

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BASSENDEAN YOUTH SERVICES
CORNER WEST AND GUILDFORD ROADS, BASSENDEAN
ON FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2017 AT 5.02PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Mr Matthew Pearson volunteered to be Chairperson. He declared the meeting open at 5:02pm, 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 Jack Richardson
Mr Adam Foster
Mr Callumm Oxenham
Mr Ethan Collins
Mr Clayton Oxenham

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 31 March 2017

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Michael Young, Seconded Jacob Cleverly, that the minutes of the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 31 March 2017, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

5.0 WORKSHOP TOPIC

5.1 Children having Children

The Youth Advisory Council discussed the recent case in the media of young NSW teenagers having a child of their own. Generally, the YAC felt that they were too young to be having a child of their own. One YAC member commented "*the teens are too young to make an informed, intelligent decision*".

The consensus of those present was that the parents of the teenagers should take legal responsibility for the baby with the teenagers being present and part of its life.

It was noted by some present that the parents of the teenagers also have a responsibility to ensure their children are safe and not having sex at a young age.

5.1 Cage Fighting in WA

The YAC spoke about cage fighting with regards to if it should be legalised in Western Australia. Those present had a range of views of the topic. Some suggested that it should be legalised but the referees should have more training to know when to stop a fight, while other suggested it could be up to the fighter's team to 'tap out' for them.

One YAC Member felt that people shouldn't be fighting for sport, suggesting that "it's not 400AD and the coliseum hasn't been in use for years". Consensus suggested that at the very least matches should be called off when blood is drawn, knock outs occur, bones are broken or the opposition taps out.

An opposing opinion suggested that the purpose of the cage was for the safety of the fighters, stating that he “would rather watch it in a cage than in a boxing ring where you can fall out of it”.

It was felt by some that if the person is beaten the referee should intervene. They felt that the rules are made very clear to competitors so if breaching them, they should receive a reprimand for it.

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 6.12pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Friday, 26 May 2017 at Bassendean Youth Services, corner Guildford & West Roads, Bassendean, commencing at 5.00pm.