

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 4-5.50 pm, 8 August 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, Ruth Corkill, Brittany Trilford, Brydon Sundgren, James Wall-Manning and Zoe Doole.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Justine Hall

Minutes

1. Opening

James welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Zared Wall-Manning, Therese Kyne and Rekha Jatav. Brittany Trilford apologised for arriving late. Devon Robinson apologised for leaving early.

3. Photo shoot

WCC photographer, Justine Hall, took the Youth Council into Civic Square for a photo shoot. She then took photos during the course of the meeting.

4. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including mock exams, eighteenth birthdays, working at Trade Aid, snowboarding, dealing with the flu by watching the Olympics, reading political sociology for 'fun', attending a 7-hour board meeting and reflecting on amazing overseas exploits.

5. Conflicts of interest

None were declared.

6. Previous minutes and matters arising

Cameron moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Roma seconded the motion.

7. Portfolios/Forward Programme

Simon talked YC through the work programme that had been developed over the last 3 meetings. For the remainder of 2012, YC will focus on:

- Youth and economic development
- Youth-focused civics work
- Youth and Emergencies
- Youth discounts
- Adult playground / Street art programme

8. General Business

Resignations

Due to bereavement, Ani-Piki Tuari has resigned and is returning to Gisborne. Members expressed their condolences. Simon is to arrange for a card to be sent from the Youth Council.

Due to time pressures, James announced his resignation from the position of Chair. He will however remain an ordinary member. He informed members that Zoe Doole, the Deputy Chair, will be the new Chair from the end of the meeting. Cr Marsh and Simon Wright praised James for his leadership. James asked members to consider standing for the position of Deputy Chair at an election later in the meeting.

GWRC fares review

Brydon, Zoe, Cameron and Bing volunteered to form a working group to prepare a submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Fare Review. In addition to the issues raised while the work programme was being developed, YC thought the submission should advocate for integrated ticketing and for a student or youth fare. Submissions close on 14 September. The working group should bring their submission to the YC meeting on 5 September for ratification.

Working groups: economy, emergencies, playground, outreach

Building on the work done to develop the work programme, Simon described how he thought the various project could proceed. YC members then volunteered to be on working groups as follows:

- Youth and economic development: Cameron, Zared, Morgan, Roma
- Youth and emergencies: Jack, Edgardo, Ben, Lily, Zoe, Stevenson
- Adult playground: Brittany, Bing, Roma, James, Zoe, Duncan, Edgardo, Jack, Lily

There was a discussion about James's idea of forming a working group to look at how the Youth Council could do better outreach. The following members volunteered to look at this further: James, Brittany, Lily, Devon, Bing.

Working groups are to start working together on these projects over the next fortnight. There was general agreement for working groups to use Loomio as a space to get things moving, for brainstorming and developing ideas.

Election of new Deputy Chair

Jack and Lily stood for the position of deputy chair. After speaking about what they would bring to the role, there was a secret ballot. Simon counted the votes and declared Jack the new Deputy Chair.

Mani Mitchell, Intersex issues

Ruth introduced Mani Mitchell from the Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand. Mani asked people about their knowledge of intersex people and issues. Most had little knowledge. Mani then told her story as an intersex person to illuminate some of the issues (e.g. taboo, medical approaches, effects on individuals and families) and about her work with the Intersex Trust.

9. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:50pm. Members then went out for a celebratory dinner. The next meeting is on 22 August 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

1. Simon is to arrange for a card to be sent to Ani-Piki Tuari from the Youth Council to express their condolences.
2. The Working groups for the GWRC fares review, the economic development, emergencies, adult playground and outreach are to start working together on these projects over the next fortnight. Working groups should use Loomio as a space to get things moving, for brainstorming and developing ideas.