

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2
When 4-5.30pm, 9 November 2011

Present

Members: Katja Heesterman, Morgan Watkins, Jack Marshall, Duncan Armstrong, Bing-Ying Lou, Rebecca Christini, Stevenson Pule, Kieran Meredith, James Wall-Manning, Emily Murphy, Zared Wall-Manning, Ben Ogilvie, Zoe Doole, Susie Larken
Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh, Cr Paul Eagle
Officers: Simon Wright, Janette Wallace Gedge, Zach Rissel

Minutes

1. Opening

Katja welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Ruth Corkill.

3 What's on top

Exams and what to do afterwards were 'on top' for most YC members.

4. Previous minutes and matters arising

It was noted that Bing, not Susie, had not moved the ratification of the previous minutes. Jack moved that the minutes be amended accordingly and ratified as true and correct. Bing seconded the motion and it was passed. No other matters were raised.

5. Portfolio reportbacks / Forward programme

Arts and culture

WCC's Cultural Wellbeing-Being strategy was noted.

Community engagement

A link to the final vote on the sign to go on the Miramar cutting near Wellington Airport has been put on the YC's Facebook page.

It was noted that the development of WCC's community engagement framework has been delayed but that Katja and Morgan would still be involved.

It was noted that WCC consultation on the Draft Accessible Wellington Action Plan will start on 6 December. **Emily** will provide more information at the next meeting.

Emergency Management

The tsunami exercise on Thursday 10 November was noted. There was a discussion about the most effective ways to communicate with and get people to move in the event of a tsunami.

Finance

It was noted that WCC's year-to-date revenue is over a \$1M ahead of budget.

Governance

Emily will contact Cr McKinnon to organise a meeting for the governance portfolio group. Fran Wilde's proposal for a Wellington 'super city' was noted.

Natural environment

It was noted that Watts Peninsula land, currently owned by the New Zealand Defence Force on the Miramar Peninsula, will be vested in the public interest as a reserve.

Social

James is in communication with Barnardos advocacy manager Deborah Morris-Travers regarding the Government's green paper on vulnerable children with a view to arranging a presentation to YC early in 2012. YC members should contact Cr Eagle if they are interested in attending a related event at the Town Hall on 2 December. Morgan noted that Rebecca Blaikie from the Human Rights Commission would like to present to YC on this topic. **Simon** is to arrange this.

Sports and events

Casual bookings can now be made at the new sports centre in Kilbirnie.

Transport

Emily will work with the YC's transport portfolio members and look at making a submission on Greater Wellington Regional Council's feasibility study on options for a future high quality, high frequency public transport spine through central Wellington between the Wellington Railway Station and Newtown. Members were encouraged to complete the survey as individuals. **Katja** will put a link to the consultation on the YC Facebook page.

6. General Business

UNICEF NZ Youth Ambassadors

Members were encouraged to consider applying to become UNICEF NZ Youth Ambassadors. **Kieran** to post related 3News clips to the YC Facebook page.

Member intentions for 2012, recruitment

With the end of 2011 in sight and 3 current vacancies, the aim is to start recruiting now so that YC can start with a full complement in the new year. **YC members** are to reply to Katja email regarding their intentions to stand (or not) for YC in 2012 before the next meeting.

YC members identified 'representation gaps' in their current membership (and how people in these categories might be communicated with) as outlined in the following bullet list. Applicants should be asked to say what they could bring YC in terms of representation.

- Ethnic communities (notices at community events/gathering and community specific media. Kieran could front YC at the Pacific Forum.)
- Full time workers
- Lower socio-economic

- Younger members (12-16 years old) (Rebecca is willing to use Rangers connections); a number of schools have no representation (write to schools; Emily, Susie, Ben, Jack and Katja are willing to give presentations at schools)
- Whitireia

It was noted that WCC has other independent advisory groups and YC does not necessarily need members to represent those perspectives.

Katja will write a notice to add to Bing's template. **James** is to review the YC application form.

Youth road safety

Katja led a session on youth road safety and will type up the notes and pass them on to Anna Blomquist in Traffic Safety. YC comments will help develop a series of advertisements that aim to provide youth with ways of talking to other people to encourage them not to drink and drive.

Climate change action plan initiative

Zach Rissel presented on the action plan and implementation to date. He noted that today's youth is going to have to deal with complicated challenges. He talked about the energy saver programme and encourage members to take advantage of it and let people in their networks know about it. Flyers were handed out and Zach hoped YC members would report back on up take at next their next meeting. **Zach** is to send Simon a copy of the Climate Change Action Plan for circulation to YC members. **Simon** is also to email a pdf of the flyer to **Rebecca**, who will circulate to Health Board staff.

Leases Policy

Rebecca questioned whether YC had given sufficiently youth-focused advice regarding the Leases Policy consultation. It was noted that Colin said he would bring the draft back to YC before it was submitted. Any further comments around youth-specific issues should be sent to Colin Drew by email before next YC meeting.

Elections for YC chair

It was agreed that elections for a new chair would be at second meeting in 2012 after new members had been inducted.

Long Term Plan consultation publicity

YC members were asked to take part in photo shoot to encourage people to engagement with WCC on the Long Term Plan. People who were interested gave their names and contact details to a representative from the Communications and Marketing team.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5:30pm. The next meeting is on 23 November 2011

Actions summary

1. **Emily** will provide more information on the WCC consultation on the Draft Accessible Wellington Action Plan at the next meeting.
2. **Emily** will contact Cr McKinnon to organise a meeting for the governance portfolio group.
3. **Simon** is to arrange Rebecca Blaikie from the Human Rights Commission to present to YC on the Government's green paper on vulnerable children.
4. **Katja** will put a link to the GWRC transport spine consultation on the YC Facebook page.

5. **Kieran** to post UNICEF NZ Youth Ambassadors-related 3News clips to the YC Facebook page.
6. **YC members** are to reply to Katja email regarding their intentions to stand (or not) for YC in 2012 before the next meeting.
7. **Katja** will write a notice for recruiting new YC members.
8. **James** is to review the YC application form.
9. **Katja** to type up the notes on youth road safety and pass them on to Anna Blomquist in Traffic Safety.
10. **Zach** is to send Simon a copy of the Climate Change Action Plan for circulation to YC members.
11. **Simon** is also to email a pdf of the flyer to **Rebecca**, who will circulate to Health Board staff.
12. Any further comments around youth-specific issues for the Leases Policy review should be sent to Colin Drew by email before next YC meeting.
13. Elections for a new chair will be at second meeting in 2012 after new members had been inducted.