

Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 25 November 2015

Present

Members: Siobhan Davies, Melissa Gibson, Niamh Hyde , Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Justina Koh, Jack Marshall, Oliver Michie, Sophie Reedy-Young, Timothy Rutherford, Damon Rusden and Morgan Watkins.

Officers: Crispian Franklin, Kate Irvine and Fiona Lewis

Guests: Magila Annadale from the Ministry of Education

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Woolf, Rosemary Mwipiko, Jack Comer-Hudson, Cameron Wright and Anya Bukholt-Payne. Morgan Watkins and Niamh Hyde tendered their apologies for being late.

3. What's on Top

The Chair decided to skip What's on Top to allow additional time for the policy think session.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6. Previous minutes and matters arising

Sean Johnson moved and Melissa Gibson seconded that:

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

Carried.

7. General Business

Town Belt

Sebastian Klinkum, Oliver Michie and Jack Comer-Hudson spoke to the select committee on their town belt submission. They felt it went very well and were asked an array of questions by the panel.

Professional Development Working Group

The working group have decided that professional development sessions will be held once a month, after a Youth Council meeting and will run for approximately 1 hour. On those days the catering will be reduced during Youth Council meetings, and a light supper will be provided prior to the commencement of the Professional

Development session. The current sessions will be on icebreakers (February), events (March), recruitment (May), and submissions (August).

Democratic Services Update

Crispian Franklin informed the group that Democratic Services have appointed James Mather to the role of Advisory Support Governance advisor. His start date is on 21 December and he will be looking after the Youth Councillors in the New Year.

Crispian also tabled the confirmed Youth Council Work Programme letter of agreement.

Christmas Function

Fiona Lewis has partially organised the Christmas function for 9 December. There will be 3 parts: 2 games of bowling at lanes between 1:00 – 3:30 pm; Youth Council meeting from 3.30 – approximately 4:10 pm which will be held in the Mezzanine and; picnic on the astroturf outside council. Catering will be provided for the picnic, however if you want to bring something extra it is always welcome. It was stressed that students should bring their IDs to ensure their games are subsidised.

Jack Marshall to set up a loomio discussion to see who would be interested in participating in secret santa for the Christmas function.

5. Education Act Review

Magila Annadale from the Ministry of Education discussed the current Education Act review which primarily focused on early childhood, primary and college education.

Magila invited Youth Councillors to attend a workshop at Zeal on Thursday 10 December, between 4 – 5.30 pm to discuss the current proposals.

7. General Business

Attendance

Siobhan Davies addressed the Youth Councillors on the current lack of attendance of members at meetings. Under the terms of reference if Youth Councillors miss any 4 meetings per year or miss 3 without formalising an apology they can be instantly dismissed from the Youth Council.

Siobhan has indicated she will write an official policy on attendance and ask Youth Councillors' for feedback over the summer. She stressed the importance of having a high attendance rate, especially during professional development sessions.

Policy Think Session

Sean Johnson and Jack Marshall led a policy think session on what Wellington currently looks like, and what future Wellington looks like and how the Youth Council can assist influencing policy to improve and sustain Wellington City.

A Working Party Group was established to review the Youth Council ideas and provide feedback to the Youth Council on the way forward. The members will consist of: Sean Johnson, Jack Marshall, Melissa Gibson, Siobhan Davies, Timothy Rutherford, Oliver Michie, Morgan Watkins and Cameron Wright.

Safer Transport

Timothy Rutherford is currently a member of safer transport group and asked Youth Councillors for their feedback on ways to improve Wellington transport for Youth.

Action and decision summary

1. Youth Councillors to confirm attendance at Christmas function and bring student ids to bowling.
2. Fiona Lewis to upload Youth Council Work Programme letter of agreement to dropbox
3. Siobhan Davies to draft an attendance policy and distribute to Youth Councillors over the summer.
4. Youth Council Policy working group to feedback to Youth Council in the new year to discuss policy ideas.
5. Fiona Lewis to look into booking committee room 2 for committee meetings in 2016.

The meeting closed at 5:35 pm.