

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 5 May 2021
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10:14am

The following members were present:

St John the Evangelist Catholic High School - Representatives - Jessica Munro, Kiah Shine
Shoalhaven High School – Representatives – Jasmine Blundell, Roshan Devulapally
Ulladulla High School – Representatives – Emannelle Kneeshaw, Ebony Wellman (Remotely)
Ms Veronica Burt-Leonard – University of Wollongong (Remotely)
CEO Nominee - Mr Michael Paine – Manager, Community Connections

Others Present:

St John the Evangelist Catholic High School - Mylea Knight
Shoalhaven High School - Charlie Butler
Ms Carly McWalters – Team Leader – Community Capacity Building
Ms Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder
Mr Ryan Schulter – Social Infrastructure Planning Manager

Jessica Munroe was nominated and elected as Chairperson for the meeting.
Jessica Munroe gave an Acknowledgement to Country.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr White; Darcy Conolan, Khy Antoniazco and Vincentia High School.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

YA21.5 Presentation - Community Wellbeing Plan Update

**HPERM Ref:
D21/164606**

Ryan Schulter, Acting Social Infrastructure Planning Manager, provided an update on the development of the Community Wellbeing Plan.

A workshop was conducted with members of the Youth Advisory Committee to identify items to be included in the draft plan which will be submitted to Council within the next few months.

Key points arising from the workshop were:

- As part of the development of the Community Wellbeing Plan, information has been received through engagement with the Shoalhaven Community. A part of this community engagement has been engaging with our Youth demographic to determine their priorities and aspirations for the future.
- Council staff conducted a face-to-face “Mythbusting” exercise with members of the Youth Advisory Committee. The results of this exercise will be collated and added to the community engagement report, which will inform the development of the Community Wellbeing Plan.

REPORTS

YA21.6 Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day - Climate Change & Environment

**HPERM Ref:
D21/164708**

The members present discussed some of the topics identified at the Planning Day in relation to climate change and environment. Key recommendations were:

- Bushfire Response & Mitigation – keep community informed and aware through forums and community support units as well as raising awareness of bushfire prevention methods.
- Development – focus on renewable energy solutions and reducing impact on the local environment.
- Sustainability – renewable energy solutions were again identified as having an important role in long term sustainability for the Shoalhaven - for example solar, wind and water solutions.
- Wildlife conservation / Protecting our Natural Environment
 - Raise community awareness on the animals that are native to our area and animals that are classified as pests to ensure our endangered species are protected.
 - Education on wildlife signs (eg road crossing signs) could also be beneficial.
 - Concern was expressed that there is no regulation on deforestation on private property after the bushfires.
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Recommendation

That the Youth Advisory Committee provide recommendations to Council to advocate and address topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day relating to Climate Change and Environment:

1. *To be added at the YAC Meeting - Insert Recommendations here:*

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Receive a report at the next meeting from staff in relation to Council's initiatives around sustainability.
2. Receive a presentation to a future meeting from Council's Bushfire Recovery Officer on bushfire initiatives currently underway in the Shoalhaven.
3. Form a Working Group to discuss topics arising from the planning day and make recommendations to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting in relation to:
 - a. Development
 - b. Community Projects / Community Led Initiatives
 - c. Wildlife Conservation
 - d. Protecting our Natural Environment
 - e. Infrastructure

CARRIED

YA21.7 Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day - Activities for Young People**HPERM Ref:
D21/164924****Recommendation**

That the Youth Advisory Committee provide recommendations to Council to advocate on topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day relating to Activities for Young People:

1. *To be added at the YAC Meeting - Insert Recommendations here:*

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee form a Working Group to discuss topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day and make recommendations to a future Committee meeting in relation to the topic identified at the Planning Day - Activities for Young People in the Shoalhaven.

CARRIED

YA21.8 Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day - Mental Health and Sexual Health**HPERM Ref:
D21/164967****Recommendation**

That Youth Advisory Committee provide recommendations to Council to advocate on topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day relating to Mental Health and Sexual Health:

1. *To be added at the YAC Meeting - Insert Recommendations here:*

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee form a Working Group to discuss topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day and make recommendations to a future Committee meeting in relation to the topic identified at the Planning Day - Mental Health and Sexual Health.

CARRIED

YA21.9 Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day - Gender Neutral Initiatives**HPERM Ref:
D21/164992****Recommendation**

That Youth Advisory Committee provide recommendations to Council to advocate topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day relating to the topic Gender Neutral Initiatives:

1. *To be added at the YAC Meeting - Insert Recommendations here:*

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee form a Working Group to discuss topics arising from the Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day and make recommendations to a future Committee meeting in relation to the topic identified at the Planning Day – Gender Neutral Initiatives.

CARRIED

YA21.10 Youth Advisory Committee Terms Of Reference**HPERM Ref:
D21/156820**

Note: The Committee identified additional amendments that they would like included in the Terms of Reference before endorsing the Terms of Reference to be submitted to Council.

Recommendation

That the Youth Advisory Committee

1. Endorse the proposed amendments to the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and submit to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee recommend that Council endorse the existing proposed amendments to the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference along with the following amendments identified at the meeting:

1. Section 3.3 Membership

3.3.1 Appointments

Remove the words “attend and” from point a) paragraph i)

2. Section 3.5 Meetings

Amend Point b) to read as follows:

Meetings to be held Monday – Thursday during school terms between 10am – 12pm.

CARRIED

YA21.11 Update on Actions - May 2021**HPERM Ref:
D21/164741****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That:

1. The Youth Advisory Committee Receive the Status Report for information and note there are no outstanding actions.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee Receive the Status Report for information and note there are no outstanding actions.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA21.12 Future Presentation - Unions Shoalhaven

Carly McWalters, Team Leader – Community Capacity Building, has received a request from Unions Shoalhaven to make a presentation to the Youth Advisory Committee. The presentation is to provide information on the industrial system and workplace issues as well as to listen to concerns of the young people of the Shoalhaven.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Youth Advisory Committee invite Unions Shoalhaven to make a presentation to a future Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

YA21.13 Appointment of Chair for Next Meeting

Mr Michael Paine – Manager, Community Connections suggested that the Chairperson for the next meeting be appointed at today's meeting as per the proposed new Terms of Reference. In addition, he recommended that it would be beneficial for Council staff to work with Chair prior to meeting.

RESOLVED (Michael Paine)

That Youth Advisory Committee appoint Shoalhaven High School to provide the Chair for the next meeting.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11:40am.

Jessica Munroe
CHAIRPERSON