

Youth Advisory Council Committee

Minutes

Wednesday 3rd February 2016

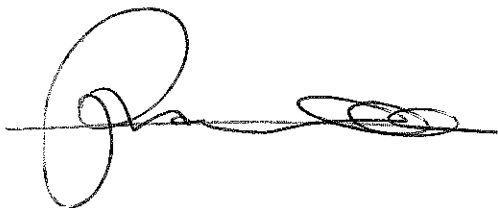
Bunbury City Council Chambers

Committee Terms of Reference

The Youth Advisory Council Committee is to make recommendations to Council based on the following Terms of Reference;

1. To identify and advise on youth trends, gaps and opportunities in the Bunbury area.
2. To advise Council on the development of policies that is responsive to the needs of youth.
3. To engage with the young people of the Bunbury area to draw consultation and feedback on youth trends, opportunities and gaps to present to Council.
4. To assist and be actively involved in the ongoing development and delivery of youth targeted projects, programs and events. (Annually: Australia Day and National Youth Week)
5. To engage with the wider youth community to create/look for partnerships and opportunities to support young people in the areas of upskilling, youth leadership and the active involvement for youth driven initiatives.

This Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every second month.



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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Youth Advisory Council meeting held at the City of Bunbury Administration Centre, 4 Stephen Street on Wednesday 3rd February 2016.

Members of the public to note that recommendations made by this committee are not final and will be subject to adoption (or otherwise) at a future meeting of the Bunbury City Council.

1. Declaration of Opening

The meeting was declared open by Youth Mayor Sean Smith at 4:02pm.

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this Committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

Sean Smith announced he received the Young Citizen Award on Australia Day. He also announced that he will be commuting to Perth to study at Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).

4. Attendances

Committee Members Present:	
Presiding Member	Youth Mayor Sean Smith
Members	Cr Sam Morris
	Cr Betty McLeary
	Karl Sullivan
	Shani Szabo
	Ebony Hribar
	Stephen May
	Alex Tombleson
	Kaila Hartmann
	Matilda Wilson
	Megan Fowler
	Jake Elson
	Madison Clark
Eliza Lyon	

Support Staff:	
Community Development Officer	Michele Grimston
Community Development Officer	Aishath Shizleen
Team Leader Community Development	Deanna Sullivan
Members of Public	
Headspace	Nicky Smith
Headspace	Declan Mountford
Arts & Cultural Development Officer	Anna Edmundson

4.1 Apologies

Councillor McGuinness

4.2 Absences

Alexander Berndt, Jeremy Fuller

4.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

5. Declaration of Interest

Nil

6. Public Question Time

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

<p>Committee Decision Moved: Karl Sullivan Seconded: Jake Elson The minutes of the Youth Advisory Council Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 are confirmed as a true and accurate record 14 votes for, nil against</p>
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8. Presentations

8.1 Petitions

Nil

8.2 Presentations

Nicky Smith and Declan Mountford from headspace presented to YAC about the Youth Advocates Program and the Youth Reference Group run by headspace. The presentation included providing context and background information on the Youth Advocates Program focusing to get young people trained in Mental Health. The program also includes teaching self-care skills and ways to guide peers in seeking help. In addition to this, Nicky Smith and Declan Mountford invited interested YAC members to partake in the Youth Reference Group set up by headspace and presented YAC members with leaflets and brochures about both the training program and the Youth Reference Group. Nicky also announced that headspace had received the Youth Grant for National Youth Week (NYW) and shared their interest in collaborating with the YAC to deliver the NYW activities.

Youth Mayor Sean Smith stressed the importance of at least one YAC member taking part in the 9 week Youth Advocates Training programme.

8.3 Deputations

Nil

9. Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

Nil

10. Reports

10.1 Officer Reports

Nil

10.1.1 Australia Day Review

Overall, YAC was happy with their role in running the Colour Combat Zone on Australia Day. YAC felt that it provided the committee with a good opportunity to engage with young people. With regards to the training, YAC noted that the process felt more like a facilitation compared to a training and proposed that the training be moved to a time prior to the actual event. Preferably the morning of the event or a day ahead of the event. All members supported the idea of running this event next year.

One YAC member enquired if there was any YAC's involvement in running the 'Blair St Stage' noting they weren't really aware of the specifics, or of YAC's involvement in that event.

Team Leader Community Development Deanna Sullivan advised the YAC it was important to have them involved and offered YAC to provide any feedback and

suggestions about the 'Blair St Stage' or any other workshops or activities to ensure moving forward that there would be active YAC involvement provided.

Action

YAC members to email Deanna their suggestions and feedback about the 'Blair St Stage' and any other workshops and activities.

10.1.2 South West Young Achievers Program 2016

YAC was briefed about the South West Young Achievers Program in the 2nd December 2015 meeting. City of Bunbury is offering scholarships of \$250 for YAC members to attend the program and YAC members over the age of 18 that had not yet applied were encouraged to apply.

10.1.3 National Youth Week 2016

Michele Grimston outlined the current plans for the National Youth Week 2016. The week long celebration will be called SHIFT presented by Drug Aware and the main events will include a Launch event and an Exhibition at Bunbury Regional Art Galleries (BRAG), Battle of the Bands at Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC), public art project and a Cinema night. Michele proposed that all YAC members send an email to Community Development Team their favourite 3-5 movies for the cinema night. The YAC proposed Queens Garden, Market Square, Bunbury Tower and BREC Carpark as potential venues for the Cinema night.

One YAC member proposed to run a similar activity to the Australia Day Colour Combat during the NYW and another YAC member proposed to include a sports related activity such as a week long knock out completion. Michele also announced that PCYC is keen to collaborate in NYW celebrations.

Michele proposed and YAC agreed that a subgroup needs to be formed and separate meetings need to be held to plan NYW.

Michele requested that all YAC members send in their ideas for NYW activities to Community Development Team via email.

Action

YAC members to email their favourite movies to the Community Development Team

YAC members to form a subcommittee and work out a time to meet to plan NYW

YAC members to email their ideas for NYW activities to Community Development Team

10.1.4 Working with Children Checks

All members requiring a Working with Children Check card (WWCC) that have yet not lodged their application were requested to do it at their earliest and reminded that members over the age of 18 would not be able to participate in the NYW activities unless they have a WWCC card.

10.2 Members Reports

Nil

10.3 Any other General Business

11. Applications for Leave of Absence

12. Motions of Which Previous Notice has been given

Nil

13. Questions from Members

13.1 Response to Previous Questions from Members taken on Notice

Nil

13.2 Questions from Members

Nil

14. Urgent Business

Art & Culture Officer Anna Edmundson briefed YAC on current plans to partner with Michele Grimston for City of Bunbury to participate in the “Banners in the Terrace” competition. The initiative is coordinated by WALGA (West Australian Local Government Association) and the banners are hung in St Georges Terrace in Perth during the Local Government convention. The suggestion for this year is to run the banner painting activity during the NYW and Anna welcomed YAC to contact her with any feedback or interest.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 2016, 4:00pm – 5:00pm at the City of Bunbury Administration Building, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury.

16. Close Meeting

The meeting was closed by the presiding member at 5:02 pm.

Actions Required after Meeting

1. Minutes of meeting to be sent to Council for noting.
2. Items to be raised for Council following requests/recommendations/motions by committee
3. Any other actions required as listed above