

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 1 April 2015

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Simon Wright (Policy & Reporting)

Guests: Hiromi Morris (Sister Cities New Zealand), Richard Galloway (Memorial Park Alliance)

Minutes

1. Opening

Ollie welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Woolf, Bing-Ying Lou, Eva McGauley, Morgan Watkins, Petelo Leaupepe and Siobhan Davies for being unable to attend. Grace apologised for leaving early.

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

Jack C-H moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct. Jack M seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. General Business

Sister Cities Conference

Hiromi Morris from Sister Cities New Zealand encouraged Youth Councillors to attend the second day of SCNZ's conference, 10-11 April, which will be focused on youth leadership. Attendees will include youth councillors from Nelson, Hutt City and Porirua, and representatives from students associations.

Update on Victoria Street upgrade

Richard Galloway went through the latest plans for the Victoria Street upgrade and noted how the Youth Council's input had been used.

Submissions and working group report backs

The Urban Growth Plan working group decided to meet after the YC meeting.

Member broke into small group to consider the Long Term Plan and provide the working group with advice.

- There was support for 'investing for growth'
- The consultation documents started with a false dichotomy of 'business as usual' or 'growth' and that it was a one-sided sales pitch.
- The working group should review what the YC has submitted previously on the main ideas in the LTP
- The airport extension should not go ahead without airline partners
- Capital E needs to be fixed
- There was support for the Karori event centre proposal and educational initiatives.

Jack M, Sean, Ollie and Sebastian formed a working group to submit on the Greater Wellington Regional Council's Long term Plan. Submissions close on 20 April.

Tim and Sebastian may join Jack M to deliver the YC's oral submission to the Local Government Commission at 10am on 2 April.

Grace and Sebastian were congratulated on doing a good submission on the Mount Victoria Master Plan in a short time.

The YC submission on the Council's Social Housing Policy was not submitted.

Daisy joined the Youth Week Event working group. Bessie Fepulea'i (Community Networks) will come to the next YC meeting to see if the YC would like to collaborate on youth events at the Council throughout Youth Week.

Annual Report report back

Jack M, Sean, Siobhan and Ollie were given 45 minutes to present the YC's Annual Report and to answer questions by the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 26 March. Key messages include:

- Councillors want to be invited to YC meeting
- There is interest in setting up a YC alumni network and organising an networking event
- A youth framework will be develop as part of the Social Strategy in the near future
- Cr Woolf mooted that the YC be given non-voting at all Council committee and Council meetings.

Youth Infusion meeting report back

Simon reported back on his meeting with Youth Infusion. YI were very interested in the YC and would like to invite YC members to a leadership event YI is organising to show other young people how it does submissions. YI may be interested in working on joint submissions on regional issues.

Nomination for Aspiring Leaders Forum

Simon will work with Morgan and Grace to decide who to nominate to the Mayor's Office for the Aspiring Leaders Forum.

New Zealand Flag consultation

Anya, Tim, Jack C-H, Naimh, Jack M, Grace and Justina will go to the early engagement meeting for the New Zealand Flag project on 7 April.

Civics education

The YC confirmed its support for The Citizen Education Trust's proposal for a Civics Education Centre on Site 9 on the waterfront. The YC has advocated for improved civics education since 2012 and was briefed about the proposal at it December 2014 meeting by Chris Laidlaw.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 15 April 2015 in Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.