

NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Wednesday 13 February 2019

Chairperson – Monique Aganovic

Minute Taker – Celine St George

Meeting opened at 5:25pm and declared extraordinary meeting based on necessity after unable to meet quorum.

1. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

2. Introduction & Apologies:

Present:

Nick Grinpukel – NYC Facilitator
Claire Hogue - Guest
Monique Aganovic - YC Member & Social Media Officer
Jack Hayden - YC Member
Celine St George - YC Member
Lavendel Seguin - YC Member
Apologies: Ashley Harrison, Kelsey Gray

3. Budget:

2018/2019 budget: Youth Council **\$1,160** Youth Week **\$7000**

- Youth Mock Council Catering \$690.00
- YMC room hire \$366.00
- YMC Certificates printing \$54.00
- Halloween Event \$50.00
- Facebook Advertising - \$30.00
- Youth Frontiers - \$190.00
- Girls Who Skate - \$500.00
- Committed \$2000.00 to Youth Live Music Gig (may not use whole amount)
- \$2000 for live music event at newcastle library in collaboration with the Y Project, budget approved.

4. Approved Minutes from previous meeting

Moved: Monique Aganovic

Seconded: Jack Hayden

Actions arising from previous minutes:

-Action to start a call out for new members from the February meeting (today).
Monique to do this on the social media accounts.

5. Business arising from previous Minutes

One applicant was not approved because it was for a specific purpose - not broad enough but apparently that didn't happen? Clarification needed.

6. Youth Week Grants Assessment

NYC members and guests assessed the grant applications received. NYC members moved to approve all six grant applications received.

Make sure to assign champions from the Council to attend the events.

Thoughts:

- Opening night party: Like that it is in Jesmond and not in the city, good idea to have an opening night party to get the word out there about the events. Champion: Celine and Monique
 - Vote to approve uncontested
- Live Free- event in Henderson Park, good idea to invite young people.
 - Vote to approve uncontested
- Youth Cook up - good that it isn't a geographically centralised event (Maryland). Suggestion that we pay for the \$100 drink cost because they are an undervalued grant.
 - Vote to approve uncontested
- Eat, Speak, Be Heard - suggestion that we have a YC stall - talk about at next meeting. A bigger youth council presence. Champion: Monique and Ash(?)
 - Vote to approve uncontested
- Up & Up graffiti workshop - Champion: Celine, Jack
 - Vote to approve uncontested
- HDSN treetops - Reach out to Liz to ask her how we can expand on the idea of what the event is aimed at? We will approve the funding but need more connection to Youth Week
 - Vote to approve uncontested

7. Review of current NYC Strategic Plan - Hold over to next meeting.

8. Brainstorming 2019 Projects

Youth music gig at newcastle region library

- Launch of the library's new youth engagement platform.
- In collaboration with Y Project and Softies etc. Budget already approved (\$2000 from YC).

- Advertising and promotion begin in March.
- No age restriction so needs to be marketed in a strategic way to attract youths.
- Youth Council is the elected Instagram account to promote this event (official channel of promotion).
- Working Group will sort this out from here on.
- Youth councillors are being a watchful eye and creating a safe space for the youth to enjoy the night.

Young Endeavour Scholarship

- Celine to sit on panel to assess applicants on 22nd Feb.

Hunter Youth Mock Council

- Kelsey elected as head of YMC subcommittee for 2019
- ACTION: Monique to write roster of Celine, Monique, Ash, Jack attending schools. And contact schools to confirm days.
- ACTION: Celine to create poster
- ACTION: Nick in collab with Amber to send applications for Councillors to Kelsey.
- ACTION: Kelsey to contact councillors associated with YC (Councillors: Duncan, McKensy, Winnie-Baartz, Clausen), LM is A MUST.
- Two full days better than three half days, agreed upon for YMC.
- Create committees within the YMC again if there are enough people (probably will be this year).
- ACTION: Nick/Amber to secure venue and catering, standard contract through Civic.
- First day in library meeting room 2 for the planning session (OR the Lord Mayor's Reception Room free to hire that would also work).
- List of confirmed schools: Kotara, Cooks Hill Campus, HSPA, Merewether High and Newcastle Grammar.
- ACTION: investigate SFX, St Pius and Newcastle High School, St Mary's, Callaghan Campus.
- ACTION: setup online form and ask Kelsey with Nick. Paper and electronic forms to take to assemblies.
- Take EOI: Name, email, school, age - send them an email and then send them a link to apply to the website. Different ideas of how to approach this - to decide as we progress along with the process of establishing this year's YMC. **Action Monique** - Put poll up on FB group as to how to do this.

Wandiyali Cultural Gathering Surfest

- YC to run stall - we need to get equipment for 2nd March.
- If not, then we could go and 'champion' it as a whole YC. take suggestions as to how we can serve Aboriginal people in the community.
- **Action** - Monique to reach out to YC member Zoe to see how best we could attend this event.

- STALL SETUP
 - ACTION: Figure out How do we do this? What items/merchandise can we make....what regulations with council do we have to.
 - We provide a 'safe space'...
 - How can youth council best represent Aboriginal youth?
 - Activities?

9. Social Media

- YC Facebook Page is now gone (now we do not have Facebook-run events). Can utilise the Facebook pages of collaborating organisations.

10. General business

- Amber / Nick Handover. Completed by July. working in tandem for the first half of the year.

11. Proud & Thankfuls

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5th March 2019 Location: Newcastle Region Library (5-7pm)

Meeting Closed: 6:42pm