

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting
Monday 8 April 2024 at 6pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Youth Councillors

Zachary Melvaine	Youth Mayor
Kaynat Virk	Deputy Youth Mayor
Angelica Banquil	
Dean Connelly-Carpenter	
Bavleen Kaur	
Mustafa Khraim	
Angela Rolevska	
Masina Salesa	
Esha Serai	
Tanya Sharma	
Sandy Tran	
Emily Tricarico	
Sophie Winter	

Officers

Jacinta Stevens	Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO
Bobbie-Lea Bright	Unit Manager Governance

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Youth Mayor opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed those in attendance.

1.2 Apologies

Esha Serai - arrived late at 6:12pm

Masina Salesa

Sandy Tran

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Youth Mayor read the following statement:

“On behalf of the Youth Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

1.4 Acknowledgements

The Youth Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

International Women's Day

On 6 March the Council hosted a community screening of the documentary film Equal the Contest, which celebrated women, girls and gender diverse people and demonstrated determination, community spirit, joy and courage. I am glad to advise that your Deputy Youth Mayor, Kaynat Virk attended that event.

Community Awards

In March, the City of Whittlesea was thrilled to present awards to the 5 recipients of the 2023 City of Whittlesea Community Awards. There were 38 nominations with the winners being selected by a community committee. Our congratulations goes to our Deputy Youth Mayor, Kaynat Virk for winning the Young Citizen of the Year award for being a dedicated and passionate campaigner of issues facing young people.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

Recommendation

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding Youth Council Meetings as circulated, be confirmed:

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 5 February 2024

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 4 March 2024

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Youth Councillor Sophie Winter</i>
Seconded:	<i>Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk</i>

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 5 February 2024.

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 4 March 2024, with a change to the voting tables on page 7 to replace Bavleen Kaur with Kaynat Virk.

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4 Officers' Reports

4.1 Sports Fair Access Policy

Director/Executive Manager: Director Community Wellbeing

Report Author: Coordinator West Community Hubs

In Attendance: Coordinator West Community Hubs
Acting Sport & Recreation Operations Officer

Executive Summary

This report seeks Youth Council perspective and feedback on the draft City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy (the Policy) and draft Sporting Clubs action plan currently out for stakeholder and community consultation.

The draft Policy responds to the Fair Access in Sport Policy Roadmap developed by the Victorian Office for Women in Sport and Recreation to support gender equitable access and utilisation of community sports infrastructure in Victoria.

The state government roadmap requires all Victorian councils to have an endorsed gender equitable access and use policy for community sports infrastructure to be considered eligible to receive Victorian Government sporting infrastructure funding.

The draft Policy applies to community sports facilities where Council is the owner, land manager and/or operator of the facility.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Youth Council:

1. Reviews the draft Sporting Fair Access Policy.
2. Provides feedback for consideration prior to the Policy being presented to Council for formal adoption at its 18 June 2024 Council meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska</i>
Seconded:	<i>Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk</i>

THAT Youth Council:

1. Reviews the draft Sporting Fair Access Policy.
2. Provides feedback for consideration prior to the Policy being presented to Council for formal adoption at its 18 June 2024 Council meeting.

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YOUTH COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Nil

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

4.2 Youth Council Charter Review

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Councillor Support Officer

In Attendance: Unit Manager Governance

Executive Summary

The Youth Council Charter is the statement that is read out by the Youth Mayor at the commencement of each Youth Council Meeting.

The statement is a summary of the purpose of the Youth Council, the values it stands for and the goals the Youth Council want to achieve collectively during the term of membership.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council:

1. Collaborate to re-word the current Youth Council Charter so that it aligns with the goals and aspirations of all Youth Councillors.
2. Submit the new Charter to the Councillor Support Officer for inclusion and adopting at the May Youth Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur</i>
Seconded:	<i>Youth Councillor Tanya Sharma</i>

THAT the Youth Council:

1. **Collaborate to re-word the current Youth Council Charter so that it aligns with the goals and aspirations of all Youth Councillors.**
2. **Submit the new Charter to the Councillor Support Officer for inclusion and adopting at the May Youth Council Meeting.**

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YOUTH COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Nil

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion

6 General / Urgent Business

No Urgent Business

7 Closure

There being no further business the Youth Mayor closed the meeting at 6:24pm.

Confirmed this 6th day of May 2024.

Zachary Melvaine
Youth Mayor