

Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee - Councillor Representation

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 December 2019

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G/19/4031 Council Resolution:

*Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr O'Grady*

That Council endorse the appointment of a Councillor to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee, noting that Cr Churchill is the current representative.

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Purpose:

To provide Elected Members with information regarding representation on the Gladstone Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (QPCYWA operating under the trading name of PCYC Queensland) Branch Advisory Committee.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council determine its position for nomination of a representative to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee.

Background:

The output of the 2019-20 Operational Plan objective *4.1c Review existing and develop new organisational committees that are aligned to strategic objectives* is to review Council appointed representation on external organisations. Officers have undertaken a review of the appointment to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee and the relevant findings and considerations are presented in this report.

Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (QPCYWA operating under the trading name of PCYC Queensland) was established in 1948 and is a constitutional member-based association, a company limited by guarantee, and an approved registered charity.

PCYC's vision is "building safer, healthier communities through youth development" with PCYC working with the Queensland Police Service to provide a variety of programs and activities to meet local and community youth needs, promote positive choices, and encourage youth to be more connected to their community.

Locally, the Gladstone PCYC Branch opened in 1978 and for much of that time has had a Branch Committee (in some form) with its membership comprising of Councillors or Council officers (or both).

The current committee is an Advisory Committee that operates under a voluntary structure which drives community and business engagement and provides input and advice on the branch's strategic direction and activities. The Advisory Committee has no decision-making authority, with the Branch Manager holding the authority to make decisions on matters discussed by the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee consists of a minimum of four members (the Branch Manager who also acts as secretary to the Advisory Committee and three Branch Advisory Committee Members) and a maximum of ten members. The QPS Officer in Charge or District Officer also has a standing invitation to attend Advisory Committee meetings. PCYC seek the following committee composition:

- Strategic Advisor (indicative background includes Councillor or senior Council officer);
- Police Contacts;
- Youth Liaison (delegate);
- Community Liaison;
- Networking Coordinator (indicative background includes Councillor or senior Council officer);
- Marketing Coordinator (indicative background includes Councillor or senior Council officer);
- Fundraising Coordinator; and
- Maintenance Advisor.

Advisory Committee members are nominated via expression of interest, with all nominees reviewed and approved by PCYC's Zone Management Team. All Advisory Committee members must personally be a financial member of the PCYC (hold current PCYC membership for which the annual fee is \$30).

Membership of the Advisory Committee currently comprises of:

- Councillor Glenn Churchill (Chair);
- Councillor Rick Hansen;
- District Police Inspector Darryl Summerville (represented by Officer in Charge, Senior Sergeant Jaime Goodwin);
- Sergeant Dominic Richardson, Gladstone PCYC Branch Manager;
- Jordyn Wilson;
- Brenton Hawton; and
- Bec Frost.

Whilst Councillor Hansen is a member of the Advisory Committee, he is not Council's current nominated representative and is appointed as a member of the community.

Consideration:

When determining a position on the nomination of a member to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee, the following considerations may assist with deliberations:

- would a nomination facilitate greater insights into the organisation;
- the ability to contribute to the strategic direction of the organisation given the committee has no decision-making authority;
- networking with representatives from businesses with the region and community members;

- the resources required to contribute to the Advisory Committee and the impacts of this on achieving a complimentary balance of duties; and
- real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Option 1 – Continue with Councillor Representation

Should Council determine that nomination of and representation by a Councillor on the Advisory Committee aligns with the strategic objectives of its Corporate Plan and leverages a mutually beneficial partnership, Council may elect to continue with its representation on the Advisory Committee.

Option 1 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council endorse the appointment of a Councillor to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee, noting that Cr Churchill is the current representative.

Option 2 – Nomination of a Youth Council Member

Council may wish to consider the nomination of a Youth Council member to the Advisory Committee as the Youth Council acts as a formal advisory committee to Council on youth related matters within the region. Furthermore, representation by a Youth Council member will provide capacity building opportunities within the Youth Council as well as the community.

Option 2 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council endorse seeking expressions of interest from the Youth Council for nomination of a Youth Council member to the Gladstone PCYC Branch Advisory Committee.

Option 3 – Resign from the Advisory Committee

There is no provision under the Charter of the Advisory Committee that requires Council to nominate or have a representative (elected member, officer, or other) on the committee.

Option 3 Suggested Recommendation:

That Council advise Gladstone PCYC that it no longer seeks to have a representative on the Advisory Committee.

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

- Councillor Churchill;
- Councillor Hansen;
- Executive Team;
- Branch Manager, Gladstone PCYC.

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

Advisory Committee members are not ‘directors’ for the purposes of relevant legislation or general law, however members have a responsibility to comply with the Advisory Committee Charter.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Council's representation on the Advisory Committee is not linked to any financial assistance that may be provided to PCYC.

Commentary:

Nil.

Summary:

Nil.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

Within two weeks of resolution.

Attachments:

Nil

Tabled Items:

Nil.

Report Prepared by: Policy Officer (Acting)