

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 17 June 2020

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

Members present

Chair

Members Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Ella Flavell (Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, Laura Jackson (Deputy Chair) (via AV link), Neesha Dixon, Tony Huang

Liaison Councillors Cr Jill Day

Other Councillors Present Cr Matthews

Staff Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Paul Davies (City Housing)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures 4:00 pm

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:03 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Meredith, Cr Paul, Shelly, John – for absence;
- Cr Day – for early departure.

Secretarial Note: Raihaan submitted apologies that were received after the meeting.

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) / Brad Olsen

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1.5. Members made the following announcements:

- Brad announced that he presented to Council's Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee on the Youth Council submission to the WCC Annual Plan 2020/21 and was well received by councillors.

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- Brad announced that the Youth Council submission on the Draft Parking Policy 2020 had been submitted and that Youth Council will be making an oral submission on Thursday 25 June 2020.

2. Items

4:14 pm

2.1. Fairer Rents for Council Tenants, *presented by Paul Davies*

Paul Davies from City Housing spoke to the group about the role of City housing and the ongoing consultation on the Council's Rent Setting Policy.

Currently the Council sets its rents at 70% of market rate for the property and does not take in to account the financial position of tenants in its rent setting. The financial position is considered when determining whether prospective tenants are eligible for City Housing.

WCC is currently consulting on a proposal to set rents in a way that reflects tenants' incomes as opposed to the flat 70% of market rate.

Paul discussed the proposal with the group and answered questions from the group regarding the proposal and city housing. Topics of discussion included the Deed of Grant that City Housing operates under, and the percentage of young people living in City Housing.

A working group of Ella, Jackson, and Brad was formed to write a submission.

Action points:

- Working group to write submission and ratify on Loomio.
- Sean to circulate submission form and extra information to members.

3. General business

5:06 pm

3.1. Youth Council members discussed items of general business.

- Cr Matthews addressed the group regarding the pay disparity between Youth Council and the other Advisory Groups. Cr Matthews, Cr Day, and Cr Paul will write a letter to WCC's Chief Strategy and Governance Officer, Stephen McArthur, to address this issue.
- Ella noted that she might not be able to attend the Youth Council public participation on the 2019 Youth Council Annual Report. Brad and Jackson indicated that they would be able to attend instead. Cr Day asked the group whether having committee meetings in the evenings would make it easier for young people to attend. Youth Council indicated that they would support this idea in principle.
- Laura provided an update on the Youth Council Comms reboot. The Comms team is looking to make it clear what Youth Council does in its day-to-day work. It was proposed that they might conduct an interview series with young people in Wellington.
- Sean noted that there was no scheduled meeting for 1 July and asked if Youth Council would be interested in holding a meeting on this date. Ella will conduct a poll in the messenger group to see whether youth councillors are supportive of this.

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- It was noted that the 15 July meeting was during the school holidays. Sean will investigate holding the meeting a week later.

(Cr Day left at 5:28 pm)

- Sean noted that a request had been put to the group from the Tawa Community Board for a deputation of Youth Councillors to attend a Community Board Meeting. The Board proposed youth councillors attend their August meeting. Sean will be in contact with Tawa based Youth Councillors and the Chair and Deputy Chair to organise this.

(The meeting closed at 5:31 pm)