

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington
When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 15 May 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Duncan Armstrong, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Maddie Bell, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson, Zoe Doole
Councillor: Cr Marsh
Officers: Simon Wright (Senior Advisor, Consultation and Engagement)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bing-Ying Lou, Morgan Watkins, Stevenson Pule and Teariki Nonu.

3. What's on top?

Each member shared with the group an important thing that is going on in their life.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Oliver moved the minutes as true and correct. Daisy seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

Jack reported that consultation on the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan had just finished and that the next stage is a community-based plan for Tawa and Porirua.

Duncan reported on a Ministry of Youth Development workshop for actors with disability.

7. General Business

Annual Plan submission

The working group decided to develop the YC's draft submission straight after the meeting for ratification by the whole YC on Thursday 16 May.

Actions:

- Annual Plan Working Group to develop the YC's draft submission straight after the meeting
- Ratification on Loomio on Thursday 16 May

Further work programme development 2

This agenda item was deferred however a possible project was discussed. The project would aim to get more youth enrolled for the local body elections in late 2013. As the deadline for enrolments is mid-August, the project would be in July or early August. One possible approach would be to organise something like an 'Amazing Race', perhaps in collaboration with Adventure Wellington.

Emergency preparedness grant

Jack informed members that WCC is preparing an application to the Ministry of Youth Development's Youth Development Partnership Fund. If successful, the grant will cover the costs of the emergency preparedness crowdsourcing project. Simon will circulate copy of the application to members.

Maddie, Lily, Amanda, Rawinia, Erin, Ollie, Petelo, Sean and Zoe volunteered to go on the project working group.

Actions:

- Simon to circulate grant application to members when complete.

Fairer Fares Campaign: next steps

YC decided that it would seek from the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association (VUWSA) a more detailed proposal about how tertiary fares should be structured with a view to:

- Confirming that the fare would be fairer in terms of costs and benefits across the entire community
- Confirming that the proposal is consistent with submissions YC has previously made to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
- Sharing ideas for making the proposal and the supporting arguments stronger with VUWSA.

YC may make its own submission to GWRC on the tertiary fare proposal.

Action:

- Simon to ask VUWSA for the detailed tertiary fare proposal

Living Wage campaign

The presenters for this item did not arrive.

Input to Engagement Policy review

As discussed at the previous meeting, the WCC would like input from the YC for its Engagement Policy review. The YC broke into small groups to brainstorm the questions in the table below. Responses are recorded in the right-hand column.

<p>1. What are the barriers to young people engaging?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social expectations • Uninformed • Lack of motivation • Lack of communication • No incentive • Relevant to young people • Inaccessible – too formal (x2) • No link between social media and Council consultations • Material not geared to young people • Worried about being shot down (not accepted) • Don't know what's already happening so don't know how to improve it • Don't know about youth intermediaries such as Youth Council • Accessibility of transport • Youth disability • Council is an AUTHORITY. Youth don't always like this
<p>2. What works well currently?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once you are involved, you have opportunities to get involved in other things • When we are engaged, it is by young and enthusiastic people • Online is good • Feedback is good • Youth Council is excellent
<p>3. What are some good ideas for change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to increase recognition • Needs to be a motivation and a point • Participation needs to have an impact • Direct contact/pinpoint their market • Better oral submissions booking system • Youth workshops • Online/text polling • Youth activities e.g. "Amazing race" concept – fun activities with friends that can link to consultations • Intermediaries (Youth Council) need more publicity • Setting up youth groups (e.g. school groups) that are less formal to pass ideas on • Collaboration between youth groups, e.g. BGI-YC collaboration for alcohol workshop

Cultural Diversity Forum

Members were asked to look at the information in their folders on the Human Rights Commission's Cultural Diversity Forum and to indicate whether they would like to go at the next meeting. In the past, YC has sent 2 members but since this year's forum is in Wellington, it may be possible for more to go.

Open Spaces Working Group for submission on Capital Spaces

From 28 May, WCC will be consulting on its 'Our Capital Spaces: Open Spaces & Recreation Framework'. The YC provided early input to this framework and determined to make a submission on it when it was developing the YC's 2013 work programme.

Zoe, Maddie, Erin, Daisy and Petelo volunteered to go on the working group to develop the YC's submission.

Evolve

Members were asked to look at the information in their folders about Evolve's youth week activity and encouraged to take part. Simon was asked to provide members with information about Evolve by the next meeting, which is at Evolve.

Feedback

Members were invited to raise any issues or concerns about the way Youth Council is going. Members can contact Jack or Simon at or between meetings if they have anything to discuss. One member asked for information about which issues fit in which portfolios. Some members would also like to have a future meeting at WREMO and Simon was also asked to organise a feedback session on the findings of the alcohol workshop and wider engagement.

Action:

- Simon to provide portfolio information
- Simon to organise a feedback session on the findings of the alcohol workshop and wider engagement

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5.30pm. The next meeting starts at 4.00pm, 29 May 2013 in Committee Room 2, then at 4.30pm, moves to Evolve on the corner of Cuba and Manners Streets.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Annual Plan Working Group to develop the YC's draft submission straight after the meeting
2. Ratification of Annual Plan submission on Loomio on Thursday 16 May
3. Simon to circulate Youth Development Partnership grant application to members when complete.
4. Simon to ask VUWSA for the detailed tertiary fare proposal
5. Simon to provide portfolio information
6. Simon to organise a feedback session on the findings of the alcohol workshop and wider engagement