

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 26 June 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ling Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Duncan Armstrong, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Maddie Bell, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson, Teariki Nonu, Zoe Doole.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright (Senior Advisor, Consultation and Engagement), Jaime Dyhrberg (Manager, Service Development & Improvement)

Guests: Jessica Palairet (Youth MP for Wellington Central)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Devon Robinson, Morgan Watkins, Stevenson Pule and the Boys' and Girls' Institute's Link group.

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. Brittany seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

It was noted that the YC's preferred option for the Basin Reserve flyover had not been adopted but that YC was broadly supportive of other measures that were proposed to improve traffic follow to the eastern suburbs. New city bus priority measures and the passing of the Local Electoral Amendment Bill regarding campaigning were also noted, as was a Human Rights Commission Youth Forum.

7. General Business

Our Capital Spaces

Ollie and Maddie led a discussion about things YC members would like to see in the YC's Our Capital Spaces submission. Members thought that the submission should be consistent with the YC's submission on the Town Belt Management Plan, make clear that the summer music festival in the Botanical Garden is important, and push for adult playgrounds. The working group will meet on 3 July and the submission will be ratified on Loomio before 9 July.

Cr Marsh suggested that YC should form a group to further develop a more detailed

adult playground proposal and to advocate for it. Zoe and Bing volunteered to do this.

Alcohol Management Strategy

Jaime thanked the Youth Council and Link for their input to the development of the draft Alcohol Management Strategy, and outlined the essential elements of the Strategy and the next steps towards finalising Strategy and the Local Alcohol Policy. The next step is consulting on the draft Strategy and Policy using the Special Consultative Procedure. Following questions and discussion, Jack, Lily, Teariki, Zoe, Erin, Brittany, Amanda, Daisy and Bing volunteered to form a working group to draft the YC's submission.

Actions:

- Simon to ask Jaime for a summary of oral submissions to SPC for the working group

Elections

The working group led a discussion on various aspects of this project including e-voting and videos about WCC services. After a discussion about the pros and cons of e-voting it was decided that the YC supports e-voting for all elections (i.e. for local and central government elections, referenda, DHBs, etc.) 12 members supported this position, 3 opposed it and 1 abstained. The working group will further develop the project plan.

Making effective submissions

Members were reminded about the 'making effective submissions' presentation that Andrew Stitt will be giving directly after the YC meeting on 10 July.

Engagement Workshop

Bing, Sean, Petelo, Rawinia, Zoe, Ben and Jack volunteered to attend the WCC's upcoming engagement workshop, which is in Committee Room 2, 7.00 – 9.00pm, 10 July.

Youth Issues for the Youth Parliament

Jessie led a discussion about lowering the voting age and civics in schools.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 26 June 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to ask Jaime for a summary of oral submissions to SPC on the draft Alcohol Management Strategy for the working group
2. YC supports e-voting for all elections (i.e. for local and central government elections, referenda, DHBs, etc.)
3. Zoe and Bing to progress the YC's adult playground proposal
4. The working group for the alcohol management strategy submission is Jack, Lily, Teariki, Zoe, Erin, Brittany, Amanda, Daisy and Bing
5. Bing, Sean, Petelo, Rawinia, Zoe, Ben and Jack to attend WCC's engagement workshop, 10 July