

## Record of Meeting: Youth Council

**Venue** Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

**When** 4-5.30 pm, 14 November 2012

### **Present**

**Members:** Ben Ogilvie, Bing-Ying Lou, Cameron Oldfield, Duncan Armstrong and Zoe Doole.

**Councillor:** Cr Simon Marsh

**Officers:** Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

**Guests:** Petello (prospective new YC member)

## Minutes

### **1. Opening**

Zoe welcomed the group and noted that a quorum had not been reached.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Brydon Sundgren, Brittany Trilford, Devon Robinson, James Wall-Manning, Lily Simmons- Donaldson, Roma Simmons-Donaldson and Stevenson Pule. An apology was also received from Charles Devenish, the WCC officer who was scheduled to present on community gardens.

### **3. What's on top**

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including celebrating a birthday, buying a small caravan, working, looking forward to Christmas, organising the Victoria University German Club and finishing assignments.

### **4. Conflicts of interest**

This item was deferred due to lack of quorum.

### **5. Previous minutes and matters arising**

This item was deferred due to lack of quorum.

### **6. Portfolios/Forward Programme**

There is a festival of arts and culture at Waitangi Park on 24 November. The Hobbit Premiere event is on Wednesday 28 November, which coincides with the next Youth Council meeting. Members suggested that the next meeting could start 30 minutes earlier than usual so that members could attend the Hobbit event.

### **7. General Business**

#### **Regional Governance**

The Wellington Region Local Government Review Panel has released its final report, which suggests a 2-tier model, and the media has reported a WCC single-tier proposal. Ben suggested that Youth Council should have a response to the models of reform that have been suggested.

With only two meetings left before the YC's summer recess, it was suggested that a group be formed to follow the regional governance issue, including over the summer recess.

**Action:** Simon to ask YC members if they want to work on regional governance over the

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summer.

### **Adult Playground**

There are two opportunities for promoting the 'adult playground' idea:

1. Through a submission on the Town Belt Management Plan (submissions close on 10 December)
2. Through a submission on the Open Spaces Strategy Review (this consultation will open in 2013)

To assist the preparation of these submissions, members crafted some recommendations after reviewing previous work on promoting adult play and considering the 'pros', 'cons' and 'critical success factors' for each of the following broad approaches:

- Create a 'new' space with permanent structures
- Modify a space with temporary structures
- Modify a space with programmed activities

### **Self review and key messages for annual report**

The YC's Annual Report is scheduled for presentation to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 13 December, which means the YC needs to finalise the Annual Report at its next meeting on 28 November. YC members reviewed a draft Annual Report and agreed a set of key messages.

### **Last meeting and end-of year celebration**

Members agreed that there should be a mixture of business and fun at the last YC meeting of 2013 on 12 December. Fun activities could include a game of petanque and Secret Santa gifts.

### **Questions from prospective members**

There was only one prospective member at this meeting. Petello introduced himself to YC members. He expressed interest in representing young people. He will be attending Scott's College next year and is an accomplished basketball player.

### ***8. Closing***

The meeting formally closed at 5:30 pm. The next meeting is on 28 November 2012 in Committee Room 2.