

Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 28 October 2015

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Ben van den Eykel, Cameron Wright, Damon Rusden , Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Melissa Gibson, Morgan Watkins, Niamh Hyde, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Teri O'Neill, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Bec Ramsey, Kate Irvine, Fiona Lewis, Fran McEwen, Katie Adams

Councillors: Councillor Woolf

Guests: Chloe Forbes from BGI

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Eva McGauley, Sophie Reedy-Young , Oliver Michie, Jack Comer-Hudson, Sean Johnson. Melissa Gibson apologised for arriving late and Councillor Woolf 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. Playground Policy

Wellington City Council Officer Bec Ramsay attended the Youth Council meeting to provide an update on the Playground Policy. She mentioned that a scoping document will be going to the Community, Sports and Recreation Committee on 24 November to approve the scope of the policy review.

Bec mentioned the main points of possible change to the current policy are:

- Broadening the provision of play to include the concept of play spaces rather than simply play equipment. This will guide the Councils rolling programme of playground renewals and design of any new playgrounds.
- Including children and youth in the policy (the policy is currently targeting under 15s).
- Including provision of skate, bike skills parks and half courts in the policy.
- Simplification of the playgrounds hierarchy down to two types such as destination and neighbourhood.
- Review current provision, distribution and quality of play space.
- Updated guidance on partnerships (for example with schools).

The Youth Council indicated that they wished to be a part of a playground policy workshop and provide a submission on the draft Play Spaces Policy plan. They also provided brief feedback on the current scope, for example they mentioned that the policy should broaden the scope to include people over the age of 15; the size of playground equipment and; the lack of seating.

It was agreed that the Playground's policy workshop should occur at the first 2016 Youth Council meeting on 17 February. There was also a suggestion that it should be held in a park.

Bec Ramsay agreed to circulate the scoping document in late November to the Youth Council.

6. Child and Youth Friendly City initiative

Matt Sims was unable to attend Youth Council to speak on the Child and Youth Friendly City Initiative.

7. Previous minutes and matters arising

Jack Marshall noted that currently the Youth Council do not have a quorum noted in their terms of reference.

Jack Marshall moved and Siobhan Davies seconded that:

1. *The Youth Council adopt to include a quorum in their terms of reference*
2. *The Youth Council will not pass any resolutions, with the exception of approving the previous meeting's minutes, where the Council does not have 50% of members present.*

Carried.

Jack Marshall will update the Youth Council Manual to reflect this decision.

Siobhan Davies moved and Anya Bukholt-Payne seconded that:

1. *The minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting.*

Carried.

Siobhan Davies moved and Jack Marshall seconded that:

1. *A recent picture of the Youth Council is to be uploaded to the Wellington City Council Youth Council webpage.*
2. *A list of all members bar one is to be uploaded to the Wellington City Council's Youth Council webpage.*

Carried.

A copy of the signed letter proposing the 2016 work programme for the Youth Council was circulated. Siobhan Davies tabled the signed letter.

At the 14 October 2015 Youth Council meeting the Youth Council agreed to establish a biodiversity strategy working group. It will be comprised of the following members: Timothy Rutherford, Anya Bukholt-Payne, Sebastian Klinkum and Cameron Wright. A chair is yet to be appointed.

The Youth Council are yet to organise their end of year function. Siobhan Davies

stated she would initiate conversation on Lumio to start getting Christmas ideas together and ask Oliver Mitchie to discuss the function further at the next Youth Council meeting on 11 November 2015.

7. General Business

Professional Development

It was decided that short professional development sessions should occur following Youth Council meetings, and sessions that were going to be ½ day or longer should be scheduled on Wednesday following a Youth Council meeting. Members also asked that supper be provided for short sessions.

Katheryn Connolly, Sarah Kirkland and Marcus Boshier were keen to come and discuss ideas with the Youth Council and draft a plan for workshops.

Social Housing Discussion

The Social Housing workgroup have decided to prepare a survey on social housing. Jack Comer-Hudson and Morgan Watkins will develop survey questions and report back to the Youth Council. They also intend to work with Council Officer Geoff Lawson and the housing team.

Teenage Girls recreation

Fran McEwen, Katie Adams from Wellington City Council and Chloe Forbes from BGI came to speak to the Youth Council on improving and promoting teenage girls recreation.

The Wellington City Council have partnered with BGI to develop a holistic approach to promote and increase numbers of 12 – 20 year old girls/women participating in recreation and endorsing positive wellbeing. It will also focus on areas such as exercise, nutrition, cooking, mentoring, sleep and how to manage stress

Massey University students are also assisting by developing a brand to encourage teenage girls/women to get active.

A Teenage Recreation Steering Group is in the process of being established and Katie Adams invited the Youth Council to contact her if interested in being a part of the Steering Group. There is 1 position vacant on the Steering Group.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.40pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 11 November 2015 in the Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Action and decision summary

1. Discuss “Review of 2015 work programme and scope development of 2015

- annual report March 2015-December 2015" (reattach Annual Report).
2. Katheryn Connolly, Sarah Kirkland and Marcus Boshier to attend Youth Council in order to discuss professional development ideas and draft a plan for workshops.
 3. End of year Youth Council function.