

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue: Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 26 November 2014

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Aornanshe Shamoan, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Julie Hillel, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement), David Daniella (City Events)

Guests: Leasa Carlyon and Rebecca Maresca (Capital BMX Club)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Eva McGauley, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, Petelo Leaupepe, Siobhan Davies and Cr Woolf.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared at least one important thing going on in their life.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Grace moved that the minutes for the previous meeting, with a minor amendment, be accepted as true and correct. Anya seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. General Business

BMX track

Leasa presented the Capital BMX Club's proposal for a UCI-level BMX facility at Ian Galloway Park. The presentation outlined the club's vision, the benefits to Wellington, the range of partners involved, the financials and a plan for making the proposal a reality. Questions and answers were taken after the presentation. A suggestion was made that the Club approach radio stations for sponsorship.

Submission on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

The working group will meet on 27 November to develop a submission. Simon is to book a room for the meeting.

Submission on psychoactive substance policy options

The working group will meet on 2 December to develop a submission. Simon is to book a room for the meeting.

Zoo visit, 16 December

The YC will be meeting the Wellington Zoo's Chief Executive, Karen Fifield, at 4.00 pm on 16 December at the Zoo. Members can enter the Zoo from 3.00 pm. The Zoo closes at 5.30 pm. Details will be confirmed. Members are to make their own ways to and from the Zoo.

Events project

As a way of learning how to plan and run events, David Daniela, who works in the City Events team and was a Youth Council liaison officer between 1998 and 2007, offered to show members the process behind the WCC's December street activations. Almost everyone present expressed interested in taking up this offer. Simon will explore next steps with David before the next meeting.

Report on LocalNZ (Grace, Jack, Sean)

Grace, Sean and Jack reported back on participating in the LocalNZ event run by the McGuinness Institute. All were positive about the experience. Reflections included that:

- The experiences in the Wanganui region and in Wellington were incredible varied and rich
- Some structure is required to ensure productive group work
- Not everyone interpreted the event's central question in the same way but the process was flexible enough to accommodate this

Reflection on Video Project

Members were asked to reflect on the recently completed video project.

The following positive aspects were identified:

- Good quality entries
- Excellent website and good number of hits
- Cool ceremony. Great to have a 'real' red carpet
- Good feedback from the parents of the entrants
- Helped develop new YC and personal relationships
- Excellent support from the private sector and Massey University. All the supporters are interested in supporting a similar future project
- Excellent prizes
- Excellent process for developing the video competition concept. The concept and associated infrastructure could be used again in the future.

The following aspects could have been better:

- Would have liked more entries
- The advertising campaign
- Getting more of the people who registered interest to put in entries
- Should have pushed the great prizes harder

If the YC runs another video competition in the future, it should:

- Be able to adapt the video competition and roll out the competition much more quickly
- Develop a much more structured, 'out there' marketing/advertising plan

YC decided to request to use public participation at the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 10 December to show the winning and highlights videos, and to discuss the themes in the entries. Simon is to request public participation on behalf of the YC.

YC discussed the possibility of building the brand it has been creating with the Vote Welly and Film Welly projects.

Project ideas

Two new project ideas were discussed:

1. **Place making** – a number of NZ youth councils run successful beautification/place-making projects. Grant funding and assistance with place-making projects is available through the WCC's Graffiti Programme. A number of members expressed interest in developing a place-making proposal, which could be done in partnership with other organisations.
2. **Youth Council history** – Anya, Jack M and Jack C-H, Ollie and Tim formed a working group to update the 'History of the Youth Council 1985-2002' over the summer.

Wellington Super City?

The Local Government Commission is due to release its proposals for governance in the Wellington region on 4 December.

Next meeting

Chris Laidlaw will be attending YC on 10 December to discuss (1) a proposal for a GWRC youth council, and (2) civics education.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 10 December 2014 in Mezzanine Community Room in the Central Library.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to book a room for the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan working group meeting on 27 November
2. Simon to book a room for the psychoactive substance policy options working group meeting on 2 December
3. Simon to confirm details for the YC Wellington Zoo visit on 16 December
4. Simon will explore next steps with David before the next meeting
5. Simon to request public participation on behalf of the YC at the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 10 December to show the winning and highlights videos, and to discuss the themes in the video entries
6. Anya, Jack M and Jack C-H, Ollie and Tim to update the 'History of the Youth Council 1985-2002' over the summer