

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 4-5.30 pm, 31 October 2012

Present

Members: Bing Ying-Lou, Brydon Sundgren, Cameron Oldfield, Devon Robinson, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, Roma Simmons-Donaldson, Stevenson Pule and Zoe Doole.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Guests: Bill Rosenberg from Council of Trade Unions, Daren (prospective new YC member) from Weir House

Minutes

1. Opening

Zoe welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ben Oglivie, James Wall-Manning, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Morgan Watkins and Zared Wall-Manning.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including driving lesson, buying a house, studying, exams, job hunting, working and spending two weeks in Auckland filming and dancing.

4. Conflicts of interest

This item was deferred.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Jack moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct for 3 October meeting. Brydon seconded the motion. Devon moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct for 17 October meeting. Jack seconded the motion.

6. Portfolios/Forward Programme

This item was deferred.

7. General Business

5th United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Forum (Devon)

Devon explained how it was that she had an opportunity to attend the 5th United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Forum and asked to apply to attend the Forum as a Youth Council representative. The Forum will be held in February 2013 at the UN headquarters in Vienna. The UN will cover the costs for successful applicants.

Zoe moved that Devon could apply to attend the Forum as the YC's representative and that Devon should present on Forum to Youth Council in 2013. The motion was passed unanimously.

Working group for a submission on the draft Town Belt Management Plan and proposals for legislation

The working group to develop a YC submission on the draft Town Belt Management Plan and proposals for legislation was formed. It comprises Bing, Jack, Brydon and Zoe.

Bill Rosenberg, Economist and Director of Policy for the Council of Trade Unions

Simon welcomed Bill Rosenberg from the Council of Trade Unions, who gave a presentation on the following themes:

- Overview of employment, unemployment among young people
- Regional employment participation and Regional unemployment
- Economic Growth and NZ situation
- Global recession (international situation)
- What measures to take over short term and long term to address this situation?

YC members had a number of questions including:

1. What do you think of the Government's plans?
2. What does future look like? Can we return to full employment?
3. Apart from primary industry exports, what can New Zealand export?
4. What can cities like Wellington do to make economy better?

Regarding question 4, Bill suggested that WCC could promote programmes such as the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs. This could include schemes to match students to job opportunities. Local Authorities could also use their purchasing power to support local businesses and help young people into employment by providing internships.

Zoe thanked Bill for his insightful presentation. YC members gave Bill a round of applause.

Engaging with lower socio-economic youth (Devon, Bing)

Devon and Bing provided a project update.

Adult Playground (to inform representations at the North Kumutoto Design Brief workshop on Thursday 1 November)

This item was deferred.

8. Other items

Recruitment for 2013

YC members were asked to inform their networks about Youth Council recruitment.

9. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:30 pm. The next meeting is on 14 November 2012 in Committee Room 2.