

Gladstone Region Youth Council

Meeting Minutes

Held at the Community Engagement Centre

On Monday 2nd November, commencing 5:00pm

Present: Max Thompson, Emily Dunnett, Bridie Whelan, Kailyn Smith, Meli-Lisa Eayrs, Abbi Willis, Bianca Michell (GRC Community Development Officer).

Councillor: Cr Goodluck

Apologies: Skye Kierys, Jarrod Lowry, Gaby Davie, Stephanie Merrick, Tino Pfidze

Guest in attendance: Kenia Vieira Schmitt (Community Engagement Specialist)

Discussion and Recommendations

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA and PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Emily Dunnett moves minutes are correct, seconded by Abbi Willis.

AGENDA

Engagement (Economic Development)

- Engagement activity coordinated by Kenia Vieira Schmitt for the Economic Development Strategy.
- Council is currently drafting the Economic Development Strategy for 2021-2025 which will focus on the things that can help stimulate, attract and maintain business activity, investment and employment.
- Encouraged Youth Council to participate in the survey and spread the word to their broader networks.
- Survey had previously been emailed to YC to complete – those that did not complete the survey completed prior to the engagement.
- Gladstone Engagement will be held at CQU Leo Zussino Building.

Blue Tree Project Recap + Update

- Reminder to post selfie with Blue Tree hats/caps with approved messaging if this has not yet been done.
- Reminder to approach your school principals about getting involved in the project. An approved letter has been created on behalf of the YC committee.
- Confirmed that Max has approached GSHS. Meli has completed the letter to hand in at TSSHS. Abbi to speak to Trinity, Gaby Chanel, Steph and Jarrod TSHS.
- Encouraged Youth Council to approach other schools that are outside of YC as a YC initiative.

YC 2021 Committee Promotion

- Discussed promotion of next YC committee.
- Encouraged WOM promotion.
- Explained that B&C will be attending the next meeting to discuss why they joined, what was their favourite part? And why should others apply?
- Promotion should commence on 16/11 – Bianca to advise committee once it is actively being promoted for them to share on their social media accounts.

Introduction from Cr Goodluck

- Brief introduction from Cr Goodluck
- Discussed the Gladstone economy and what is great about Gladstone
- Future of Gladstone industry.
- What has Youth Council enjoyed/ highlight of Youth Council this year.
- How did Youth Council enjoy Avenue to Awareness?

safeTALK

- Discussed safeTALK (half-day alertness workshop that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.
- Confirmed date 04/12 @9am at the CEC.
- Morning tea provided. To confirm dietary requirements.

EMERGING TRENDS / TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Update on Our Coast Our Future survey.
- Potential for multiple apologies at the next meeting due to exams and prom week.
- Proposed Cr Trevor to attend next YC meeting.
- Apologies from Skye, Bridie and Kaylin for meeting held on 16/11

PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOWED UP

- Nil

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Nil

MEETING CLOSED 6:20 pm

Next Meeting – Monday 16/11 @ CEC at 5pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for the ice breaker challenge.