

## NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
City Library, Laman Street

Chairperson: Rochelle Manning  
Minute Taker: Cr Callum Pull  
Meeting opened at 5:37pm

ITEM NAME	Notes	Actions
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p><b>1.1. Attendees &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p><b>1.2. Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p><b>1.3. Declarations of conflicts of interests</b></p>	<p>Present: Cr Pull, Cr McCabe (via Teams), Alex Saxy-Miles, Rochelle Manning, Becky Kiil (Facilitator), Jessamine Lobb (pending member), Isobel Redford (pending member), Carol Edmonds (CN Museum, Archives Libraries &amp; Learning Program Lead), Bailey Myers, Jonah Schoular, Dean Selem</p> <p>Apologies: Sasha &amp; Asha</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country by Becky Kiil</p> <p>Becky Kiil declared a conflict on one of the grant applications.</p>	
<p><b>2. Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>2.1. Approve minutes from previous meeting - 4 Oct 2023 (attached)</b></p> <p><b>2.2. Update on Committee's action items</b></p> <p><b>- Future Generations / Governance (Becky)</b></p> <p><b>- NOMs from Mock Council (Cr Pull)</b></p>	<p>Read aloud by Rochelle</p> <p>Approval: Moved By: Dean Seconded By: Jonah Outcome: Carried</p> <p>Becky spoke to CN Governance, formal requests to NSW Gov need to go through a NOM. YC to investigate ways to contact CN staff re letter and more autonomy.</p>	<p>Report to students the outcome.</p> <p>Bailey to give Becky dot points for a letter and Becky to talk to Julie Baird about who can pass it on.</p>
<p><b>3. Youth Week 2024 Applications</b></p> <p><b>3.1. Discussion</b></p>	<p>Apologies for quick turnaround on the items. Becky explained the tight timeframe and turnaround.</p>	<p>YC to in future require data on how many people the activation is expected to benefit.</p>

<p><b>3.2. Voting &amp; Approvals</b></p> <p><b>3.3. Youth Week Subcommittee / allocating NYC to projects roles</b></p> <p><b>3.4. Ideation / planning session (confirm date and goals)</b></p>	<p>Becky introduced all of the items and explained elements of their requests.</p> <p><b>Application 1: Create Your Place at Youth Week - UP &amp; UP</b></p> <p>YC unanimously recommends approval of the grant of \$2,000 with the attached condition.</p> <p><b>Application 2: James Street Youth Art Exhibition Projection - Wesley Community Services</b></p> <p>YC unanimously recommends approval of the grant of \$2,000 with the attached condition.</p> <p><b>Application 3: And Then – And Then Photo Agency Pty Ltd</b></p> <p><i>*Becky Kiil explained that there was a potential for perceived conflict of interest due to her prior involvement with Big Picture Fest. Ms Kiil noted that she no longer had anything to do with the organisation of Big Picture Fest. Ms Kiil stated she had declared this and filled in the relevant documentation, which had already been signed off on. Becky said she would manage this by leaving the room for the vote on the application.</i></p> <p><i>*Cr Pull stated he attended, in the capacity of an observer, Wallsend BIA meetings but had already managed this by leaving the room when Wallsend BIA discussed this project, noting to the BIA at the time that he was a member of the Youth Council which approves the grant. Cr Pull said that he would</i></p>	<p>YC also would like Becky to request a longer or different time frame for Youth Week grants.</p>
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*remain in the room for discussion and the voting on the item.*

*Becky Kiil left the room for discussion on the item and the vote.*

YC unanimously recommends approval of the grant of \$2,000 with the attached condition.

**Application 4: Show and Tell – Headspace Newcastle**

YC unanimously recommends approval of the grant of \$1,000.

**Application 5: Youth Ice Skating Excursion – Hunter Multicultural Communities (HMC)**

YC unanimously recommends approval of the grant of \$1,000, and recommends the organisation investigate ways to promote the event to wider community.

**Application 6: Workshop 4 Youth – International Christian Church**

YC recommends the grant be rejected on the grounds that there is insufficient financial information provided, and lack of evidence that there has been sufficient consultation with youth.

**NOTE:** *The decision in relation to item 6 was not unanimous and Cr Pull noted that he was unhappy with information and allegations aired during discussion.*

[Youth Council had a 5 minute recess after explanation of the grants and prior to discussion and voting].

<b>4. NYC Committee Responsibilities</b>	Motion: That the report be received and approved	
<b>4.1. Annual Report Approval (Chairperson)</b>	Mover: Bailey Myers Secunder: Dean Selem	
<b>4.2. Committee requirements for 2024 (Facilitator)</b>	Outcome: Carried.	
<b>5. General Business</b>	Nil.	Deferred until next meeting.
<b>6. 2023/2024 Budget</b>	Nil.	Deferred until next meeting.
<b>7. Volunteer Induction</b>	Done separately.	
<b>8. Next meeting: Wednesday 6 March 2024, City Library, Laman Street</b>	Meeting closed at 7:39pm	