

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 13 November 2013

Present

Members: Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Duncan Armstrong, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson and Sean Johnson

Councillors: Simon Woolf, Malcolm Sparrow, Justin Lester, Mayor Wade Brown

Officers: Simon Wright and Martin Rodgers (Consultation and Engagement),

Guests: Khalid Ahmed (Whitireia Journalism School)

Henry Shin, Kate Millsworkman, Olivia Pearless

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Amanda Yong, Cameron Oldfield, Daisy Lutyens, Devon Robinson, Maddie Bell and Cr Marsh.

3. What's on top?

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

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Ben moved that the minutes for the previous meeting, with minor corrections, be accepted as true and correct. Rawinia seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

The Local Government Commission has proposed the amalgamation of local authorities in the Far North into a single unitary council. Sue Kedgley published an opinion piece about how amalgamation would result in less engagement.

7. Mayor Wade-Brown

Mayor Wade-Brown introduced Cr Simon Woolf who will be the Youth Council's Councillor liaison for the 2013-16 triennium. Cr Marsh will continue to focus on younger people through his tertiary education portfolio.

The Mayor wants a stronger, 2-way relationship between the Council and the Youth Council. She said that the Council would be focusing on improving Wellington's economy but that this would not be at the expense of other WCC services that contribute the quality of life of residents and visitors.

Mayor Wade-Brown presented on 'Tick for kids: An agenda for children' and suggested that the YC use this to assess the needs of young people and the impacts of decisions on young people. The 'Tick for kids' agenda is available at

<http://www.everychildcounts.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/Tick-for-Kids-an-agenda-for-local-government.pdf>.

8. General Business

New WCC committee structure

Jack presented the new WCC committee structure and there was discussion about the changes.

Public Transport Spine Study oral submission

YC has been allocated an oral submission in the 1.15 - 2.30pm slot on Monday 2 December. Morgan, Sean, Rawinia, Erin, Ben and Brittany formed a working group to prepare and deliver the oral submission. The working group will meet before the next YC meeting on 27 November.

Delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sport

A group of Youth Councillors met with officials from the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sport on Friday 8 November at Wellington City Council. The meeting was interesting. YC learnt about Indonesia and the delegations heard about the YC and other NZ youth participation structures.

Feedback on YC alcohol submission

Jack reported that WCC officers had told him that the YC's alcohol submission was the most comprehensive one received. It was noted that the final policy had dropped the concept of an entertainment precinct and the proposal for more restrictive opening hours for off-licences. The Alcohol Working Group received a round of applause.

Annual Report

Members reviewed a final draft of the YC's Annual Report. A number of minor amendments were identified. Ben moved that the Annual Report, with amendments, be ratified. Rawinia seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Recruitment update

12 applications to join YC have been received.

End-of-Year event

The event will include a picnic and a game of ki o rahi at Waitangi Park. Rawinia moved that a Secret Santa be organised. This was seconded by Ollie and passed. Names for the Secret Santa will be drawn at next YC meeting. Gifts are to cost no more than \$5.

Video project

Martin noted that WCC research showed that the public has very low awareness about what the WCC does and that he would like the upcoming Annual Plan consultation process to improve awareness. He said that funding would be available for the YC's video project from the Annual Plan budget should the YC's funding application to the Ministry of Youth Development be unsuccessful. Martin was thanked for making this offer. Brittany, Ollie, Bing and Erin decided to join the existing project working group, which will develop a revised project plan for sign off at the next YC meeting. The project will probably start in early December and needs to be completed before the Annual Plan consultation in February 2014.

YC Review

Martin noted that there are disconnections between what some of the advisory groups want to do, what their Terms of Reference say and levels of resourcing. The review will

look at this as well as at how other Councils and central government are running advisory groups. In response to a question, Martin said he would welcome early input from the YC on the current Terms of Reference. Ben, Ollie, Sean, Morgan, Rawinia and Jack formed a working group to do this.

Photo shoot at next meeting

A WCC photographer will come to the meeting on 27 November to take photos of the Youth Council. A photo will be used for an Our Wellington Page article about the Youth Council in late January 2014. Photo permission forms were distributed and need to be signed and returned before the photo shoot.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 27 November 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Morgan, Sean, Rawinia, Erin, Ben and Brittany formed a working group to prepare and deliver the oral submission on the Public Transport Spine Study. The working group will meet before the next YC meeting on 27 November.
2. The YC's Annual Report was ratified.
3. A Secret Santa will be organised. Names will be drawn at the YC meeting on 27 November. Gifts are to cost no more than \$5.
4. Brittany, Ollie, Bing and Erin decided to join the project working group, which will develop a revised project plan for sign off at the next YC meeting. The project will probably start in early December and needs to be completed before the Annual Plan consultation in February 2014.
5. Ben, Ollie, Sean, Morgan, Rawinia and Jack formed a working group to provide early input to Martin Rodgers from the YC on the YC's current Terms of Reference.