

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue: Mezzanine Community Room, Central Library, Victoria St, Wellington

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 3 September 2014

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Aornanshe Shamoon, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Eva McGauley, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Julie Hillel, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, Niamh Hyde, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation & Engagement), Mark Jones (Policy)

Guest: Wendy McGuinness, Guy Chisholm, Miranda Voke (McGuinness Institute)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Oliver Michie, Siobhan Davies, Neil Price (WCC Photographer) and Cr Woolf.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared an important thing going on in their lives with the group. Bing proposed that members donate cans of baked beans and spaghetti as part of the Kids Can campaign. Members agreed and will drop cans at the WCC reception for Simon to collect. The closing date is 12 September.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

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

6. Forward Programme

The YC received feedback on its submission to GWRC on its Annual Plan 2014/15. GWCR decide not to raise public transport fares and to reduce cost recovery towards 50%.

7. General Business

Psychoactive Substances Policy

Mark Jones spoke about the context for developing a Psychoactive Substances Policy and answered questions. Members then formed small groups to address 6 questions. Groups then discussed their main points in a plenary feedback session. Advice included:

- Shops selling these substances should be easily visible and only in the Central

Business District away from sensitive/dangerous places including the Golden Mile, public transport hubs and the sea.

- Controls to stop one person making multiple purchases by going to different shops are needed. This should be done by ensuring shops are separate from each other and information-sharing systems like those used by chemists should also be considered (perhaps these substances should only be sold through chemists.)
- Issues were raised with the legislation allowing internet sales because it would be very difficult to regulate on-selling and access to these substances by minors.

Photo shoot

This item was deferred as the photographer was unwell.

LocalNZ: Connecting youth committed to local government

Wendy McGuinness described how LocalNZ had developed since her last meeting with the YC. LocalNZ will be limited to 30-35 participants to keep the process manageable, and only 2 or 3 Wellington YC members will be able to take part, however all members are invited the lunch at Parliament on Wednesday 19 November. Members agreed with Wendy that input from all Councils should be sought, including those without Youth Councils, and Anya, Eva, Grace, Jack M, Jack C-H, Niamh agreed to help Miriam at the McGuinness Institute develop a survey that would make it easy for Councils to provide feedback.

Induction: Machinery of Council II

This item was deferred.

Feedback from LTP and Urban Growth Plan submissions

Simon reported that both the written and oral submissions for the LTP had been very well received. Members agreed to host an LTP workshop for all the advisory groups on 1 October and to develop further advice on engaging youth for the Planning and Reporting team at the 15 October YC meeting.

Video project update

The competition website is ready for review. The next working group meeting is after YC and will focus on communications. Simon will supply the designer with details on how to invoice the WCC.

Submission opportunities

Most members want to help prepare a Youth Council submission on the Island Bay Cycle Lanes detailed proposal. This will be progressed on Loomio. Submissions close on 6 October.

Erin, Sebastian, Julie, Brittany and Sean volunteered to form a working group to submit on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. This is a new plan setting out the framework for decision making on Wellington suburban reserves between Khandallah and Miramar (including Makara) for the next 10 years. Public consultation starts on 7 October.

Members should provide feedback on priorities for the GWRC Long Term Plan by individually completing the survey or taking part in the online discussion by 12 September. <http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/2015-25-long-term-plan>

It was agreed that the YC should provide input to the GWRC's Regional Land Transport Plan, which will describe how GWRC will approach development of the region's land transport network over the long term (up to 30 years) and will identify the transport activities for funding in the short term (up to six years) and the regional priority to be given to these projects. This will be discussed at the next YC meeting.

SEED Program

This item was deferred.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.35pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 17 September 2014 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Members to drop cans of baked beans and spaghetti at the WCC reception by 12 September for Simon to collect for Kids Can.
2. Anya, Eva, Grace, Jack M, Jack C-H, Niamh to help the McGuiness Institute develop a survey to make it easy for Councils to provide feedback for LocalNZ.
3. Simon to supply the Film Welly designer with details on how to invoice the WCC.
4. Members to coordinate and prepare a submission on the Island Bay Cycle Lane proposal via Loomio
5. Erin, Sebastian, Julie, Brittany and Sean to prepare a YC submission on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. The consultation opens 7 October
6. Members to provide feedback on priorities for the GWRC Long Term Plan by individually completing the survey or taking part in the online discussion by 12 September. <http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/2015-25-long-term-plan>
7. YC to discuss providing input to the GWRC's Regional Land Transport at the next YC meeting