

Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 2 September 2015

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Ben van den Eykel, Eva McGauley, Jack Marshall Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Sophie Reedy-Young, Teri O'Neill, Timothy Rutherford,

Officers: Helen Walker, Kate Irvine, Geoff Lawson (Policy & Reporting)

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone including the new liaison officer Kate Irvine who introduced herself and talked briefly about her past roles and her new role.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cameron Wright, Damon Rusden, Jack Comer-Hudson, Justina Koh, Melissa Gibson, Morgan Watkins, Rose Mwipiko and Sean Johnson. Cr Woolf also apologised. Anya and Siobhan apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top?

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

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Social housing

Geoff Lawson presented on his work on social housing. After outlining the current configuration of the Council social housing stock (predominantly bed sits and one or two bedroom units) he described the current policy settings for setting rents and tenant eligibility.

The Youth Council broke into small groups to discuss social housing issues facing young people. The groups reported back noting that:

- Students probably do not want Council housing as they would prefer larger flats
- Within the student population the vulnerable are likely to be on low incomes, drop outs, and those with low quality accommodation
- The need for quality standards to be set for rentals (rental Warrant of Fitness)
- Internationally, for example Amsterdam, there are different models of provision that could work here
- Young people from abusive backgrounds or who have been in CYFS care are likely to be particularly vulnerable and perhaps with those that under 18 there could be a sponsor organisation that can enter a tenancy agreement on their behalf
- Young parents and those that no longer receive study link (post graduate

students) do not fit the traditional models.

There was some discussion about the supply of apartments on the market.

All members in attendance indicated that they were interested in social housing and would like to do further work on this issue.

6. Previous minutes and matters arising

Minutes for 5 August – Ollie moved and Tim seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. Passed.

Minutes for 19 August – Ollie moved and Niamh seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. Passed.

7. General Business

Leadership development

Siobhan asked about interest in attending the Rotary Youth Leadership camp (5 days at Silverstream). Jack attended last year and said it was a valuable experience.

There was some discussion about whether RYLA was the best option for leadership development for the Youth Council. The Youth Council discussed the type of issues or topics that they would be interested in considering further for leadership development and identified:

- Advocacy
- Team building
- Networking
- Negotiation
- Interviewing
- Chairing / meeting management

Helen noted that the budget was unknown and there were no guarantees of funding.

The Youth Council were keen to have a further discussion about leadership development at their next meeting.

Youth Conference

The 2015 Lower North Island Youth Councils' Conference is being held in Levin on Tuesday 29 September. There was a high level of interest in attending and Helen distributed registration forms. Kate will take a car with 3 or 4 passengers and Helen will advise of any other arrangements that the Council can help with such as sending a second car.

Working group updates

- Alumni Society – to arrange a meeting
- There were no other updates.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 16 September 2015 in the Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Action and decision summary

1. Include leadership development on the next agenda
2. Helen to advise of transport arrangements to the Youth Council conference
3. Youth Councillors interested in attending the Youth Council conference will ensure their registration forms are with Helen by 11 September.

From previous meetings

4. Niamh to contact Erin re Variety Event working group.