

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington
 When 4-5.30 pm, 4 April 2012

Present

Members: Zared Wall-Manning, Ben Ogilvie, Zoe Doole, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Edgardo Reyes, Brittany Trilford, May Palemia, Stevenson Pule, Brydon Sundgren and Duncan Armstrong

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Guests: Duncan Reid, Miranda Jackson from the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI)

Minutes

1. Opening

Zoe welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Roma Simmons-Donaldson, Therese Kyne, Cameron Oldfield, Ruth Corkill and James Wall-Manning.

3. What's on top

Members introduced themselves and described how they were. They reported on a range of activities and achievements including: the last week of term, participating in the Newtown school holiday programme, production practice at school, attending a disability workshop, a job interview, a neighbour's day street party and a member being nominated for a global young leader's conference in Washington DC.

4. Previous minutes and matters arising

Jack moved the minutes as true and correct. Morgan seconded the motion and it was passed.

5. Portfolios/Forward Programme

Assigning portfolios

The portfolios sheet was circulated around the table for those who had not indicated their top 3 preferred portfolios. May, Stevenson and Zared indicated their top 3 preferred portfolios at the meeting. Simon will circulate the portfolio sheet to rest of the members.

Round up of what's going on

There wasn't much to report back on the portfolios. One of the members reported about emergency management being talked at the Neighbours Day in Tawa.

6. General Business

Induction session: Cr Marsh presented on the formal roles of Councillors and officers, WCC policy and the decision making processes

Councillor Marsh gave a presentation on the formal role of Councillors and officers, WCC policy and the decision making processes. The presentation covered the following:

- WCC's role under the Local Government Act 2002 - The Council's role is to enable local decision-making and action, by and on behalf of the people of Wellington, and to promote the cultural, economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the people of Wellington, now and in the future.
- An update on the new Local Government Minister, David Carter, and refocus on the purpose of the local government. The Local Government Act 2002 will be amended to replace references to the 'social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities'.
- How the advisory groups fit into the way the Council works.
- How does the Council get elected by residents and ratepayers?
- Council's structure comprising of Committees, subcommittees, Community boards and advisory groups.
- Council staff and Advisory Groups – Council staff decides how the work will be done and do the work. Advisory groups provide advice and feedback on the Council's policies, plans and projects.
- Council's organisational structure, planning and budget cycle. Planning documents that include the long term plan, annual plan and the annual report. The long term plan explaining what the Council plans to do over the next 10 years, why we plan to do it, how much that will cost, who will pay for it and how decisions get made.

Update from the working group for the Wellington Mission for Youth (WMY) session

Edgardo gave an update from the working group for the Wellington Mission for Youth (WMY) session. The session will be held in two parts on Tuesday, 24 April. There will be a visit to the library and another game on the WCC's Long Term Plan decision making process in the Council Chambers. The Youth Council will host the session and the students will take the roles of City Councillors who have to make decisions about the Long Term Plan.

Forming a Long Term Plan Working group

Simon mentioned that James wanted the Youth Council to do a submission on the Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation which runs from 16 April – 18 May 2012. The consultation period fits well with the YC meeting schedule. Members agreed to form a Working Group Party that will work on the LTP submission. Zared, Jack, Lily, Brydon and Brittany have expressed interest in the Working Group Party and are to work on this.

Duncan Reid and Miranda Jackson, Boys and Girls Institute (BGI), survey project

Miranda and Duncan gave a brief overview of the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI). BGI's main aim is to produce resources, events and projects. These are quite similar to YC activities. Miranda spoke about the Greater Wellington survey project and Wellington

Youth Summit which will take place on Wednesday 2 May at Te Wharewaka. Duncan distributed copies of the Wellington Youth Survey 2008, The Insider's Guide to Wellington and an information pack on the Wellington Youth Summit to YC members.

The purpose of the Greater Wellington survey project is to see what Wellington schools think are the core needs for Wellington Youth and to gain more members.

Youth Council wants to collaborate on the survey project which is about safety around Wellington. BGI will clarify on the extent of collaboration that is needed over various phases of the survey project. BGI plans to distribute this survey through schools, Kapiti Youth Council and are open to new ideas from Youth Council. Youth Council would like to include a few questions around public transport. BGI will post a link about the survey project on the BGI Facebook page and YC are to provide a link on the YC facebook page.

BGI is keen to have a joint working group with YC members to work on this survey project. Zoe, Lily, Jack, Stevenson, Ben, Brittany and Edgardo have expressed interest and are to work on this. Lily has expressed interest in attending the Wellington Youth Summit. If other Youth Council members are interested in attending then they should inform Duncan Reid.

WCC Orientation day

Simon offered an induction programme run by WCC Human Resources (HR) to the YC members. HR has offered two places between all advisory groups. The orientation day takes place once a month, depending on participant numbers (during the week). Brittany, Edgardo and Brydon have expressed interest in attending the Orientation day. Simon will send an email around to get interest from other YC members.

7. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:30pm. The next meeting is on 18 April 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

1. Simon to circulate the provisional list of portfolios to YC members.
2. YC members to let Duncan Reid know if they are interested in attending Youth Summit on 2 May 2012.
3. Simon to send an email around to gauge interest from those who are keen to attend the WCC Orientation day.
4. Jack to provide BGI events link on the YC Facebook page.