

Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Pōneke

Wellington Youth Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 4 May 2022

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Whātaïtai (16.11), Level 16 Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington and Teams

Purpose

- Assist and advise the City Council on how to help grow a great City where young people thrive and contribute to the City Council's priorities.
- Bring extra insight to Council (a youth perspective) to solve problems facing a challenging world.
- Develop the capabilities of its members (including leadership and engaging wider youth).

Membership

Chairperson:	Laura Jackson
Members:	Leandra Broughton, Saiah Claydon-Wade, Artemis Crawford, Nīkau Edmond-Smaill, Ella Flavell, Ali Haidari, Laura Jackson (Chair), Jackson Lacy, Henry Lockhart, Akira McTavish-Huriwai, Pulupaki Pouvalu, Anastasia Reid (Deputy Chair), John Sibanda, Josh Taefu
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Tamatha Paul, Cr Jill Day (Alternate)
WCC Staff:	Meredith Blackler (Chief People and Culture Officer), Emily Deans (Democracy Advisor), Geoffrey Coe (Principal Advisory Corp Planning & Reporting), Sean Johnson (Democracy Team Lead), Jennifer Parker (Manager Governance & Democracy Services), Greer Forde-MacNaughton (Youth Engagement Advisory), Lexy Seedhouse (Engagement Manager)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 4.04pm.

1. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Saiah, Pulupaki, Jackson – for early departure;
- Waimarama, Jamie – for absence.

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

2. Jackson noted his conflict with the local body election and will be leaving the meeting for the last item.
3. Laura welcomed the visitors, and everyone introduced themselves. Youth Councillors and visitors shared what was on top with them for this week.

Items

4. Updates

- Josh gave an update on **youth hub**. Wellington City Council and The Y are creating a cool Youth Hub made for young people. We had our first working group meeting with a great discussion. We will look to have a more substantial youth hub chat in an upcoming meeting.
- Henry gave an update on the **elections working group**. They have been in discussion with the elections team at WCC and we have the WCC elections team speaking later today.
- Laura gave an update on **recruitment**. Applications opened Monday and close 9am on the 23rd of May. The promo on Instagram is getting good traction and hoping to get the word out to high schools. We will be hiring 7 new members with a variety of ages. Applicants can expect to hear from us within 2 weeks after applications close. Ella made great posters, please take some to put up around your school and community.
- The **economic wellbeing working group** led by Nīkau, submitted last month on behalf of Youth Council (and it's available on the WCC website).
- Jackson will be speaking on Tūpiki Ora, Māori Strategy tomorrow. You can watch the meeting [here](#) if you're interested.
- Emily mentioned that Youth Council has been approached by the team working on the **development plan for Frank Kitts Park**. They are interested in a youth voice, please let Emily know if you are interested in being involved.

5. Annual Plan Consultation, *Presented by Geoffrey Coe*.

Geoffrey Coe shared slides (attached to the minutes) and spoke through the Annual Plan process.

The Annual Plan is out for consultation now and closes on the 15th of May. Big decisions get made through the Long-Term Plan that sets out planning and budgets, whereas the Annual Plan is about making variations to the yearly plan. This year we are basically

continuing with what was set in the Long-Term Plan with some changes due to issues with delivering due to covid and costs. The two key focus areas are the future of Council Housing and the future of the Southern Landfill. You can see more information and find out what people are saying so far on [letstalk](#).

Youth Council split out into breakout rooms to discuss the Annual Plan options and then reported back to the group:

- John's group agreed with the council's preferred option to have the housing provider that's owned as a trust, but the group has concerns with removing the democratic accountability as tenants can be quite vulnerable. The contract definition is important – what are the duties of the trust to council and vulnerable tenants?
- Ella's group preferred the energy incineration option for the Southern Landfill – as it has less environmental impacts in some ways. Ella mentioned the complication with our minimal sludge requirement which complicates things until we change our sludge system.
- Nīkau's group discussed that waste issue and the environmental impacts – they are also in favour of incineration or the piggy bank option as transporting waste to other landfills is not sustainable. They also talked about driveways - an 100% increase on encroachment fees is a big jump.
- Geoffrey added that the increased encroachment fees avoid 1.2% rates increase.
- Laura added that you pay encroachment fees for balconys as they are encroaching on council airspace.
- Geoffrey added that there are 5000 encroachment holders across the city.
- Henry had the same discussion as other groups - the environmental and housing issues are challenging and want to read more.
- Akira mentioned how their group really didn't like the Porirua/Hutt Valley waste transport option.
- Geoffrey added that the key arguments are that they know the piggybacking extension is deliverable, it is practically possible. The waste incineration option is more uncertain, there is also a minimum amount of waste to operate the waste incineration which gets in the way of waste minimisation targets.

Laura thanked Geoffrey for his presentation. John and Henry expressed interest in joining Annual Plan working group. Please get in touch with Laura if you are interested in joining the working group and put any ideas in main group chat too.

(Jackson, Councillor Paul and Councillor Day left the meeting at 5pm)

6. Election Workshop, *Presented by Sean Johnson and Jennifer Parker.*

Sean and Jennifer introduced themselves and the elections work happening at Wellington City Council.

Sean shared a slideshow (attached to the minutes) including the following key dates:

- Friday 15 July: candidate nominations open

- Friday 12 August: nominations close at 12 noon
- Friday 16 September: votes start being mailed out
- Saturday 8 October: voting closes at 12 noon

Sean talked through the wards and explained this election we have a new Māori ward those enrolled on the Māori roll.

We will have an election hub in Te Pokapū Hapori, the new community centre on Manners St and there will be additional ballot boxes around the city.

Sean printed out maps of each ward and everyone split into groups to think about where ballot boxes should go in each ward. Those joining the meeting on teams created a list of locations on teams. Sean has all the suggested locations, and it will feed into the ballot box location decision making.

Sean will come back to the elections working group and Youth Council as a whole with more information on the election as things progress.

Jennifer added that Youth Council is important, as you understand how council works and what council does. You can help young people understand that voting is useful and precious.

Laura thanked Sean and Jennifer for their presentation. Henry is leading the elections working group for Youth Council and will stay in regular communication with Sean and Jennifer and report back to Youth Council.

The meeting concluded at 5.31pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 18/05/2022

Portfolio / Working Groups:

- Recruitment working group (led by Laura & Anastasia)
- Election working group (led by Henry)
- Youth Hub (led by Josh)
- Communications working group (tbc)
- Annual Plan working group (John, Henry, Laura)

Annual Plan 2022/23 consultation

Youth Council May 2022

What is an annual plan?

The **Long-term plan** is our key Council planning document.

It sets:

- the outcomes that Council is working toward
- the services that Council will provide
- the key projects we plan to deliver,
- the funding limits that we work within, including how we fund our services

The Council agreed their most recent LTP last year in June 2021.

The **annual plan** is a yearly check in on our long-term plan

What has changed that means that we need to adjust our plan?

- Updated budgets (e.g. from the affects of inflation)
- New projects (to respond to new community demand)
- Updates to fees and user charges

What is planned this year?

Continuing our plans as set out in the 2021 LTP.

Updates to the budget -
accounting for cost increases

Impacts of Covid and market conditions- shifting timing of some projects

Some new areas of spend

LTP amendments

2 big issues that we are consulting on alongside our Annual Plan

- City Housing
- Future of the southern landfill

What are the Annual Plan questions?

Annual Plan

- Level of **overall support** for the 2022/23 budget (8.9% rates increase)
- Rescheduling of the **timing of some projects** to recognise market and supplier constraints
- Not proceeding with previous plans of extending on street paid **parking time limits** on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Increasing **encroachment licence fees** to better reflect their value
- A seven-year \$20m **Environmental and Accessibility Performance Fund** that provides financial support to encourage the development of environmentally sustainable and/or universally accessible buildings in Pōneke.
- Additional funding for a full upgrade to **Khandallah summer pool**
- Removal of all **library charges** to remove barriers to accessing council libraries

What are the consultation questions?

Southern Landfill

Options:

- a new landfill on top of the existing landfill (piggyback option),
- waste to energy incineration or
- no residual waste facility in Wellington City.

City Housing

Would you prefer the council to retain City Housing through increasing rates and borrowing or establish a Community Housing Provider?

If the council did establish a Community Housing Provider, which option do you support?

- Asset-owning CHP with broad responsibilities
- Leasehold CHP with broad responsibilities
- Leasehold CHP with narrow responsibilities

If the council established a Community Housing Provider, do you agree with the council's preference for a community trust, rather than a company or limited partnership?

What are people saying?

https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/our-plan/news_feed/what-we-ve-heard



Youth Council Election Presentation

Dates!

