

## Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 18 November 2020

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<b>Time</b>	4:04 pm – 5:31 pm
<b>Venue</b>	Whataitai – Room 16.10, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

### Members present

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<b>Chair</b>	Bethany Kaye-Blake (Acting)
<b>Members</b>	Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Jackson Lacy, Neesha Dixon, Tony Huang
<b>Liaison Councillors</b>	Cr Jill Day
<b>Staff</b>	Meredith Blackler (Chief People and Culture Officer), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Kate Hodgetts (Senior Policy Advisor), Jim Lewis (Intermediate Policy Advisor), Kristine Ford (Senior Policy Advisor)

### Minutes

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#### 1. Meeting Procedures 4:04 pm

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:04 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Brad, Ella, Grace, John, Laura, Raihaan, Shelly – for absence;

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

(Meredith arrived at 4:10 pm)

1.3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4. No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.

1.5. No announcements were made.

#### 2. Discussion 4:13 pm

2.1. Children and Young People Strategy, *presented by Kate Hodgetts*

Kate gave an update to the group on the Children and Young People Strategy. She noted the engagement approach so far involving a number of workshops with stakeholder groups.

Youth Council discussed the use of 'personas' in the upcoming engagement to connect with young people (note that these are the personas created in a previous Youth Council meeting where Youth Councillors were asked to imagine someone their age in 2030). Young Council liked the use of personas but thought it was important to include a real person in the engagement as well to connect with young people.

Youth Council then considered what issues and opportunities Wellington has with regards to central governments Children and Young People framework. The framework aims to make sure children and young people are loved, safe and nurtured; have what they need; are happy and healthy; are learning and developing; are accepted, respected and connected; are involved and empowered.

# Wellington City Youth Council

## Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Pōneke

The issues and opportunities discussed by Youth Council include:

- The physical environment challenges in Wellington (hills, earthquakes, reclaimed land)
- Our walkable, compact city
- Spaces in suburbs underutilised by young people
- Untapped potential in natural environment (beaches, forest, walks)
- Young people wanting to learn by doing activities, not simply looking at something (for example in a museum)
- Costs to get into town as the hub of the city
- Activities and programmes available in school holidays (utilising Council venues)
- A lack of free / low cost spaces for young people to hang out
- Housing affordability

(Cr Day arrived at 4:49 pm)

### 2.2. Wellington at Night, *presented by Jim Lewis and Kristine Ford*

Jim Lewis and Kristine Ford presented on Wellington at Night, a piece of work that aims to cultivate a night-time city that is prosperous, welcoming, and vibrant.

This area is facing some key issues, including an increase in reported anti-social behaviour, limited public transport options after midnight, and a lack of non-alcoholic activity options.

The work to address some of these issues is still under development but will likely consist of an immediate response (1-2 years) and a long-term plan (3-10 years). Aspects of Wellington at Night will be addressed in the review of the Alcohol Management Strategy and the Trading in Public Places Policy.

Youth Councillors discussed the work, particular topics of conversation included:

- The high cost of getting home from town and the gap between the end of public transport routes and home.
- The importance of non-alcohol spaces being available. Safe spaces being available in the CBD.
- Side-loading / pre-loading
- The difficulty of working a job in town without reliable late hours transport.
- The lack of available night-time activities that are not alcohol-based activities in town.
- The importance of evening events.

Jim and Kristine noted that they will come back to Youth Council in the new year.

**3. General business**

**5:25 pm**

3.1. Youth Council members discussed items of general business.

- Anastasia, Bethany, Jackson and Tony indicated that they might be available to act as a stand-in 'Councillor' for Wellington High School students giving mock submissions.
- Jackson will develop the Youth Council submission on the Cemeteries Management Plan Review.

The meeting concluded at 5:31 pm