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First Knysna Youth Council Meeting for 2017

The Knysna Youth Council held its first council meeting for 2017 on Friday January 20 in the Knysna Council Chamber.

The meeting was attended by the Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies, Knysna Speaker, Georlene Wolmarans, members of the Youth Council, Youth Desk officials and Greater Knysna youth.

“This Council has created a platform for our youth to address issues that affect them. directly Since its inauguration a year ago, we are successfully working towards numerous Municipal goals set out for the youth council, these include; promoting leadership among the youth as well as a healthy interest in municipal, civil, administrative and community matters,” explained Wolmarans.

Bouw-Spies provided feedback on the Mayoral Bursary Fund and responded to questions posed by members of the youth council. She stated: “This year my office will do things differently by way of including council in raising money for the financial assistance of students. These funds will assist more learners in their future studies.”

Glendyrr Fick, Knysna Pick n Pay Oyster Festival Manager presented an overview of the Knysna Oyster Festival. This upcoming Festival aims to generate an interest and involvement from Greater Knysna’s youth, encouraging them to present fresh ideas that could possibly be incorporated into the Festival.

Wolmarans expressed her delighted that Greater Knysna’s youth are being offered an opportunity to partake in the Knysna Oyster Festival. “The Oyster Festival plays a big part in the town’s–economy and opens up many opportunities for talented individuals to showcase their talent and for local business to become part of this amazing 10 day event.”

Further presentations included talks from Mind Movement. Their initiative in partnership with MM Entertainment and Events concentrates of a talent development programme. This programme creates opportunities for the talented youth of Greater Knysna.

Furthermore, a representative from the municipal Department, Human Resources, Zukile Kala addressed the Council explaining their involvement in the upcoming Skills Development programmes and learnerships aimed at the township youth. These programmes are offered to assist the youth with the important skills needed in the commercial world.

Feedback was provided by each ward representative with regards to, the soon to start, Learner Licence Programme

The Youth Council selected Fredwin Agiels as its Deputy Secretary. Its Disciplinary Hearing Committee: Zipho Naki, Fredwin Agiels, Aschin Klein, Vuvu Ralushe and Ethon Alexander were also voted in.

In closing Wolmarans said, "The Youth Council is the forum where our young people can constructively challenge the way youth issues are perceived and handled within this municipality. This is a space where you can lay the foundations for the change you want to see in our society."

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