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MINUTES

HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 3 July 2019**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Hastings District Youth Council held on
Wednesday, 3 July 2019 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, 3 JULY 2019 AT 3.45PM

PRESENT: **Chair:** Kate Allen (HGHS)
Councillor Dixon – Council Liaison
Kathleen Steffert and Eva Harper (HGHS); Ondre Hapuku-Lambert, Sophie Jones (*Media Engagement*) (Karamu High); Gurjas Sekhon and Louis Gaffaney (St Johns College); Ashleigh Keenan (Sacred Heart); Charliot Miller (*Deputy Chair*) (HNHS); Janicka Tei (Taradale High) and James McPhail (*Media Engagement*) (Lindisfarne College)

IN ATTENDANCE: Youth Development Coordinator (Angela Hughes)
Open Spaces Planning Manager (Rachel Stuart)
Electoral Officer (Jackie Evans)
Registrar of Electors, Electoral Commission (Michelle Jaggard)
Committee Secretary (Christine Hilton)

1. APOLOGIES

Sophie Jones/Charliot Miller

That apologies for absence from Peleroose Vaima'a (HGHS), Oscar Malpas (HBHS); Boston Wynyard (Karamu High) and Daisy Hill (Iona) and apologies for lateness from Ondre Hapuku-Lambert and Gurjas Sekhon be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

KATE ALLEN/SOPHIE JONES

That the minutes of the Hastings Youth Council Meeting held Wednesday 12 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

3. FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATES

There was no discussion under this item.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no discussion under this item.

5. **JULY 2019 REPORT ON THE HASTINGS DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

(Document 19/652)

Revitalisation of Albert Square

The Open Spaces Planning Manager, Rachel Stuart, addressed the meeting. She displayed an aerial view of Albert Square and updated the Hastings District Youth Council (YC) members on her discussions with the landowner about the development of this area. The landowner had been receptive to the ideas that were being proposed.

Rachel would come to each YC meeting and welcomed any further ideas and would report back to the members on developments.

Monthly Reports

Only one YC report had been received this month - from Charliot Miller (CG-14-33-00149).

Proposed New Youth Council Logo

The Youth Development Co-ordinator, Ang Hughes, advised that the logo concepts had been delayed and were not ready to be considered at this meeting. They were due to be available on Friday, 5 July and Ang would then email them to members for comment via the YC Facebook group.

1737 Need to Talk Helpline

The Youth Development Co-ordinator, Ang Hughes, spoke to the information that had been sourced from the Ministry of Health website (CG-14-33-00151) and information about the 1737 Helpline (CG-14-33-00152). Ang had also spoken to Sharon the Clinical Director of the 1737 Helpline regarding the background to the establishment of this service and the name.

Ang had passed on concerns raised by young people regarding the delays in having someone answer calls to this helpline. Sharon had asked Ang to pass onto the YC and other young people - please don't hang up if they experience delays when calling this helpline.

The Council Liaison, Councillor Dixon, reported that this matter had been raised by the YC representative on the Hawke's Bay Health Consumer Council, Daisy Hill. The Health Board will follow this up and provide feedback to the YC, via Daisy.

2019 Youth Council Annual Plan

The YC members went through the Annual Plan entries for dates in September to December 2019 and discussed whether they wanted to be involved in activities that

were happening on those dates.

- **10 September (World Suicide Day)** – YC members would like to learn how to talk to other young people who were having problems and needed support.
- It was suggested that:
 - ❖ a letter be sent from the YC to schools regarding the Youth to Youth training;
 - ❖ people could also attend community training workshops in the evenings (in Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North).
 - ❖ Daisy Hill could raise this with the HB Health Consumer Council as they may be able to assist with the training side of this event.
- **12 October (2019 Council election)** – Council’s Electoral Officer, Jackie Evans, and the Registrar of Electors from the Electoral Commission, Michelle Jaggard addressed the YC and responded to questions from the meeting.
- The meeting was advised that:
 - ❖ if the YC wanted to hold any election related events care needed to be taken. Council resources could not be used, including the YC Facebook page (unless the YC was only encouraging people to vote at the election).
 - ❖ they needed to be fair and invite all candidates to any event.
 - ❖ Michelle Jaggard could come to schools and speak and also remind students to fill in enrolment forms (if they are 17 yrs old now) or they can go to the vote.nz website to enrol.
 - ❖ this was still a postal election process.
 - ❖ people enrolled by 16 August will get packs sent out to them. If not enrolled by then, they will need to cast a special vote – this can be done at any council offices in the district or via an election van that will come out to schools.
 - ❖ Michelle asked for ideas to help make young people aware of the election process and encourage them to vote.

Given the work involved in holding an election related event, due to the constraints that would be imposed on the YC members in doing so (as outlined above), the YC unanimously decided not to hold any events for this election. However, they would use the YC Facebook page to promote enrolment and voting in the election and some of the Meet the Candidate evenings that were being run by others.

Ondre Hapuku-Lambert and Gurjas Sekhon joined the meeting during discussion on Item 5.

Charliot Miller left the meeting at 4.37pm.

- **19 September (Talk Like A Pirate Day – partnered with Canteen)**
- A letter to be sent out to local schools to background what was planned and that it was in support of Canteen.
- **28 September (Relay for Life Mental Health)** – YC decided not to undertake any events in relation to this activity.
- **11 October (Coming Out Day – in support of LGBTQ community)** - YC decided not to undertake any events in relation to this activity.
- **16 October (World Food Day – partnered with Multicultural Assn)** – YC to contact the Association and see what they are planning and assist if possible.
- **31 October (Halloween)** – YC would discuss on Facebook page.
- **8 December (Schools Out)** - YC decided not to undertake any events in relation to this activity.
- It was suggested that during the warmer weather the YC could look at holding an outdoor movie or an alternative event at Albert Square.

The YC decided to hold a **Quiz Night on Friday, 27 September** – members would be responsible for organising the venue, questions, tickets and promotion etc.

YC members did not want to prepare a submission to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, but decided to support the submission by the Kapiti Coast's Youth Council.

Eva Harper/Ondre Hapuku-Lambert

- A) That the report of the Youth Development Co-ordinator titled "July 2019 Report on the Hastings District Youth Council Activities" dated 3/07/2019 be received.**
- B) That the Hastings District Youth Council members review the proposed new logo concepts which will be circulated and provide feedback to the Youth Development Co-ordinator.**
- C) That the Hastings District Youth Council continues to work with and provide feedback to Council's Public Spaces Planning Manager, Rachel Stuart, regarding the redesign of Albert Square.**
- D) That the Hastings District Youth Council members continue to support the 1737 Need to Talk helpline, given that their concerns regarding the current delays young people have been experiencing when calling the helpline have been raised with that organisation.**
- E) That the Hastings District Youth Council support the following projects remaining in its 2019 Annual Plan as discussed at its 3 July 2019 meeting.**
- 10 September (World Suicide Day)
 - 12 October (2019 Council election)
 - 19 September (Talk Like A Pirate Day)
 - 16 October (World Food Day – partnered with the Multicultural Assn)
 - 31 October (Halloween)
- F) That the Hastings District Youth Council support the Kapiti Coast Youth Council's submission to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.**

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 5.20pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: