

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Council Chambers, Wellington Town Hall

When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 20 February 2013

Present

Members: Ben Ogilvie, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Morgan Watkins, Stevenson Pule and Zoe Doole

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Councillor: Simon Marsh

Guests: **Prospective new YC members:**

Amanda Yong, Pearl Gray, Fabiefara Filo, George Rakich, Brittany Hogan, Madeline Tunley, Lily Dalton, Gavin Hewitson, Sebastian Klinkum, Oliver Michie, Lucy McLean, Joe McKay, Erin Lockhart, Tishya Desai, Caitlin Penny, Sean Johnson, Kieran Kell, Daisy Lutyens, Amanda Yong, Aornanshe Shamoon, Sue Tim, Shafina Mustafa, Ayash Nair, Amelia McKay, Maddie Bell, Petelo Leaupepe and Teariki Goodwin-Nonu.

Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) Link: Claudia, Casey James and Duncan Reid.

Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO): Jason Paul.

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Trilford and Bing-Ying Lou. Apologies were also received from prospective new members Rebecca Poole, Mitch Keast, Solinda Lach and Tui Christie.

3. What's on top

New prospective members were asked to mix and mingle and introduce themselves to other new members and current Youth Council members.

4. Conflicts of interest

This item was deferred.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Lily moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct for 12 December 2012 meeting. Morgan seconded the motion.

6. Portfolios/Forward Programme

Duncan Armstrong reported on the Arts & Culture portfolio. He circulated a pamphlet on Melbourne City's Art & Culture.

7. General Business

Feedback on how Youth Council's Annual Report was received (Zoe, Jack and Cnr Marsh)

Zoe gave a brief overview on Youth Council's Annual Report which was presented to WCC's Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC). Wellington City Councillors were positive about the Youth Council's Annual report and were keen to attend Youth Council meetings with respect to their portfolios. Councillor Marsh reiterated that Wellington City Councillors were impressed with the overall quality and output of the YC during 2012 and that the YC's opinions were valued.

Ben moved that WCC portfolio holders be invited to attend YC meetings when topics relating to their portfolios are discussed. The motion was carried.

Youth engagement for new WCC Alcohol Management Strategy (Bing, Devon and BGI Link)

Zoe briefed members about WCC's Alcohol Management Strategy which is open for public feedback. WCC wants community input into new Alcohol Management Strategy.

Zoe introduced BGI Link members Claudia, Duncan and Cassey, who gave a brief presentation about BGI Link and some of its projects (e.g. The Insider's Guide to Wellington, Youth Summit 2012 and Youth Safety projects).

Link is what other groups in its class want to be when they continue to stubbornly be proud of not being grown up. We're action-focused and tackle big issues with all the enthusiasm of at least a dozen teenagers given food at weekly meetings. We have a pretty mint, supportive culture and an excellent work ethic. In many ways, we still struggle to define exactly who we are: more relaxed than a youth council, more action-orientated than a focus or advisory group, and more outward-looking than an average youth group... Get in touch with Casey or Rod on (04) 385 9549, link@bgi.org.nz or 021 922 739.

Link is excited to work with the YC on the WCC's Alcohol Management Strategy. A youth workshop is scheduled for 23 March at Te Papa. Devon and Bing are taking a lead on this project. Lily volunteered to join the project working group.

Youth and emergency preparedness (group work)

Jack gave an introduction on Youth and Emergency Preparedness Project and introduced Jason Paul from WREMO. Small groups were asked to consider the following questions:

1. Imagine the 'big' earthquake has just happened. What WCC services would be impacted?
2. What would be the WCC priorities in the first week or so after the big earthquake?
3. What would a flatter need to do to be prepared for the 'big one'?
4. How could the authorities best get flatters to be prepared for the 'big one'?

Ideas and comments were then in plenary. Jason thanked members for their ideas and expressed that WREMO is keen to engage with youth. Copies of WREMO's *Get Prepared For An Emergency* booklet were provided to everyone. Jason informed members on how to receive Text Alerts from WREMO. Details on how to sign up for Emergency Text Alerts to your mobile are below.

Receiving Emergency Alerts on Your Mobile

You can sign up your phone to receive Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) Text Alerts which are sent ONLY in potentially life threatening emergency situations such as tsunami warnings.

To sign up text FOLLOW WREMOALERT to 8987, then reply to the response with SET DISCOVER OFF

1. Text alerts are free. It only costs you two texts to sign up.
2. When you receive an emergency text alert spread the word. Forward it to your contacts, post it on FaceBook, and re-tweet on Twitter.
3. This Emergency Text Alert system only works with Telecom, Vodafone and 2degrees. Unfortunately, WREMO cannot influence this.
4. If you are not with one of these mobile providers we suggest you ask your provider to connect with Twitter.com
5. You can get the alerts by asking friends and family who are using Telecom or Vodafone to sign up to receive the alerts and forward them on.
6. You will receive 3 - 4 test messages a year and any other message will be a real alert.

Recruitment

Zoe briefed everyone that 57 new Youth Council applications have been received. There will be three more days of interviewing and appointments will be made the following week.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Zoe briefed members about the election of Chair and Deputy Chair which will take place at the next meeting. It was agreed that only self-nomination would be allowed.

Forming a working group to organise an induction process for this years new members

A new working group was formed comprising Zoe, Jack, Lily and Ben.

Information about Youth Parliament

Information about the Youth Parliament 2013 was given out along with brochures on Active Youth Citizenship, information about Latitude Global Volunteering and about WCC's Neighbour's Day and the Alcohol Management Strategy.

Questions from prospective members

Questions were asked about how the portfolio system worked and about how decisions are made.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:15 pm. The next meeting is on 6 March 2013 in Committee Room 2.