

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11 March 2020

Time	4:01 pm – 5:31 pm
Venue	Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair	Ella Flavell
Members	Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, John Sibanda, Laura Jackson (Deputy Chair), Liam Davies, Raihaan Dalwai, Shelly Liang, Tony Huang
Liaison Councillors	Cr Tamatha Paul
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:

- John – for lateness;
- Carl, Neesha, Watene, and Cr Day – for absence;
- Ella – for early departure.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Ella Flavell (Chair) / Brad Olsen

CARRIED

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

1.3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

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 (Chair) / Jackson Lacy

CARRIED

1.5. Announcements were deferred until later in the meeting.

(John arrived at 4:08 pm)

2. Presentations 4:13 pm

2.1. Proposed Public Health Bylaw, *presented by Kate Hodgetts*

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Kate Hodgetts discussed the Proposed Public Health Bylaw with the group.

In June 2019 Council agreed to: progress towards a public health bylaw to manage hygiene and health risks at beauty salons and other appearance industry businesses.

The scope of the Bylaw would include services that pierce the skin/tissue, services that risk piercing the skin/tissue, services that risk burning the skin/tissue, and other appearance industry services.

Kate posed the following questions to Youth Council:

- What is the level of awareness of risk among young people?
- What is the importance of price/quality/word of mouth in decisions to use these services?
- What are your thoughts on challenging areas for regulation such as mobile operators and events?
- What are your views on restricting very high risk practices such as eyeball tattooing and extreme body modification?

Kate noted that this discussion with Youth Council was part of pre-engagement, and that Youth Council will have the opportunity to formally submit on the Bylaw during the formal consultation process in August/September 2020.

At the start of her presentation, Kate also passed on thanks from Helen Bolton of the WCC Policy Team from Youth Council's input into the review of the Parking Policy.

2.2. Youth Council Annual Report, *presented by Sean Johnson*

Youth Council progressed their work on the 2019 Youth Council Annual Report.

Youth Council agreed to structure the Annual Report around key areas reflecting the agreed work programme in the 2019 Joint Letter of Agreement.

Youth Councillors volunteered to work on areas of the report as follows:

- Chair's Introduction – Ella
- 2019 Local Authority Election – John
- Engaging with young Wellingtonians – Bethany, Raihaan
- Consultation on plans, policies, and reviews – Laura, Anastasia
- Member development – Grace, Shelly, Tony, Raihaan
- Other projects as agreed – Brad

Members who were not present at the meeting can volunteer to join one of the above work groups.

Jackson will work on the final design of the document once the section of the Annual Report are completed.

Brad will categorise all of Youth Council's activities from 2019 into the above key areas.

Sean will write the section relating to membership changes and attendance statistics.

2.3. Increasing Voter Turnout in Young People, *Presented by Erin Marsh*

Erin Marsh from the Electoral Commission discussed with the group ways to increase voter enrolment and turnout among young people for the 2020 Central Government Elections.

Topics of discussion included:

- Statistics related to the percentage of young people enrolled in the Wellington Central electorate (as attached at the end of these minutes).
- The importance of providing food at events targeting young people.
- ‘Vote Tripling’ style schemes such as the one run by Rock the Vote. In which participants are encouraged to sign up two people to vote and those people in turn each sign up two more people.
- A snapchat filter to turn yourself into the Orange Golem.
- Targeting engagement at ‘new New Zealanders’ to build voting habits in those communities.
- The potential for online voting in the future.
- Voting ‘trial runs’ held at universities.
- ‘Fake’ voting trials held at high schools.
- Interacting with high school students during ‘student time’ rather than teaching time.
- The difficulties in highlighting young people who have moved cities but are still living at home.
- The interactions that the Electoral Commission has with polytechnics as opposed to universities.
 - Erin indicated that they are planning on running the same events at Whitirea and Weltec that they do at Universities for the upcoming election.

1. Meeting Procedures (Continued)

4:01 pm

1.5. Announcements

Carl announced (via email as he was not present at the meeting) that the Accessible Streets consultation is now open through NZTA. The proposal suggests several changes. Notably it proposes introducing a 15 km/h speed limit for e-scooters and granting powers to councils to set regulations on e-scooters. Carl indicated that he would be interested in leading a Youth Council working group to make a submission if others were interested.

A working group of Carl (lead), Laura, Brad, Tony, and John was created to work on this submission.

Carl announced (via email as he was not present at the meeting) that he attended the most recent Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum meeting. It was noted at that meeting that Councillors will be attending a workshop on 24 March regarding the e-scooter trial. In April,

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Council will be deciding how e-scooter hire schemes should work in Wellington in the future. Carl indicated that he would be interested in leading a Youth Council working group to make a submission if others were interested.

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Ella, Bethany, and Brad announced that they had attended Commonwealth Day events and had talked to the Governor General about Youth Council and its role.

The meeting closed at 5:31 pm.

Enrolment and Voting Statistics for Wellington Central Youth

Enrolment Stats

Wellington Central:	18 – 24	49.46%	<i>Auckland</i> 18.22% 20.32%
	25 – 29	64.85%	
Entire Country:	18 – 24	59.82%	
	25 – 29	71.56%	

Turnout Stats 2017 General Election

Wellington Central:	18 – 24	90.12%
	25 – 29	85.77%
Entire Country:	18 – 24	69.27%
	25 – 29	67.56%