

## Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue CAB5 Te Wai Manga (Whanau Rm), 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington  
 When 4-5.30 pm, 22 February 2012

### Present

Members: Katja Heesterman, Stevenson Pule, James Wall-Manning, Zared Wall-Manning, Ben Ogilvie, Zoe Doole, Jack Marshall, Duncan Armstrong, Morgan Watkins, Brydon Sundgren, Ani-Piki Tuari, Cameron Oldfield, Brittany Trilford, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Roma Simmons-Donaldson.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

## Minutes

### 1. *Mihi Whakatau/Welcome*

Billie Tait-Jones and Simon Wright said a karakia/opening prayer called 'Whakataka te hau' and a mihi whakatau/welcome. Billie and Mark Ormsby (guitar) then lead the Consultation and Engagement team in a rendition of the waiata/song "Tutira mai".

### 2. *Opening*

Katja welcomed the group especially the newly appointed members. She noted that Kieran Meredith had decided to resign and that his last meeting would be on 7 March 2012.

### 3. *Apologies*

Apologies for not being able to attend were received from Bing-Ying Lou, Kieran Meredith, Devon Robinson, Edgardo Reyes, Therese Kyne and May Palemia. Apologies for lateness were received from Zared, James, Stevenson and Brydon.

### 3 *What's on top /*

In addition to birthdays and other celebrations, YC members reports lots of positive achievements including new jobs, scholarships, awards and opportunities to represent groups overseas. Cr Marsh said that Katja's presentation of the YC's Annual Report to WCC's Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) was a highlight for him.

### 4. *Previous minutes and matters arising*

Jack moved the minutes as true and correct subject to adding some missing names to the list of attendees. Zoe seconded the motion and it was passed.

### 5. *Portfolio report backs / Forward programme*

Katja reported Cr Foster's comments about how a YC Forward Programme might help councillors connect YC with WCC programmes.

A summary of the issues raised is recorded below. No issues were raised in the arts & culture; community engagement; community facilities; economy; finance; information & communications technology; natural environment; sports & events; and the three waters & waste portfolios.

Members were asked to think about which portfolios they would like to work on in 2012 before the next meeting.

### **Built Environment/Emergency Management**

Zoe noted that SPC would be considering a major report on the city's earthquake resilience on Thursday. Cr Marsh is to contact Zoe with the start time for that discussion.

### **Climate Change**

Zared said he would be getting in touch with WCC's principal climate change advisor to explore issues that YC could usefully get involved with.

### **Governance**

YC decided not to submit on the Government's MMP review as the topic does not align well with the YC's Terms of Reference.

### **Social**

James note that YC is currently working on a submission on the Government's green paper on vulnerable children.

### **Transport (Public Transport & Roads)**

Morgan drew attention to an e-petition calling for reduced public transport fares for tertiary students.

Jack and Duncan noted Greater Wellington Regional Council's Wellington City Bus review would significantly impact on youth. Cr Daran Ponter from GWRC has been invited to the next YC meeting to discuss this. Members were asked to do some research on the Bus Review for the next meeting. Brydon suggested phoning the GWRC on 04 830 4071 to get a summary of information. James thought that WCC's Tass Larsen might also be able to provide a summary paper as well.

## **6. General Business**

### **Electing chair and deputy chair**

Members decided to run separate elections for Chair and Deputy Chair. James, Zoe and Jack were nominated for Chair. Each nominee spoke briefly on why they should be elected and members were able to question them. James was then elected to the position of Chair by secret ballot.

Zoe, Ben and Jack were nominated for Deputy Chair. Ben spoke briefly on why he should be elected and members were able to question him. Zoe was then elected to the position of Deputy Chair by secret ballot.

### **Green paper on vulnerable children**

James led a discussion to refine the draft YC submission on the Government's green paper on vulnerable children. James moved that YC agree with the content as modified by the discussion so that the submission can be finalised and submitted before the end of February. This motion was seconded by Morgan and passed.

### **Draft accessibility action plan**

Zoe and Jack led a discussion to refine the draft YC submission on WCC's draft accessibility action plan. YC agreed with the content but can email Zoe or Jack with further suggestions as they finalise the submission by reviewing phrasing and spelling. When they submit the written submission, Zoe and Jack should indicate that YC wishes to make an oral submission as well.

### **NZ Qualifications Authority, draft Pasifika Strategy 2012-2015 consultation**

There was not enough time to discuss the idea of an event to engage a larger group of youth, possible in conjunction with the Pacific Advisory Group, in March or early April. This will be discussed at the next YC meeting.

### **'What the Council does' session for Wellington Mission for Youth**

Members would like to proceed with this idea.

### **Induction: 'What the Council does'**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **7. Closing**

Cr Marsh presented Katja with some farewell flowers and a gift, and thank her for excellent contribution as Chair.

The meeting formally closed at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting is on 7 March 2012 in, subject to the completion of earthquake strengthening works, Committee Room 2.

### **Action Summary**

1. Members think about which portfolios they would like to work on in 2012 before the next meeting.
2. Cr Marsh is to contact Zoe with the start time for the SPC discussion on earthquake resilience.
3. Members to do some research on the GWRC Bus Review for the next meeting. A summary of information can be obtained by calling GWRC on 04 830 4071.
4. James, Zoe and Morgan to finalise and submit the YC's submission on the Green Paper on Vulnerable Children.
5. Zoe and Jack to finalise and submit the YC's submission on the Accessible Wellington Plan.