

**MINUTES**

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson:  
Minute Taker: Alex Saxby Milles

Meeting opened at: 5.15pm

		Notes	Actions
1	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>		
2	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	Present: Alex, Amelia, Lavendel, Ashley, Nikki, Cr Winney-Baartz, Nick (Youth Council Facilitator), Erin (YDO), CIFAL Team (Bethany, Owi, Albina), Jamie Ferguson (CN), Emily Davies O’Sullivan (CN)  Apologies: Monique, Abby, Marilyn, Asha, Cr Duncan	
3	<b>2018/2019 budget</b>	Youth Council TOTAL \$5,400  REMAINDER \$4,451  Expense Items:  Spring Street Festival \$949	Youth Week  TOTAL \$9,000 REMAINDER \$9,000

<b>4</b>	<b>Approved Minutes of Previous meeting</b>	Moved: Ashely Seconded: Amelia	
<b>5</b>	<b>Business Arising from previous minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ashley in now able to make the Mental Health First Aid training being held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.</li> <li>- Spring Street Festival is on the same day as local government voting day.</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>YDO UPDATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lots of planning for Youth Week</li> <li>- Erin, Alex, Ashley &amp; Marilyn to attend a launch for Youth Week at Callaghan Campus over at Waratah. 8.30am meeting. Newcastle Youth Council (NYC) members to give a brief presentation of Youth Week and the Youth council.</li> <li>- Harmony day 20<sup>th</sup> March event Jesmond Neighbourhood centre 4.30-7pm.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>NYC ROLES</b>	<p>2020 Youth Council roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Mayor/Chairperson: Ashley</li> <li>- Secretary: Alex</li> <li>- Social Media officer: Marilyn</li> <li>- Partnership Builder: Alex</li> <li>- High School Correspondent: Amelia and Lavendel</li> <li>- SDG Facilitator: Kelsey</li> <li>- Events Officer: Alex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nick to email everybody looking for the Vice Chair role to be filled.</li> <li>- Ash to handover Social Media Officer position to Marilyn</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>CIFAL Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CIFAL is running 'Leadership and Ambassadorship' course in 2020. They would like to partner students from this course with NYC</li> <li>- 3 main elements of the partnership: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CIFAL students to help with planning &amp; delivering events the Youth Council puts on.</li> <li>2. Mentoring with CIFAL students to shadow NYC roles</li> <li>3. UN/UNITAR accredited training</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Ash commented that it would be good to use the training opportunities to increase NYC volunteer retention</li> <li>- Amelia commented that UoN courses delivered during school term often take too much time away from school – need to run CIFAL training outside of school hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NYC members to discuss the future of the partnership via our Facebook page</li> </ul>

9	<b>City of Newcastle Community Strategic Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emily (Community Planner) and Jamie (Community Engagement)</li> <li>- Looking for feedback on the 2030 Newcastle Strategic Plan. There is an online survey for anybody to access. <a href="https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Projects/Newcastle-2030">https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Projects/Newcastle-2030</a></li> <li>- Speaking with Youth Council for ideas on engagement and partnering with Youth Council during the Youth Mock Council (YMC) event.</li> <li>- Decided to include CSP engagement session in YMC – ideas to run a workshop with the whole YMC group &amp; work strategic directions into the student committees. Need to workshop this further in YMC planning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emily &amp; Jamie to work with NYC members to design content for Youth Mock Council workshop</li> </ul>
10	<b>Kabul House meeting review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nikki &amp; Marilyn met with Mark Isaacs, a journalist who has visited &amp; written a book about the Kabul Peace House</li> <li>- Kabul House is a group of young peace &amp; environmental activists in Afghanistan. They consist of mixed ethnicity, religion &amp; gender members &amp; are therefore targeted with violence.</li> <li>- Kabul House would benefit from contact &amp; connection with other youth groups like NYC via skype calls and letters.</li> <li>- Suggestion: during either Harmony Day celebration or Youth Week doing a letter writing session.</li> <li>- Suggestion: run a Skype call with the Peace House during NYC meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nikki to email Mark Isaacs asking for postcards for letter writing event</li> <li>- Ash, Alex, Marilyn &amp; Erin to run letter writing event during Harmony Day</li> <li>- Nick to investigate times for Mark to attend NYC meeting &amp; set up Skype call</li> </ul>
11	<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Mock Council needs to be organised soon. Need councillor confirmation.</li> </ul>	
12	<b>Social Media Update</b>		

Meeting closed at: 6.59pm

***Next Meeting***

14<sup>th</sup> April 5pm @ Newcastle Library

Chairperson – Ashley Harrison

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