

## Record of Meeting: Youth Council

**Venue** Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

**When** 4-5.30 pm, 3 October 2012

### **Present**

**Members:** Ben Oglivie, Brydon Sundgren, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Stevenson Pule, Zared Wall-Manning and Zoe Doole.

**Councillor:** Cr Simon Marsh

**Officers:** Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

## Minutes

### **1. Opening**

Zoe welcomed the group.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Bing Ying-Lou, Brittany Trilford, Cameron Oldfield, Devon Robinson, James Wall-Manning, Lily Simmons- Donaldson, Roma Simmons-Donaldson and Therese Kyne. Edgardo, Morgan and Stevenson apologised for arriving late. Councillor Marsh apologised for leaving early.

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

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including learning to drive, plans for next year, exams, time in Melbourne and a bike ride.

### **4. Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

Morgan moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct for 5 Sept. and 19 Sept. meeting. Jack seconded the motion.

### **6. Portfolios/Forward Programme**

Jack suggested that YC members should attend earthquake briefing sessions organised by WCC. Briefing session details were provided to members.

Brydon informed members that new public transport fares were effective from 1 October. Jack shared a brochure detailing the new fares with YC members.

### **7. General Business**

#### **Open Spaces: surveys**

Simon asked if members had open space survey feedback forms to hand in. Brydon and Zared will email their forms to Simon. Simon noted that Bing had already emailed her response. Zoe enquired if these questions had been posted on the Youth Council Facebook page. Simon confirmed that these questions have been posted on Youth Council Facebook page.

#### **Action:**

- Brydon and Zared to email their open spaces survey feedback forms to

Simon/Rekha.

### **Youth and Emergency Management: Towards a Youth Council approach**

Simon asked YC members to think about the Youth Council's approach to the Youth and Emergency Management project, and what advice it could provide to Jason Paul at WREMO. WREMO is keen for people to change their behaviour. Simon circulated an information sheet on behaviour change and spoke about successful behaviour change initiatives. YC members did some small group work to identify 'ideal type' characters who might be the subjects of the YC's advice.

Ben suggested that this could be a good questionnaire for young people that we would like to reach. Zared pointed out that we should also consider people who think that nothing will happen to them or nothing should be done as we are all likely to die anyway. Morgan suggested that we should go for a geographical approach and identify areas like Kilbirnie airport which are most likely to get affected during an earthquake. Simon said he will get more information on natural hazard risks versus planned growth in Wellington.

#### **Action:**

- Simon to source more information on natural hazard risks versus planned growth in Wellington.

### **Recruitment for 2013**

Simon requested YC members to look at the recruitment plan for 2013 and identify who we need to recruit. Morgan suggested that we should target Rongotai College for Eastern Suburbs. Stevenson informed YC members that he will continue to be a Youth Council member until mid August 2013. Jack reminded YC members to email Zoe of their intentions for next year 2013. Simon suggested that we target Year 10 students this time as there is a gap in that age group. Morgan suggested that we should target St. Catherine's College. Simon suggested that we write to schools first then open it up for others then an advert in WCC'S Our Wellington Page (OWP). Simon informed that there is no changes to the application form this time. Simon will draft a letter for school principals.

#### **Action:**

- Simon to draft a letter for school principals for recruiting new YC members.
- YC members to email Zoe about their intentions for next year 2013.

### **Engaging with lower socio-economic youth (Devon & Bing)**

This item was deferred.

### **Youth Council Communications Policy**

Zoe spoke to a draft Youth Council Communications Policy. Ben commented that the Youth Council Communications Policy looks good. If there is any comment then YC members should let Zoe know. The following additions were raised at the meeting:

1. To get journalist's /media persons contact details to Chair.
2. If you do make a statement in your personal capacity just let the Chair know.
3. If the media person asks for contact details then give them WCC officers contact details.

#### **Action:**

- YC members to let Zoe know if there are any comments on the Youth Council

Communications Policy.

## **Youth Council Annual Report 2012**

YC members agreed that YC try to present its Annual Report at the last SPC meeting of this year.

### **Action:**

- Simon to contact Democratic Services and get a date for SPC meeting.

## **9. Closing**

The meeting formally closed at 5:25 pm. The next meeting is on 17 October 2012 in Committee Room 2.

### **Action Summary**

1. Brydon and Zared to email their Open Spaces survey feedback forms to Simon/Rekha.
2. Simon to find out more information about Wellington's growth spine earthquake risk.
3. Simon to draft a letter for school principals for recruiting new YC members in 2013.
4. YC members to let Zoe know if there are any comments on the Youth Council Communications Policy.
5. Simon to contact Democratic Services and get a date for SPC meeting for YC Annual Report 2012.