

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 4-5.30 pm, 25 July 2012

Present

Members: Ben Ogilvie, Bing-Ying Lou, Cameron Oldfield, Devon Robinson, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Roma Simmons-Donaldson, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Stevenson Pule and Ruth Corkill.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Minutes

1. Opening

Simon welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Trilford, Brydon Sundgren, James Wall-Manning and Zoe Doole. Morgan Watkins apologised for arriving late. Cr Marsh and Edgardo Reyes apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including studying physics and creative writing, being busy at school, household chores, taking up new courses, attending an epic opera concert, attending NZ's Got Talent, studying for exams, getting selected for AFS high school exchange programme in New York, Māori language week and attending a conference in Auckland.

4. Conflicts of interest

This item was deferred.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Jack moved that the minutes with accepted changes as true and correct. Ben seconded the motion.

6. General Business

Youth Council dinner/photo session

Bing briefed YC members about different dinner options. The menus for restaurants were displayed on the sticky wall. Each YC member was given three voting dots to put against their preferred options. All the votes were counted at the end. Little India got 10 votes and a Korean restaurant got 9. It was agreed that the YC dinner would be held at Little India.

Bing suggested that we should have fun prizes at the YC dinner. YC members should give their ideas or nominations to Bing, Jack or Stevenson. Simon thanked members who were helping to organise dinner.

National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity

Simon briefed YC members about National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity in Auckland from 17-20 August. He informed that WCC can sponsor two members and if any member is interested in attending this forum then they should give their names before noon tomorrow. Devon expressed her interest in attending this forum.

Regional Governance

Ben briefed members about the oral submission on regional governance, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 August at 10.20am at WCC. Ben asked if anyone would like to help make this oral submission. Members couldn't attend as the time didn't work for them. Ben suggested that he will check with Sharon at WCC about another time slot on Tuesday afternoon. Morgan and Bing indicated they would help if the time could be changed.

Action: Ben to see if the time can be changed and to contact Morgan and Bing about the outcome.

Digital Earth Summit

Simon briefed YC members about Digital Earth Summit in Wellington from 2-4 September 2012. Brittany has been approached by the organisers to give the keynote speech. Bing, Roma and Lily have expressed interest in helping out with this Summit.

Action: Simon to forward the Digital Earth Summit organisers email addresses for the volunteers.

WCC feedback on Long Term Plan submission

Simon informed YC members about WCC feedback on the YC's Long Term Plan submission which he described as outstanding. Members read the feedback and noted that:

- opening hours of the spray facility at the Kilbirnie pool will be reduced
- the adult playground idea was not included in the final LTP plan, though the feedback encourages YC to pursue this idea further. Potentially YC could advocate for this with open spaces team and central city framework team to take this idea further.
- Cr Marsh suggested that YC should work on innovative ways to create future jobs for youth. Simon informed YC that he had a discussion with the Destination Wellington project team and has invited them to come to our next meeting to talk about their project.
- A member noted that feedback on emergency preparedness training for youth would be best achieved with Council-led facilitation and collaboration with schools and other academic institutions and informed that Wellington Emergency Management Office (WEMO) has now become Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) and is no longer under WCC.
- A member noted that YC had suggested that WCC should set aside more funding to help pay for earthquake strengthening for building owners. Cr Marsh informed YC that WCC aimed to facilitate processes to help building owners access finance.

Facilitated session to focus the Youth Council work programme.

Members reviewed the portfolio work from the previous two meetings, added to it and

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then identified priority work areas and initial steps to get started on these issues.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:20pm. The next meeting is on 8 August 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

1. YC members should give their ideas or nominations for YC fun prizes to Bing, Jack or Stevenson.
2. Ben to check with Sharon at WCC about another time slot on Tuesday afternoon for Oral submission on Regional Governance. Ben will let Bing and Morgan know the outcome with a view to jointly doing the oral submission.
3. Bing, Roma and Lily have expressed interest in helping out with the Digital Earth Summit. Simon will forward the organisers their email addresses.