

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 2 October 2013

Present

Members: Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson.

Councillor: Cr Marsh, Mayor Wade-Brown

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Amanda, Cameron, Daisy Maddie and Morgan. Rawinia and Cr Marsh apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top?

Each member shared with the group an important thing that is going on in their life.

Cr Marsh noted that this could be his last YC meeting depending on the results of the election. He said he had learnt a lot from the YC over the last 3 years and that he hoped to be the YC-Councillor liaison for the next triennium. Jack thanked Cr Marsh for his very valuable contribution. Members gave Cr Marsh a round of applause.

Myr Wade-Brown thanked the YC for its work, stated that Councillors would like closer relationships with the YC next triennium and raised the future possibility of an annual, large-scale youth forum.

4. Adult playground

Michael Faherty, Project Manager, Wellington Waterfront Company, gave a brief presentation about short-, medium- and long-term plans to redevelop Frank Kitts Park and surrounds. After discussing in small groups what they liked about the plans, which include provision for adult play, and how the plans could be improved, there was plenary discussion and feedback. Points raised included:

- general agreement with the proposals for age-appropriate play areas at different levels of intensity (swings to adrenalin)
- the need for drinking water fountains
- retaining green space for picnics close to the play areas so parents can keep an eye on their children
- more signage to ensure people are aware that the area is for mixed pedestrian and cycle use
- good wifi available to enable internet-enhanced play
- the need for shelter from the wind and the elements
- activities for 18-24 year olds
- programmed events to attract people to the space, e.g. an annual raft race
- some commercial activity facing into the park.

5. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6. Previous minutes and matters arising

Rawinia moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct. Ollie seconded the motion and it was passed.

7. Portfolios / Forward Programme

No issues were raised.

8. General Business

Recruitment Strategy

A recruitment plan for the annual recruitment of new members was tabled and approved. There is interest in some YC members running sessions at schools to attached applications.

Local Body Elections project update

Sean will update www.votewelly.org at the end of this week. It will be the last update. There have been approximately 200 hits by individuals with about 2000 page impressions.

Spine Study submission update

The YC submission was submitted. YC will make an oral submission.

Drinking Fountain Project update

Petelo reported that Cr McKinnon had suggested he talk with Buzz Graham, Assets and projects officer in the Parks and Gardens department. The working group has not met yet.

Conference report: Ben (Transforming Business)

Ben reported that he had met with WCC officer, Megan Millar, regarding waste minimisation and hoped to meet shortly with someone from Great Wellington Regional Council regarding public transport. Public transport is an issue in which all the region's youth councils have an interest.

Advisory groups meet the new Mayor and Councillors

Members were reminded about the meeting to meet the new Mayor and Councillors at 5.30pm, 5 December. It was also agreed to end the YC meeting on 30 October early and go to the swearing in for the new Council.

Members decided to half the amount of food at meetings and use the 'saved' funds at a later date for a YC event. Simon will check this with his manager. Members would like pizza at their next meeting.

Youth Council Councillor

This item was addressed during the 'What's on top' discussion.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 16 October 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to implement the recruitment plan
2. Simon to arrange for pizza at the next meeting
3. Simon to check with his manager to see if YC can use 'saved' catering budget for an event later in the financial year.