

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11 September 2019

Time 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Venue Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair Freja Cook
Members Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Carl Bennett, Dexter Smith, Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair), Freja Cook (Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, John Sibanda, Laura Jackson, Neesha Dixon, Raihaan Dalwai, Shelly Liang, Teri O'Neill, Tim Rutherford, Tony Huang.
Councillors Cr Jill Day
Staff Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Cyrus Frear (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures 4:00pm

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:00pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Brad Olsen, Melania Lui-Fai, and Liam Davies – for absence.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Carl Bennett

CARRIED

1.2. Youth Council members shared what was on top for them this week.

1.3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

(Grace arrived at 4:02 pm)

(Raihaan arrived at 4:02 pm)

(Shelly arrived at 4:02 pm)

(Tony arrived at 4:06 pm)

1.4. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Carl Bennett

CARRIED

1.5. Members made the following announcements:

- No announcements were made.

2. Presentations

4:12 pm

2.1. Ministry for Environment – Danny Rood

Danny spoke to the group about the upcoming Public Consultation Roadshow that the Ministry for Environment has coming up.

He expressed interest in having Youth Councillors attend an engagement meeting that he is running on Thursday, 19 September 2019 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Danny mentioned that the possibility of an inter-ministry youth engagement group being set up. Youth Council indicated that they would be interested in this project.

Action points

- Ella to email asking which Youth Councillors would like to attend the MfE Workshop on 19 September 2019.
- Sean to send Youth Council's Youth Engagement Framework to Danny.

(Teri Arrived at 4:26 pm)

2.2. The Hive – Elliot Blyth

Elliot spoke about The Hive. The Hive is an engagement platform for New Zealand's 2020-2049 Biodiversity Strategy. It provides information about the strategy and provides several options for users to make submissions.

A working group was formed to make a group submission through The Hive. The following members volunteered to be a part of the working group: John Sibanda (Lead), Ella Flavell, Anastasia Reid, Tony Huang, Shelly Liang, Raihaan Dalwai, and Neesha Dixon.

Action points

- Sean to send out email link to The Hive.
- Working group to meet to formulate submission.

3. Reporting Back on Youth Council Business

5:02 pm

3.1. Youth Council members reported back on activities they had been involved in between meetings. Oral reports were delivered on the following items:

- Minister of Finance Meeting – Jackson Lacy
 - Nine Youth Councillors met with the Minister of Finance, Hon. Grant Robertson, at his parliament office and discussed a variety of topics including engaging with young people and transport in Wellington.
 - With regards to engaging with young people, it was suggested that Youth Council might want to create 'focus areas' to work on throughout the year.
 - With regards to engaging with young people, it was suggested that Youth Council try to engage early in any 'triennium plan' that might be created post the local body elections.

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Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihere o Pōneke

- Zero Carbon Bill Submission – Ella Flavell and Carl Bennett
 - Ella and Carl delivered an oral submission on the Zero Carbon Bill to select committee.
- Multicultural Council of Wellington Event – Ella Flavell and Carl Bennett
 - The Multicultural Council of Wellington hosted an event with a range of speakers including Deputy Mayor Jill Day, Members of Parliament, and the Ambassador of the Philippines.
 - Youth Council helped to facilitate this event on the day.
 - It was noted that the Ambassador of the Philippines would be interested in presenting at a Youth Council meeting.
 - Members expressed interest in this opportunity.
- Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum – Carl Bennett
 - Carl attended the recent Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum meeting.
 - He noted that most people at the meeting were vocally against e-scooters and suggested that if Youth Council thinks favourably about e-scooters then they should consider a submission on them.
 - Jill suggested that this submission might be made when the Council consults on lower speed limits in the central city.
- Wellington Conversations – Ella Flavell
 - Ella is sitting on an advisory group for Wellington Conversations.
 - Wellington Conversations is a group hoping to get people to have meaningful, facilitated conversations about important issues in Wellington.
- Rotary Event – Carl Bennett

(The meeting closed at 5:27 pm)