



**City of
Kalgoorlie
Boulder**

MINUTES

of the

**KALGOORLIE-BOULDER YOUTH COUNCIL
MEETING**

Held at 5:00PM

on

2 AUGUST, 2022

in the

Boulder Town Hall

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Youth Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:01pm welcoming those present.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Youth Mayor Nandini Gera
Youth Councillor Dakota Manley
Youth Councillor Erin Winchester
Youth Councillor Kyle Callaghan
Youth Councillor Elisyah Jackson
Youth Councillor Gabrielle Mullin

Youth Mentor Cameron Mallory

MEMBERS OF STAFF:

James Pervan	Coordinator Community Development
Sean Smith	Senior Youth Officer

VISITORS:

1

PRESS:

Nil

APOLOGIES – ELECTED MEMBERS:

Deputy Youth Mayor Braydon Donnell
Youth Councillor Shicaloe Brown
Youth Councillor Jason Heartly
Youth Councillor Marissa Mallard

Cr Amy Astill
Youth Mentor Esther Roadnight OAM

APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF STAFF:

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTEREST

3.1 INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CODE OF CONDUCT

Nil

3.2 FINANCIAL INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 5.60A

Nil

3.3 PROXIMITY INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 5.60B

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR KYLE CALLAGHAN

SECONDED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR ERIN WINCHESTER

[Minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 12 April 2022](#)

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 12 April 2022 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

**CARRIED
(6/0)**

5 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.1.1 PCYC PARTNERSHIP FUND REVIEW

Responsible Officer: Jill O'Brien
Manager Community Development

Author: James Pervan
Coordinator Community Development

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple

OFFICER/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR DAKOTA MANLEY
SECONDED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR KYLE CALLAGHAN

That the Committee recommend to Council a review of the PCYC Partnership Fund Guidelines be completed.

**CARRIED
(6/0)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PCYC Partnership Fund was established in 2012 and aims to ensure that a collaborative working relationship is maintained between Kalgoorlie PCYC, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council. The fund of \$12,000 per financial year has been used extensively over the past decade to support events and equipment purchases for the benefit of all young people in the community. Recently however, less reliance on the funding has opened the opportunity to review how the guidelines could be restructured to better meet the contemporary needs.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s: SAFE: We support families and youth.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

REPORT

In 2012 the 'PCYC Partnership Fund' was established between Kalgoorlie PCYC, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (the City) and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC). The aim of the partnership fund is to ensure that a collaborative working relationship is maintained between Kalgoorlie PCYC and the KBYC. The partnership fund to the value of \$12,000 per financial year, provides PCYC the opportunity to

purchase goods and services for events, equipment and ongoing sustainable activities for projects that meet the following outcomes:

1. Projects will be designed to give young people the opportunity to learn and develop new skills.
2. To keep young people from loitering on the streets of Kalgoorlie by creating a safe, fun and interactive youth environment.
3. Deter underage drinking at unsafe, unsupervised parties by providing young people with healthy socialisation opportunities.
4. Discouraging the negative image of isolation and boredom by creating fun programs suitable for young people.

In this partnership, PCYC present a project proposal to the KBYC that demonstrates the need and compliance of the project against the guidelines. The KBYC analyse and consider the benefits against the liabilities of the project and make an informed decision as to whether the project aligns with the guidelines and how to collaborate with PCYC on its delivery. This process is facilitated and aided by the City through formal Youth Council channels to ensure compliance against the terms and conditions set out in the guidelines. These terms and conditions are:

1. Youth Council elected items not suitable for partnership funds are:
 - a. Single use items;
 - b. Single events (unless agreed to);
 - c. Items that can be damaged; or
 - d. Items that cannot be used universally.
2. Partnership funds must be used in accordance to this document by all involved parties.
3. If an agreement cannot be reached on a project proposal the funds will not be expended.
4. If the purchased goods and services do not meet that of the agreed upon project proposal, the individual part is then held financially responsible.

Since the Partnership Fund has been in place a variety of projects have been successfully funded. Some examples include:

Year	Project	Amount
2013	Urban art mural project	\$6,050.00
2013	Purchase of Nightlife Hard Drive Music System (HDMS)	\$4,000.00
2015	4 x Black Light Disco events in school holiday periods	\$4,115.85
2015	Purchasing youth friendly furniture for the centre	\$2,793.50
2017	Purchase of inflatable play equipment for use at events	\$5,000.00
2018	Purchasing durable bean bags	\$1,188.00
2018	Hosting a hip-hop workshop with 'Downsyde'	\$4,000.00

More recently a range of factors have contributed to a decline in projects being presented to the KBYC by PCYC. A continual turnover in management since 2018 and impacts of COVID-19 being key contributors. Positive factors such as the expansion and continued funding of the Safe Spaces by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) has seen many objectives of the Partnership Fund being achieved. More recently, PCYC were successful in their application for a 3 year agreement through the City's Annual Grant Program. This agreement is to fund

events, workshops and activities run by PCYC for all young people to participate, with collaborative support from other local agencies.

For these reasons, City Officers have met with management at Kalgoorlie PCYC to discuss the necessity of continuing on this agreement in its current format. Outcomes of these discussions identified greater benefit to be seen in having these funds made available to all organisations, not-for-profits and community groups working with young people to be able to access, rather than it being restricted to just PCYC.

