies for absence from Hamish Legarth (Havelock High) and Antonia Richardson (Rudolf Steiner) be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Liam Davies/Dylan Bishop

That the minutes of the Hastings Youth Council Meeting held Wednesday 7 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

With the agreement of the Youth Council members, Item 6 was taken out of order and addressed while the Team Leader Community & Safety, Paddy Steffert, was present at the meeting.

6. WORK INSPIRATION AND YOUTH LINK

(Document 17/581)

The Team Leader Community & Safety, Paddy Steffert, spoke to his agenda report and responded to questions from the Youth Council members. He explained that "Work Inspiration" and "Youth Link" were two separate projects.

Paddy outlined how the Council would act as a sponsor, in regard to the Work Inspiration project (a Work Experience Programme) and expanded on how the use

of work mentors could be implemented, as set out in Paragraph 1.5 of his report. Across the Council a wide range of jobs were undertaken and the time that students spent with work mentors could be spread over a time period that suited both parties. Some students may not know what career path they want to take and this mentoring programme could assist with this. There was also an option for ongoing mentoring for up to 12 months.

The mentors could also possibly act as a referee when the student applied for a job, if that assistance was sought. The Group Managers would need to support this programme in order for Officers to be able to undertake a mentoring role if asked.

Youth Link was an innovative programme which tracks young people up to 20yrs of age in order to provide support to school leavers. This would also assist in keeping a line of communication open and engaging with them. This could help with statistical information about the activities and “wellness” of those young people and form a picture of them over that timeframe.

Paddy explained that both these projects were in the conceptual stage and would be “under the wing of the Council”. The aim was to get the “buy in” of young people and obtain feedback from the Youth Council.

Faith Gill (Flaxmere College) joined the meeting at 3.58pm.

The Council was looking to form a partnership with schools to work with and link in with them as part of this project for Year 12 students. The schools may be able to identify students who could be invited to participate in the project.

Both these projects could be further discussed at a later meeting.

Samantha Anderson/Eleanor Matich

That the report of the Team Leader Community & Safety titled “Work Inspiration and Youth Link” dated 21 June 2017 be received.

CARRIED

Paddy Steffert withdrew from the meeting at this point.

With the agreement of the Youth Council members, Item 5 was taken out of order and addressed.

5. HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

(Document 17/581)

The Youth Co-ordinator, Ryan Gardiner, advised that no representative had been able to be present from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and so this item would be deferred until a later meeting.

3. FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATES

Olivia Campbell and Hanna Wrigley noted some of the posts on the Facebook page and that they would post some photos about the recent Youth Council induction.

Max Sharp had some ideas about the Facebook page and would put these up on the group chat page. He noted the upcoming EIT production that he was involved in.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

International Advisory Group Representative

The meeting was advised that there was a vacancy for a representative from the Youth Council on the International Advisory Group. The first meeting for the year had been held earlier today and the next meeting was to take place on 11 October 2017.

Four Youth Council members expressed an interest in being on the International Advisory Group – Olivia Campbell; Grace Peia; Eleanor Matich; and Bethany Cox.

The Terms of Reference for the International Advisory Group referred to having **one** Youth Council representative. Therefore, it would be necessary to further consider the representation at a later Youth Council meeting and formally nominate and vote on a representative to be put forward.

Letter from The Bigger Picture

The Youth Co-ordinator, Ryan Gardiner, noted that he had pre-circulated a copy of a letter from Sophia Lourie, of The Bigger Picture, Iona College (*Records Doc Ref: CG-14-33-00021*). The Bigger Picture was a social enterprise that was taking part in the 2017 Young Enterprise Scheme.

This letter outlined that they planned to hold three corporate sponsored non-profit movie screening events in the Blyth Performing Arts Centre at Iona College. They were looking for \$6,200 in sponsorship money to cover their expenses.

Youth Evening - Karl Wairama (Youth Co-ordinator/Mental Health Worker with the Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga)

The Youth Co-ordinator, Ryan Gardiner, advised that a working group was needed to assist with Karl's Youth evening. There would be a meeting on Thursday, 29 June at 3.30pm.

Karl had attended the Youth Council meeting on 10 May 2017 and had spoken to the members about his role and the Tū Ake Youth Academy. The Youth Council had indicated they would be interested in assisting if they could in regard to an end of year event.

Ryan would send an email and try to obtain more information about how long this meeting may take. He would then let the Youth Council members know. He understood that this would be a pre-meeting before the actual organising started for the project involved.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

(Document 17/581)

Municipal Buildings and Opera House

Further information/feedback would be coming up in July. Feedback was being sought regarding how this building could be utilised once the Opera House reopened.

On 7 July (the last day of term) there was a meeting in the morning and invites would be sent out to a selection of people who wanted to be involved in providing feedback. Councillor Dixon would advise in regard to the date and time involved.

The Council's Working Party for the Municipal Buildings (The Opera House and Arts Precinct Subcommittee) would subsequently discuss the feedback and associated issues. Councillor Dixon was the Chair of this Subcommittee.

Grace Peia/Olivia Campbell

That the report of the Youth Co-ordinator titled "Youth Council Update" dated 07/06/2017 be received.

CARRIED

8. YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN

(Document 17/581)

Bethany Cox and Reuben Lyndon advised that neither of them had been appointed to any of the Project Groups.

Ella Hoogerbrug advised that she was on two Project Groups. It was suggested that her place could be taken by either Bethany or Reuben, on the Charity Event Project Group, which was working on a Colour Run project. Both of them agreed to take part in this activity. There was a meeting on Monday, 26 June at the Napier City Council at 4.00pm to talk about this. Bethany was unable to attend, but she was still able to be part of the project team and someone would update her after that meeting.

The four project leads for the Charity Event Project Group, would now be Olivia, Hanna, Reuben and Bethany.

It was noted that another person was also needed to help to manage the Facebook page. It was further noted that other members were invited to join the Youth Engagement Project Group.

The Youth Engagement Group updated the meeting about the email they planned to circulate to a number of schools (Hastings Girls; Hastings Boys; Havelock North High; St Johns; Lindisfarne and Karamu). The draft email was read out at the meeting so that the Youth Council was aware of what was proposed to be sent out and to obtain some feedback to refine the email wording. The Group wanted to make contact with the schools and let them know what was proposed and the aim was to co-operate with the schools and ask for their assistance. It was intended to

get businesses and mentors on board as soon as possible.

The email would be sent to the Principal or Deputy Principal or Careers Advisor or Year 13 Dean at each school (or to more than one contact person at each school).

The Project Group was proposing to set up a number of seminars and workshops to provide Year 12 and 13 students with the incentive and assistance to help them go out and look for a job. This would include providing the students with feedback about problems or situations they may encounter to help them be as prepared as possible, so that these types of issues did not become an obstacle to their progress.

The Project Group hoped that these seminars and workshops could be an ongoing long-term event that would assist Year 12 and 13 students “to get a foot in the door” towards their first job. The aim was to hold this event by early next term.

Olivia Campbell and Bethany Cox left the meeting at 4.45pm.

The Project Group took on board the feedback that the meeting provided by way of comment in regard to the wording of the email.

Councillor Dixon/Grace Peia

That the report of the Youth Co-ordinator titled “Youth Council Annual Plan” dated 21 June 2017 be received.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.52pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: