

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 26 February 2020

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

Members present

Chair	Ella Flavell (outgoing Deputy Chair, incoming Chair)
Members	Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Carl Bennett, Ella Flavell (outgoing Deputy Chair, incoming Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, John Sibanda, Laura Jackson (incoming Deputy Chair), Liam Davies, Neesha Dixon, Raihaan Dalwai, Tony Huang
Liaison Councillors	Cr Jill Day
Staff	Meredith Blackler (Director Human Resources), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures 4:01 pm

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:01 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Shelly, Watene, and Cr Paul – for absence;

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair) / Bethany Kaye-Blake

CARRIED

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

1.3. Brad declared two potential future conflicts of interest:

- Earlier this year I met with Mayor Foster and Cr Calvert, in my personal capacity, to discuss Wellington's economy and future economic areas of focus, and am having regular meetings with Cr Calvert to continue these discussions.
- In my role as Senior Economist at Infometrics I have been commenting on water infrastructure in Wellington recently connected to issues with water assets.

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.

Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair) / Liam Davies

CARRIED

1.5. No announcements were made.

2. Presentations

4:12 pm

2.2. E-scooters summary of feedback

Hugh Wilson, from the WCC Transport Planning team came and spoke to the group about the e-scooter trial.

Hugh gave an overview of the feedback that WCC had collected about the trial including some of the positives and negatives that people perceived about e-scooters.

Youth Councillors were able to ask clarifying questions about the trial, and e-scooters more broadly.

Hugh noted that he would be bringing a report to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 9 April that would address the future of e-scooter ride shares in Wellington.

Youth Council indicated that they might be interested in attending that committee meeting during public participation to share their views on the issue.

Action points

- Sean to bring options to next Youth Council meeting of further work that could be done ahead of the 9 April Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- Hugh to circulate presentation to group via Sean.

2.1. State Services Commission – Open Government Action Plan

Morag McConville, Victoria Hume, Sean Audain, and Simon Wright ran a short workshop with the group collecting their input into the upcoming Open Government Action Plan.

Morag introduced the Plan and noted some of the successes of the previous plans.

The Open Government Action Plan is a document that must be created every two years because of New Zealand's membership to the Open Government Partnership. The Plan contains usually 5-15 actions that, once signed off, government agencies (working with citizens) must deliver.

Recent actions include the School Leavers Toolkit, a 360° Virtual Reality Tour of Parliament, and improvements to Parliament TV.

A new action plan must be created in 2020 and this time young people are one of the groups being focused on to provide their views. A draft Plan will be published for consultation in May 2020.

Youth Council split into two groups and considered three questions, the responses to these questions are attached at the end of these minutes:

1. What do young people want to know about what government is and does (for example how voting and parliament work, how laws are made)? What can we do to build young people's knowledge and experience?
2. What gets in the way of young people having their say about the services they use (public transport, NCEA etc.)? What can we do about this?
3. What things (for example climate change, mental health) matter to young people and what prevents them influencing those things? What can we do to improve the ability of young people to be able to influence decisions?

Actions

- Sean to bring options to next Youth Council meeting of further work that could be done relating to the Open Government Action Plan.

3. Leadership Election

5:12 pm

3.1. The Youth Council conducted an ordinary leadership election.

Chair and Deputy to Step Down

1. Ella stepped down as Deputy Chair.
2. Nobody was required to step down from the position of chair as the position was vacant following Freja's resignation after the last Youth Council meeting.
3. She was thanked for her contribution in that role.
4. The Democracy Advisor (Sean Johnson) assumed the chair.

Appointment of Returning Officer

5. Sean called for nominations for the position of returning officer.
6. Jackson nominated Brad for the position of returning officer.
7. No other nominations were received.
8. Brad was elected as returning officer.

Determination of Leadership Model

9. Brad called for speakers wishing to speak to either a Chair / Deputy Chair leadership model or a Co-Chairs leadership model.
10. Jackson spoke in favour of retaining the Chair / Deputy Chair leadership model.
11. Ella spoke in favour of retaining the Chair / Deputy Chair model.
12. Youth Councillors voted on the leadership model of their choosing.
13. Brad declared that the Chair / Deputy Chair model would be retained by Youth Council for the 2020 leadership term.

Election of the Chair

14. Brad called for nominations for the position of Chair.
15. Jackson nominated Ella.
16. No other nominations were received.
17. Ella was elected unopposed as the Chair of Youth Council for the 2020 leadership term.
18. Youth Council congratulated Ella.
19. Ella gave a short speech thanking Youth Council and noting the work ahead.

Election of Deputy Chair

20. Brad called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.
21. Ella nominated Jackson.
22. John nominated Laura.

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23. Laura gave a short speech outlining what she would bring to the role.
24. Jackson gave a short speech outlining what he would bring to the role.
25. Youth Councillors voted on their choice for Deputy Chair.
26. Laura was elected as the Deputy Chair of Youth Council for the 2020 leadership term.
27. Youth Council congratulated Laura.

The leadership team for Youth Council for 2020 will be Ella Flavell as Chair and Laura Jackson as Deputy Chair.

The meeting closed at 5:29 pm.

What can we do?

- Adding civics to curriculum in High School
- Make it relevant to them
 - ↳ How they can use the system to create change
- Explain how NZ is governed
- Harold but for governance (Independent than)
- Consultation outside of the usual processes (e.g. schools)
- Using platforms like the Hive

What gets in the way?

- Govt is boring
- Perception that politics & governance is the same
 - ↳ Lack of understanding of the role of public service
- Not knowing who is accountable for a given issue

Improve Change

- Basic understand
- Practical Experience ~~with~~ eg
with submitting workshops
- More accessible/Online
- IG Story polls

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- Encourage HRA Schoolers to attend Parl.
- Civics Ed
 - Get MPs in schools
 - Get in early, normalise it
 - Fake votes/mock Parliam.
 - Examinable subject → Civics
 - More specific subjects
 - More LG ed
 - Mock elections/mock votes
 - MPs - outline partners, seats (explains?)
 - Focus on mechanics @ current
 - Not on who does what!
 - Region-dependent?
 - How does topic X actually occur
 - Personalise
 - Putting it into practice
 - TAMASIBLE
 - Project-based → debates, SCs, local projects (NZM)
 - Ed needs to include grassroots level

ETA

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- Don't know who to tell?
- Sub process is too hard/complex
- More accessible - Kid version!!
- More Q & A in subs.
 - Agency for specific feedback
 - Empower etc → use questions to help guide feedback
- Referral agency ect to the
 - Light group to address on issue ect to
- Actually ~~engaging~~ engaging kids
- * Interactive resources
- Personal handover
- * Website: shows headline topics, and website direct to who is responsible / who to talk to

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- Knowing the right people
- Not having Ed about how system process works.
- Submissions etc aren't easy to find → for non-Parl. Govt agencies
- Engaging consult to keep up → Engage Framework
- Issues
 - Climate Change
 - Natural Hazards
 - Housing (Afford, renting rights)
 - Education
 - Employ relations (rights etc)
 - Transport (PT, walk/cycle, EVs, Escort)
 - Urban/Rural Divide (Regional more so)
- Affordably
- Data Sovereignty & Digital Privacy
 - Also explaining what this is