

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BASSENDEAN YOUTH SERVICES
CORNER WEST AND GUILDFORD ROADS, BASSENDEAN
ON FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 2016 AT 5.07PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Mr Matthew Pearson volunteered to be Chairperson. He declared the meeting open at 5:07pm, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Mr Matthew Pearson (Chairperson)
Mr Michael Young
Mr Jacob Cleverly

Officers

Greg Neri, Manager Youth Services
Ayden Mackenzie, Youth Development Officer

Members of the Public

Mr Clayton Oxenham
Mr Andrew Harrison
Mr Adam Foster
Mr Ethan Collins
Mr Jack Richardson

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 29 July 2016

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Jacob Cleverly, Seconded Michael Young, that the minutes of the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 29 July 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

5.0 WORKSHOP TOPIC

The YAC were asked three questions and the answers they provided are in the below table.

5.1 Gender Reassignment

What's the youngest age you should be able to start gender reassignment (Sex change)?

18+.....
I think 18 is appropriate. It's the age that a person is seen as an adult. They should be treated as one.
16. That's when you start making your own choices in life and you're allowed to have sex at 16 with consent so it's like that age to choose if you want to be a male or female.
Whenever they want too so long as they over 12.
I would say 16 but then I think it's too old for them to start.
I think at the of 21 to 25, personally I think 21 is a little young but if some people really needed it for whatever reason and had the money to do so.
15.....
I reckon same age as for criminal law prosecution.

5.2 Political Correctness

A mum dressed up her 8 year old as Nic Naitanui, complete with 'black face'. People became upset saying it was racist. What do you think?

It's 2016 people will get offended if you say they're offended.
It goes both ways. Racism affects everybody, it doesn't matter who you are. If someone offends you, then, rightfully so. You're offended.

Kind of was kind of wasn't. The kid had no idea he just wanted to dress up as his hero but the parent knew it was going to cause an uproar and still chose to do it anyway. It's just something that people don't do because stuff like this happens. I see the good in it though but some people are sourpusses.

I think the kid dressing up and being his idol was awesome and they should not bring race into it.

I think it's fine, if people want to look like their heroes then let them, it's not his fault he was born white and his hero is black. I think more and more people should do it.

I think people need to stop finding stuff to be offended by. I don't see how it is racist, just a kid wanting to be his favourite footy player. I wouldn't be offended if it were the other way around, if someone wants to paint their face or even body then go ahead, as long as it's not intended as an act of racism.

Parents should be responsible for their child, if that parent tried to do this in a way to provoke or harm, then it should not be done.

I don't think it's racist, depends on what people's opinions are on what they find offensive to them.

5.3 Same Sex Marriage

Should there be a vote on gay marriage or is it insulting to vote on someone else's human rights?

No vote, equal rights for all.

Marriage is for those who want to spend the rest of their lives together. There should be no separation. No vote.

No votes, I reckon playing around with people's happiness is pretty unfair

People should be able to do what they like. No one can tell someone who they should or shouldn't be with.

I don't think it's insulting but it shouldn't go to a vote, it should be legalised just like the rest of the states/countries.

Personally I don't think there should be a vote, should already be a thing that same sex couples can marry. It's probably insulting to a lot of people but if it doesn't get voted on then how is it going to become a legit thing? I think if the vote directly affected me, I wouldn't be worried about being insulted, just the outcome of the vote and what it meant for me. +1 for a vote.

It should be voted on, as it is the people's choice, while it may be insulting to the parties involved, we live in a nation built on diversity and representation, and something this influential should be voted on.

Should be no vote because if we did, that would be discrimination.

6.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

7.0 REPORTS

Nil.

8.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil.

10.0 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Friday, 30 September 2016 at Bassendean Youth Services, corner Guildford & West Roads, Bassendean, commencing at 5.00pm.