

Minutes
Tues Oct 23 2007
City of Victor Harbor Council Chambers
4.30 –6.30 pm



Meeting Opened at 4.30pm
Minutes by Emily Currie
Chaired by Chris Sedunary

Present:

Present: Timisha Ward
Emily Currie
James Sherwin
Oliver Del Vecchio
Jake Lane
Christopher Sedunary
Mariah Calvert
Anita Grantham
Brooke Camac
Zara Kabbler
Mike Carver
James Furler
Ethan Waye
Tim Carter
Emily Zesers

Apologies:

McKinnley Scotton
Imran House
Kirsten Wynn
Laura McLeod

Item 1 Confirmation of previous minutes

Moved Jake Lane 2nd by Timisha Ward

Item 2 Correspondence In/Out

Anita informed us that she is sending emails to everyone when relevant emails reach her so please check your inboxes because there may be important things you're missing out on.

Item 3 Financial Report: Annual Report

Last year's funds were acquitted. The Office for Youth has refunded us \$6000 between both councils plus \$3000 for the YAC diversity fund (for transport). \$1500 per council has been devoted for youth week, planned for April 2008 5th – 13th.

Item 4 Business Arising from last meeting:

That YAC approach the Victor Harbor RSL regarding YAC members giving a presentation about youth spaces.

The point was raised by several YAC members that If we're serious about getting a youth space we need to raise awareness in the community and get our voices heard about a youth space.

Action: Chris, James S, Oliver and Mike would like to talk to RSL about developing a youth space and why it would be good to have in our area. They are going to prepare and develop their presentation before the next meeting for YAC approval.



Timisha enquired about the shed in Strathalbyn, a hang out venue for young people which is run by the cornerstone community.

Item 5 Youth Strategy

This document has been developed in consultation with the YAC and other young people and service providers who have been consulted about the issues and possible actions. Anita has been formulating this document for approximately 18 months. The YAC discussed different actions under the various objectives highlighted in the document.

Wellbeing: Oliver recommended a suggestion box be implemented in schools to get feedback and gain a closer understanding of the issues that are relevant in school communities. Timisha supported this idea. General acceptance of this idea was evident from the group. Possibility of approaching businesses like McDonalds or Woolworths and placing a suggestion box in these businesses as they are visited by young people who may not be from a school community. Emily Z reiterated that it is YAC's responsibility to advocate for their school, and be an active member of YAC by bringing issues to the YAC committee.

Promotion: Oliver raised the issue of promotion for Struth fm. and other websites like Myspace for YES and IMPRESS magazine. It was suggested that posters and more promotion through different mediums is needed for YAC events and initiatives. It was agreed upon that YAC members should use their influence within community groups such as school to promote, not only posters and bulletins through Myspace.

Youth participation: Anita explained that strategies include training Council staff and elected members to deal and work with young people and keeping them in touch as well as encouraging young people to participate.

The YAC's official role is to be an advocacy and advisory group it would be really good to increase our influence in the Councils. Advising is our job and we should be making ourselves heard.

A key idea is to make presentations/reports to Councils every quarter about relevant and current youth issues or projects that YAC is working on.

Members of the YAC agreed to give presentations when they are needed.

Conducting a survey about what people want in a youth space was suggested by several members.

Item 6 Information Round:

6.1 Emily Zesers : YWCA Southern Service workers are holding a camp this week to train young people as volunteer peer educators for Schoolies Week.

Monday nights is Chill n Chat - a space for young people to hang out and have fun. Free food and drink is provided. Past projects include aerosol art and jewelry making.

Young people as volunteers with the YWCA. A team is tackling young women in public spaces.

Youth Theatre Steering Group meeting is on Friday the 9th November. It would be great to see all those who were involved this year to plan next year. Get some small workshops set up between now and January.

6.2 YAC initiatives:

Strathalbyn Youth Event: Rotunda Thunder 8th Dec 3pm – 7pm.

Ask all YAC members to attend and also help out where needed with planning and organisation on the day.



Fusion 08 – is in the planning process. Looking for musicians and bands now. Need to get some new musicians and volunteers involved. There is a call out for url's and email MP3 files with demo tracks. This year content will go through a vetting process before making final line up decisions. More meetings are to be held soon but it's just a small steering group at the present time.

6.3 Struth: Formulating ideas for more competitions. If any new ideas please pass on to Struth team members.

6.4 VHHS: Pink ribbon day was a success. \$1 283.80 for women's cancer research. Sold gingerbread people, pink dounuts, pink cupcakes, ribbons, pins, magnets, bracelets and toffee. A collage is going to be created from pink napkins. Development of a SAC website linked to the school homepage is underway. Suggested that this could link into YAC website.

6.5 EFS: The student forum and board are both working towards the project for aid in Tanzania. Thus far they have raised money donated to the Rotary club of Strathalbyn for building a school. Australian Business Week (ABW) online comp has started and is going well.

6.6 MCAS: Nil

Item 7 Any Other Business:

7.1 End of year Celebration:

Action: Bring ideas to next meeting.

7.2 Planning day.

We need to establish who's going to be involved in next year's YAC. YAC members all agreed that they would like to undertake training. Topics for training that were suggested were

- Public speaking and
- Consulting with the community,
- Council structure and different parts of local government.
- Department representative visits to YAC meetings to explain their departments.

Item 8 Close Meeting 6pm –

Next informal meeting:

Alexandrina Council Chambers, Goolwa, Tues. 13 November 2007