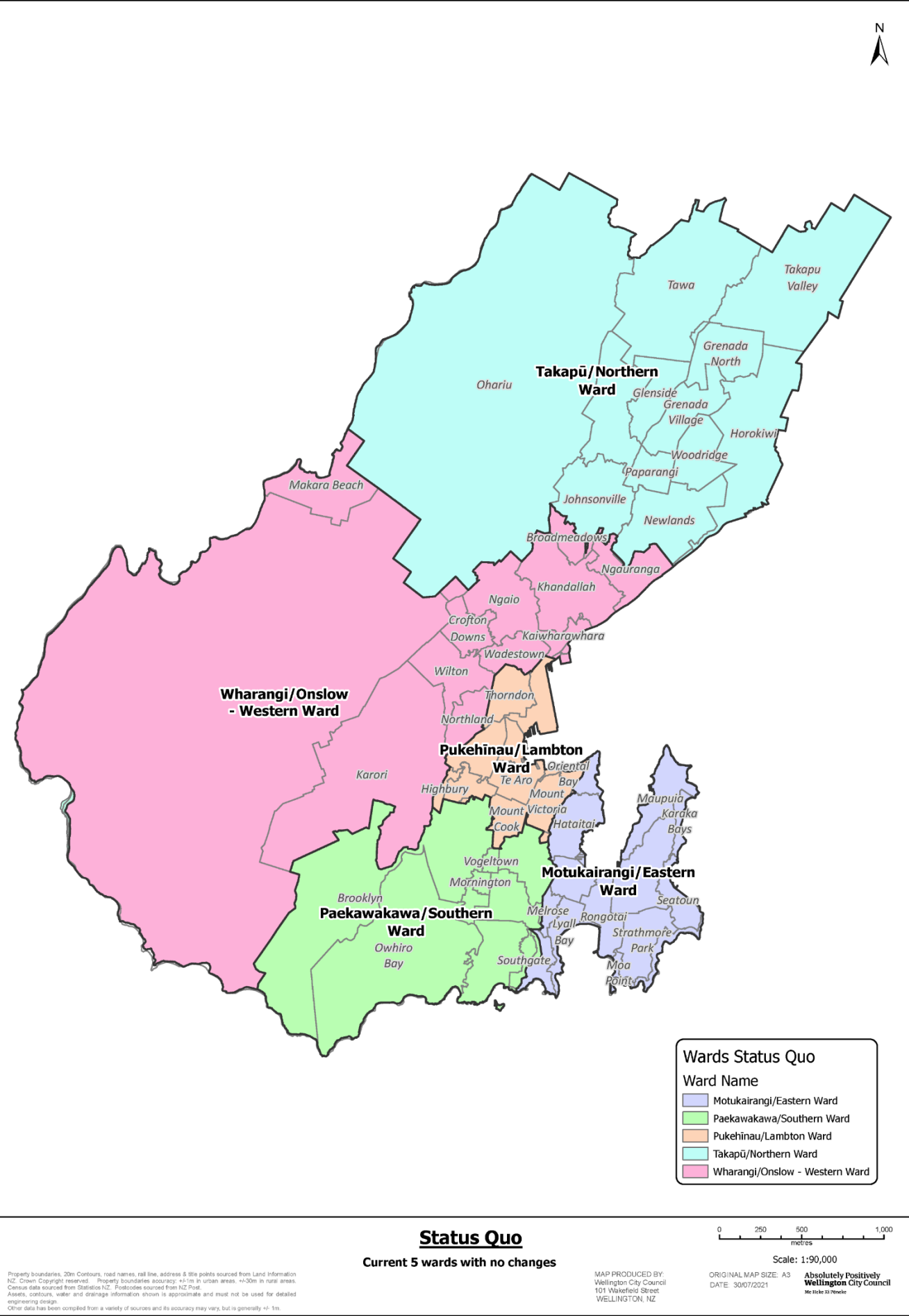
Nominations

15 July	Open
12 August	Close

Voting

16 September	Votes get mailed out
8 October	Voting closes at noon

Wards



Key things

Things we want:

- High turnout
- To attract candidates
- High enrolment

Constraints:

- Political neutrality
- Council resources cannot be used to promote candidates (includes YC!)

Things we are doing

- Comms messaging based on social norms
- Election hub in Te Pokapū Hapori (new community center on Manners St)
- Additional ballot boxes around the city

Activity – Ballot box locations

- Split into groups
- Each group will have a map of every ward and 30 dots
- As a group discuss and place dots where you think we should put ballot boxes
- Use post-its for further comments

Questions?