

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 19 February 2014

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe

Councillor: Simon Woolf

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement), Bessie Fepulea'i

Guests: Henry Shin, Zita Harrington, Eva McGauley, Eloise Daysh, Madhurima Guthpe, Justina Koh, Sam Johnson, Bronwyn Lee (Foundation for Young Australians)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Hogan, Maddie Bell, Rawinia Thompson and Sean Johnson. Bing apologised for arriving late. Ben and Cr Woolf apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top?

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

4. Previous minutes and matters arising

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

5. Foundation for Young Australians

Sam Johnson and Bronwyn Lee from the Foundation for Young Australians were introduced.

Sam spoke about his Christchurch Student Army experience and his philosophy about using the skill of the unskilled, that people are just people and that you use what's in your pockets. He talked about his mission to transform the New Zealand youth sector – hence working with the Foundation. He wants to set up a reference group to help him test ideas for change. He challenged the Youth Council to think big about social change.

Bronwyn spoke about the work of the Foundation including its Young People without Borders and Adappt programmes.

6. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

7. General Business

WCC youth work

Bessie informed the YC about the work of the new Community Services team which is organised by wards and sectors. The team funds youth organisations, has relationships with schools, runs safety and local host programmes and is responsible for civil defence and community welfare. To build community resilience, the WCC is promoting Neighbours' Day on 29-30 March.

Review of advisory groups and impact on YC review including recruitment

Simon provided an update on the advisory group review. Mark Jones from Policy has started the review, which is likely to be complete in June. Until then, the appointment process will be on hold and current memberships deemed to continue.

Annual Report 2013

Jack reported that he had presented the YC's Annual Report 2013 to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 13 February and that it had been well received. Councillors would like to be invited to YC more often. He noted that Cr Marsh had praised the work of Simon Wright. Morgan moved that the YC also thank Simon for his work. This was seconded by Ben and passed.

Video project update

Jack presented a paper updating the YC on progress and proposing that the YC work with Open Lab to crowd-source video from young people. The YC agreed with the proposal subject to funding from the Ministry for Youth Development not being affected. The working group needs to elect a project leader at its next meeting.

Submissions

The YC decided to form the following working groups to lead the development of submissions:

Topic	Working group membership
Draft Annual Plan	Ollie, Jack*, Petelo, Morgan
North Kumutoto development	Ollie, Petelo, Bing, Jack
30 kph speed limit for the CBD	Morgan
Greater Wellington Regional Council Annual Plan, especial regarding public transport fares	Erin, Amanda, Bing, Morgan, Petelo, Ollie, (Daisy)

Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group

Members were invited to (self-)nominate representatives for SASTRG. Representatives need to consult with YC before SASTRG meetings and report on SASTRG meetings afterwards. Morgan volunteered. Simon will canvas interest from members who were not at the meeting. If more than one person stands, an election will be organised.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Jack reported on his experience at the RYLA retreat in January. He recommended the programme to members and hopes that the WCC will regularly sponsor YC members on the programme. Jack will forward photos to Bing for the YC Facebook. Jack and Simon will be presenting to a Porirua-based Rotary Club on 12 March.

McGuinness Institute

The McGuinness Institute is interested in working with the YC and the WCC and organising an event for members from all the country's youth councils. The McGuinness Institute will come to the next meeting to discuss ideas.

Youth Council elections

The YC's Terms of Reference provide for 1-year terms for the Chair and Deputy Chair. Members were invited to consider standing in an election at the next YC meeting.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.40pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 5 March 2014 in

Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to contact Open Lab to confirm that the YC would like to work with them on the video project
2. The Video Working Group is to meet to elect a leader and determine next steps
3. Working groups to develop submissions (see above for topics and membership)
4. Jack to send Bing photos of RYLA for the YC's Facebook
5. Member to consider representing YC on SASTRG and let Simon know. An election may be necessary
6. Members to consider standing in the Youth Council elections, which will be held at the next YC meeting