This has triggered the need to review the existing guidelines for the Partnership Fund and seek approval from the KBYC to do so. There are a range of possibilities for how the guidelines can be restructured, however their needs and purpose need to be defined before the best path can be chosen. This will be workshopped with the KBYC, Kalgoorlie PCYC and broader Youth Interagency Network for City Officers to then draft a new drafted guideline document for presentation at a future KBYC formal meeting.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

Kalgoorlie PCYC has been consulted on the original intent, current need and potential possibilities for how the guidelines for this funding agreement can be amended. Outcomes of this consultation were positive and further consultation with Kalgoorlie PCYC, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council and broader Youth Interagency Network is proposed as an outcome of this report to better establish guidelines that meet the current needs of the youth community.

ATTACHMENTS

PCYC Partnership Guidelines 

5.1.2 KALGOORLIE-BOULDER YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

Responsible Officer:	Jill O'Brien Manager Community Development
Author:	James Pervan Coordinator Community Development
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute

OFFICER/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR GABRIELLE MULLIN
SECONDED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR DAKOTA MANLEY

That the Committee accept the application of Emily Noble to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council.

**LOST
(0/6)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) is currently recruiting for new members to join the committee in a period of significant growth and development. The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has received an application to join the KBYC from Emily Noble. Emily is a promising prospective member who is active in the community. The officer recommendation is to endorse this application.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

- **SAFE:** We support families and youth.
- **CONNECTED:** We provide public spaces that facilitate a diverse range of activities and strengthen social bonds within the community.
- **EMPOWERED:** We provide opportunities for genuine engagement with the community to inform the Council's decision-making.
- **EMPOWERED:** We are utilising diverse points of view to inform decision making and actions taken for the City.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

REPORT

Emily Noble has submitted an application to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC). Emily is an active 16 year old local who is eager to join the KBYC to benefit other young people in the community. Acknowledging that she has lived and learned from many challenges in her own life, Emily now wants to help others who may be going through similar situations.

In her spare time Emily has a passion for reading, science and baking. Previously a member of the XLR8 youth group with the Church of Christ, she now focuses on her employment at The Reject Shop and volunteering her time at the Eastern Goldfields BMX Club.

The main issue Emily identifies as impacting significantly on young people in the community is disengagement from school. To combat this Emily proposes that a more diverse range of after school activities and community strategies may be effective in offering more positive outlets for young people to get involved in.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council is a committee established under the *Local Government Act 1995* (Section 5.8). The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council is solely an advisory body and under Section 5.10 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires an absolute majority vote before an appointment of a person to the committee can be made.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

5.1.3 LETTERS TO THE YOUTH MAYOR

Responsible Officer:	Jill O'Brien Manager Community Development
Author:	James Pervan Coordinator Community Development
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple

OFFICER/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR ERIN WINCHESTER
SECONDED BY: YOUTH COUNCILLOR DAKOTA MANLEY

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive the “Letters to the Youth Mayor” from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School Year 8 Humanities and Social Science class.**
- 2. Endorse the draft responses from the Youth Mayor attached to this report.**
- 3. Invite the Year 8 class to meet with the Youth Mayor and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council to further discuss the themes and issues raised in greater detail.**

**CARRIED
(6/0)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Students from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School have written letters addressed to the Youth Mayor regarding matters or issues in the community that are important to them. This report acknowledges receipt of those letters and seeks to endorse responses from the Youth Mayor and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council along with an invitation to meet with the Year 8 Humanities and Social Science class to discuss further.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

- **SAFE:** We support families and youth.
- **EMPOWERED:** We provide opportunities for genuine engagement with the community to inform the Council’s decision-making.
- **EMPOWERED:** We are utilising diverse points of view to inform decision making and actions taken for the City.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

REPORT

Recently the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (the City) received a number of letters from students in the Year 8 class for Humanities and Social Sciences at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School (KBCHS). The class had been learning about active participation in democratic processes. To truly engage in this process, 11 students were encouraged to compose letters depicting issues they saw were affecting young people in Kalgoorlie-Boulder today. These letters were then addressed to the Youth Mayor for consideration by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC).

Across all of the letters, the issues raised were well structured in not only detailing the issues, but provided practical recommendations on how they could be addressed. The student's letters and responses from the Youth Mayor have been added as confidential attachments to this report due to the presence of the students' personal information. The main themes of the issues raised in the letters by the students ranged from the following:

- A need for better availability and free access to feminine hygiene products at schools;
- Better support for student mental health;
- Improvements sought for popular local entertainment venues;
- A drop-in type youth centre open outside of school hours for young people who may need a safe place to access support or simply hang out;
- Disparity between the quality of infrastructure across local junior and senior schools;
- Desire for an indoor shopping mall and more sport shop options;
- A need for a clinic focussing on women's health care; and
- A proposal for a self-sustaining recreational motorbike track.

Each letter was read by the Youth Mayor and Youth Councillors at a recent meeting. It was reflected that for many of the letters there already existed within the community services or resources that directly addressed some of the issues raised. With support from City Officers and Youth Mentors, responses to each letter were brainstormed and then composed to offer the students guidance and advice on how they may either be empowered pursue a solution to what they see as an important matter in the community, or to link them with solutions that are already in the community they may not have been aware of.

The Youth Mayor and Youth Councillors also raised that an invitation to meet with the class and students needs to be made. This will provide an opportunity for the students to understand that their voices are heard, and to further discuss the matters they have raised and any others they may wish to.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

A recommendation of this report is for the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council to meet with the Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences class from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School. This will provide an opportunity to further consult with the students on the themes and issues raised in their correspondence to the Youth Mayor.

ATTACHMENTS

Student letters to the Youth Mayor

Responses to KBCHS Students from the Youth Mayor

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Youth Mayor, Nandini Gera, thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5:10pm.