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Date and Venue:	18 th November 2015 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Aidan Fisher	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine - Project Officer – Young People	
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Committee Role:**The primary roles of the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee are:**

- To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement in decision making on community issues.
- To act in an advisory and consultative capacity to Council and staff on matters affecting young people in the community.
- To assist young people in developing skills in various areas including, leadership, communication, advocacy, governance and administration.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
		Councillor C Chung	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Nichola Gregory	Youth Councillor	
x		Sophie Lara-Watson	Youth Councillor	
x		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
	x	Sarah VanDerMeer	Youth Councillor	
x		Venetia Cameron	Youth Councillor	
		Nicolas Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
		Ben Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
x		Rorie Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Aigerim Tulekova	Youth Councillor	
		Edward Fang	Youth Councillor	
		Dinushika Dias	Youth Councillor	
x		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
x		Mitchell Stubbs	Youth Councillor	
x		Krystal-Jayne Ng	Youth Councillor	
	x	James Kim	Youth Councillor	

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Michael Paine	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1. Apologies and Welcome The attendees and apologies are as noted above.	The information was noted.	

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<p>2. Follow up from previous meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting dated 28th October 2015 were confirmed.</p> <p>Letters to Granny Smith contributors</p> <p>Venetia has prepared a letter which will be sent out following approval by Mike.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>3. Chairperson - Absence of Leave and interim arrangements – election</p> <p>Aidan will be on exchange in Copenhagen next year and will therefore need to stand down as Chairperson.</p> <p>Kavisha (current Deputy Chair) will act as chairperson.</p> <p>Nominations for Acting Deputy Chair were sought.</p> <p>Krystle was nominated and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>A vote was taken and Krystle was unanimously elected Acting Deputy Chair</p>		
<p>4. Feedback from Website working party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the gap between school, uni and work. • Independent living will be the emphasis • Links will be used extensively. • Existing Wifi hotspots will also be highlighted • Community to be asked to provide content which will be viewed by committee • A debate with two points of view will be placed on line to start a conversation on various topics. • Use the media site to get the community talking • Start the website with a competition • Have an external person to act as Chairperson of the sub committee • Seek expressions of interest to fill this role. • Would work like an interview for a job. • Perhaps approach Macquarie Uni through the PACE program to find the above person • The above would depend on supervision requirements of the PACE program. • Would need to check with Comms and Media if someone in that section could act as supervisor 	<p>Investigate PACE program</p>	

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<p>5. NaNoWriMo Working Group – Feedback from meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event is taking place this month • Kavisha attended a write in happening at Ryde • The stories were very interesting • Stories are written in 30 minute bursts • It works well as people bounce ideas off each other. • More people should be encouraged to attend 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>6. Skate Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided noting that concept plans will now be drawn up for a large skate park facility at both Meadowbank and Olympic Park. • A small venue is also to be considered in Ryde Park near the café – it would be aimed at use by young children. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. Council and Committee meeting structure and suggested change to Youth Council format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Macquarie hold Youth Council meetings a few days prior to Council meetings and debate the topics to go before Council – with the exception of confidential items. • Councillors attend the Youth Council meeting where items are debated and are therefore able to articulate the thoughts of the Youth Councillors at Council • Venetia suggested that items to be debated at the Youth Council should reflect matters of interest and relevance to youth. • It was not considered necessary to debate items of no impact to youth <p>Council meeting restructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Ryde had very high number of meetings both Council and Committee when compared with other Councils. • Many meetings also ran very late and were much longer than those of other Councils • At 25th August 2015 meeting, Council reviewed its meeting practices and meeting cycle. • Council resolved to change its structure by changing the meeting time of Council meetings and changed committee structure. • Council meetings are now held once per month not each fortnight. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The suggestion re change to Youth Council format was adopted unanimously.</p> <p>Mike to further look into this.</p> <p>The information was noted</p> <p>Email distributed to committee members is attached to these minutes</p>	

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<p>8. End of year review</p> <p>Highlights of the year included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in National Youth Week • Participation in Granny Smith Festival • Participation in Na No Wri Mo • Participation in skate working group • Support for Ryde Youth Theatre • 2017 – Youth Council Conference hosts • High level of attendance and participation at Youth Council meetings • High level of attendance and participation at working groups also • Good support at events • Good level of attendance by groups approaching Youth Council for input <p>Areas to work at in future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to Na No Wri Mo and Skate Working Party – it was felt that the input of Youth Councillors was not really sought by the organisers. • There was a feeling that decisions were made with little request for input from Youth Councillors present. • Gaining greater Councillor support and attendance at Youth Council meetings • Limit the number of working parties to two at any one time. • Encourage all participants on the Youth Council to undertake a role on a sub committee or working party <p>Priorities for 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to have greater attendance at events through marketing • Make inroads into prime goals of youth Council - unemployment, life skills and alternate career pathways. • Commence planning for 2017 conference • Focus on Youth Week, Granny Smith and 2017 conference rather than other extraneous issues which take a lot of time • Remain open to other opportunities if they arise. • Remember also that it is not necessary to join every group that approaches Youth Council for support 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>9. End of year celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event to be held at Macquarie Centre Laser Strike • Kris Kringle to be undertaken by members - \$10 to \$20 limit • Venetia to arrange the Kris Kringle – possibly gifts will be purchased on the night prior to event 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>10. RYC - Youth Councillor training ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Team has submitted information re networking and communicating with business sector. • First impressions, presentations to groups, business language speak, relationship building and stewardship, philanthropy, tips for preparing to ask someone to do something for you, mastering networking. • The above was considered a good program • Training to be booked for a suitable date in January 	The information was noted	
<p>11. Standing Item</p> <p>Future Events/interests/what’s been happening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIL 	Noted	
<p>12. Standing Item –</p> <p>Media and Communications</p> <p>Volunteers required for 2RRR interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIL 	Noted	
<p>13. Any other issues</p> <p><u>Set date for 2017 NSW Youth Council conference working group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of Youth Council are on the working group • Three host venues examined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YMCA – Olympic Park Lodge can accommodate 120 people in dorms \$260.00 per head. Any additional people after 120 would need to camp in the same area. ○ Macquarie Uni – no information received yet ○ Curzon Hall – no accommodation – people would need to arrange their own. ○ Cost for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea is \$170.00 per head ○ Above to be examined at first working party • First meeting of working group 10th December 2015 <p><u>Youth Week 2016 working party</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venetia, Rorie and Mitchell to be on working party • Meeting date to be arranged by Mike 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>	

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13. Next Meeting: DATE: Wednesday 27 th January 2016 TIME: 6.00 pm VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2	The information was noted.	