

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Meeting Details for 20 July 2011

Venue & Time	Committee Room 2 4-5.30pm
Present	<p>Members: Katja Heesterman, Rebecca Christini, Bing Ying Lou, Ricki Lambert, Ana Yabakivou, Ben Ogilvie, James Wall Manning, Zared Wall Manning , Suzie Larken, Kieran Meredith, Brittany Packer</p> <p>Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Rekha Jatav, Tass Larsen</p> <p>Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh</p> <p>Guests: Heidi Mills, Regional Office, Ministry of Youth Development</p>
Apologies	Duncan Armstrong, Zoe Doole, Emily Murphy, Stevenson Pule, Helen Yu, Ruth Corkill, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins

Minutes

	Agenda Item	Key points / Decisions
	Welcome the group	Katja
	Previous minutes passed	Rebecca/James
	Matters Arising	Arts and Culture strategy notes confirmed Ben/Susie
1	What's on top	Cr Marsh has three tickets to this weekend's rugby to give away to Youth Council members! Heidi Mills came to say hi!
2	Portfolio reportbacks/Forward programme	Information/Communication Technology – free wifi, broadband. Maybe should look at Digital Strategy in conjunction with Economic portfolio. Climate Change/3 Waters and Waste – Recycling in schools. There are trials at the moment but some difficulties around schools and large vehicles operating at school drop off time. Action: Subcommittee to email their interest to CR Best. Bring to the next meeting.

		<p>Facilities – upcoming leases policy.</p> <p>Transport – potential work re motorcycles policy. Action: Lisa to investigate</p> <p>Forward Programme – Discussion around Youth Council’s desire to do more early engagement vs. formal submissions. Formal submissions are still useful; in particular, oral submissions when the Youth Council has a particular point to make or feel that their initial advice has been ignored or passed over.</p>
4	The Regional Public Transport Plan	<p>Discussion: Tass Larsen Principal Advisor Transport Strategy</p> <p>The purpose of the PT Plan is consolidation of a number of Greater Wellington’s policies and plans, and is an important factor in influencing the contracts Greater Wellington has with bus companies. It is quite a legal document. A draft WCC submission for Councillors will go to SPC on 4 August (submissions close on 29 July, but we have arranged an extension).</p> <p>The major new thing in the PT Plan report is a proposal to define a hierarchy of public transport routes – a rapid transit network, quality transit network, and local connector services. New service levels are defined for each level of the new hierarchy.</p> <p>Many parts of the PT Plan summarise policy that has been around for some time. It includes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fare recovery policy is for 55-60% of costs to be paid by users, when national policy would allow a lower share (the national policy is for at least 50% to be funded by users). A lower share would allow lower fares for some or all passengers. - There is very little information about vehicle standards e.g. both accessibility and emissions. There are no limits set on timing of improvements, numbers etc <p>Feedback from Youth Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student fares are the highest priority issue - Better transfers – the timing of connections, and the fares - Standard for drivers – getting better driving behaviour - Conflict between clean, green and cost - There are no limits set on timing of improvements, numbers etc <p>Action: Transport Subcommittee to meet and follow up with Tass if there is any more feedback. Katja to organise meeting.</p>

5	NZTA - Transport Improvements around the Basin Reserve	<p>Discussion: Katja outlined NZTA plans. Decisions made around the tunnel and flyover but important for YC to contribute to pedestrian and cycling part of plan. No reportbacks but the letter to the Councillors was approved with minor amendments.</p> <p>Action: Transport Subcommittee to meet and complete the submission. Tass Larsen available if there are any questions.</p>
6	Date for next meeting	3 August

Meeting closed 5.30