

Minutes

Thursday 8 April 2021
5.30pm – 7.30pm
Council Chambers

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was opened at 5:33pm by Chair Megan Rollings

2. PRESENT

Alderman Want De Rowe	Elected Member
Alderman George Lambrinidis	Elected Member (Alternate)
Megan Rollings	YAC Member
Henry Longden	YAC Member
Emily Ford	YAC Member
Anais Henry-Martin	YAC Member
Manoj Rajkumar	YAC Member

Officers

Teresa Helm	Youth Engagement Officer
Ashleigh Pointon	STEAM Programs Assistant

Guests

Honourable Lauren Moss	Minister for Youth
Ruben Hart	Communications Advisor for Minister Moss
Eric Lede	Senior Climate Change Officer
Matt Grassmayr	General Manager Community and Regulatory Services
Anitha Selvma	Observer
Trinity Emslie-Payne	Observer

APOLOGIES

Jemima Fernandes	YAC Member
Jorja Costello	YAC Member
Anneke Putri	YAC Member
David Ninan	YAC Member

WELCOME OBSERVERS AND GUESTS

Welcome guests Honourable Lauren Moss, Ruben Hart, Eric Lede, Matt Grassmayr, Anitha Selvma and Trinity Emslie-Payne.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 11 March 2021 meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record by the following members:

Emily Ford (Moved), Megan Rollings (Seconded)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Congratulations to Henry Longden, Anneke Putri and Manoj Rajkumar for their endorsement from Council to the YAC for a term of 2 years.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Minister for Youth – Consultation

The Honourable Lauren Moss met to extend an invitation for YAC to be able to contact her regarding issues YAC feels the Northern Territory Government could address for young people. Minister Moss asked if YAC had any ideas on how to reverse the negative image of young people and how to engage with disengaged young people. YAC suggested building a physical community space, or a contribution to building or rejuvenating a space, and more youth spaces or services operating at night.

5.3 Climate Emergency Workshop

Eric Lede, Senior Climate Change Officer for City of Darwin attended to discuss the development of the Climate Emergency Response and its relevance to young Darwin. YAC believes it would be beneficial to increase climate education in schools by creating a Climate Education Policy and the potential development of a new Climate Education Officer role/s. Climate Education Officer/s could attend schools to support the student representative councils in developing their own unique climate/environmental policy/strategy.

ACTION	YEO to schedule time during May meeting to workshop the concept of education officers through Council.
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6.0 Members' Items

Alderman Lambrinidis reiterated two take-away quotes from members for the evening, highlighting the importance of YAC member's contributions and insight.

**Money moves people*

**Something is so big how can we possibly fix it or it is so big how could we possibly miss.*

7. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 7:33pm by Chair Megan Rollings.

Next YAC meeting scheduled:

5.30pm – 7.30pm Thursday 13 May 2021
Council Chambers, City of Darwin Civic Centre,
17 Harry Chan Avenue Darwin