

Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Pōneke

Wellington Youth Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 3 August 2022

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Ngake (16.09), Level 16 Tahiwi, 113 The Terrace, Wellington and Zoom

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:	Anastasia Reid
Members:	Andrew Ackerley, Ben Bridle, Leandra Broughton, Artemis Crawford, Keelan Cy Heesterman, Finley Duncan, Nīkau Edmond-Smaill, Ella Flavell, Kalani Fransen, Ali Haidari, Caspar Levack, Henry Lockhart, Akira McTavish-Huriwai, August Metherell, Teresa Ng, Ashleigh Putt-Fallows, Anastasia Reid (Chair), Kady Saxon, Josh Taefu (Deputy Chair)
Liaison Councillors:	Tamatha Paul, Jill Day (alternate)
WCC Staff:	Emily Deans (Democracy Advisor), Silas Phillips (Advisor Mataaho Aronui), Meredith Blackler (Chief People and Culture Officer), Greer Forde-MacNaughton (Youth Engagement Advisor), Sarah Dickson (Advisor Planning), Maggie Cook (Advisor Planning)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 4:02pm.

1. Apologies were received from the following members:

3. Cr Day, Artemis – for lateness;
4. Jamie – for absence.

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

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. Youth Councillors shared what's on top for them.

Items

1. Updates

- Anastasia gave an update on the Annual Report and Workplan. She has been in touch with relevant 2021/22 members to work on the Annual Report. The Annual Report and Workplan will need to be approved in the next meeting on Wednesday 17 August. Emily will resend the priorities document with the next agenda.
- Josh gave an update on Youth Hub. They're working on an engagement plan for Youth Hub. If there are events you think would be cool for the Youth Hub team to attend, then let Josh know.
- Josh gave an update on Mock Submissions. We will do a mock oral submission in the next meeting in your mock submission group. Emily will send around more information with the next agenda.
- Josh and Ella mentioned that Festival for the Future was great. Everyone met lots of cool people, including other Youth Councillors and the panels and speakers were really interesting! Artemis mentioned they are organising an informal group chat with the Napier Youth Council.
- Emily gave an update on the Let's Get Wellington Moving combined advisory group hui on Tuesday 22 October at 5.30pm – the calendar invitation is coming soon. This means the Wednesday 5 October meeting will be cancelled.

2. Karakia and tikanga crash course, *Presented by Silas Phillips*

Silas opened the session with a karakia by Kupe – the legendary Māori navigator who named the islands in Te Whanganui-a-Tara harbour.

Saying a karakia sets ourselves up for kaupapa and acknowledges the new space. During the karakia, take off your pōtae/hat. Some people chose to bow or close your eyes, but you don't necessarily need to.

Tikanga is having karakia, whereas kawa is how you do a karakia and it varies across the motu/island.

Silas encouraged Youth Councillors to research and find your own karakia. It's important to open and close the space, there are different karakia to open a space and to close the space. Then there are karakia before eating kai - karakia mō te kai. We need to wait for everyone to arrive before we do a karakia mō te kai.

Cultural Safety is around how people are respected for who they are. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Toa Rangatira has wānanga around the different levels of acknowledgement and support of cultural safety. No organisations in Aotearoa are at a truly culturally safe place. It is useful to know where we sit as Youth Council. What is Youth Council's stance on honouring Te Tiriti?

- Youth Councillors acknowledged that they have a long way to go - progress starts with things like this and then we need to take action. It's awesome to have Silas here, thank you for being here.
- Many Youth Councillors mentioned wanting to learn and grow to better understand Te Tiriti and to be a good partner.
- Youth Councillors reiterated that they are all very grateful to have Silas here and suggested that the first step to change is listening to those with expertise and who are affected.
- There was a discussion around how Youth Council fits in within the Council – what should we be doing on Youth Council to honour Te Tiriti? The Advisory Group Terms of Reference don't include anything about Te Tiriti.
- All Youth Councillors supported opening and closing meeting with a karakia and everyone is keen to do this work.
- The importance of researching karakia carefully was emphasised. The meaning and intention of karakia is very important.
- There was a question if Youth Council could make our own karakia? Could there be an Advisory Group karakia? A karakia could be composed for Youth Council or the Advisory Groups, but it wouldn't be written by members rather be written by an expert or elder.
- There was a discussion of how to be a good Te Tiriti partner. Silas mentioned that being a good Te Tiriti partner looks different for different groups. Key words include empowerment of Te Ao Māori and Tangata Māori, collaboration and supporting Tino rangatiratanga.

Actions

- **Emily** will share some resources via email for Tangata Tiriti (people of Te Tiriti) Youth Councillors on how to be a good Te Tiriti partner.
- **Youth Councillors** will bring this discussion online to decide together on karakia for Youth Council.

Youth Councillors thanked Silas for their session and Silas mentioned that Youth Councillors can get in touch with any other ideas or questions.

Silas closed the session with a karakia.

3. District Plan, *Presented by Sarah Dickson and Maggie Cook*

Sarah and Maggie shared slides (attached) and introduced the District Plan as the rulebook for how we all use land. It applies to every property in the city and provides the blueprint for how Wellington will grow. It was last updated 20 years ago.

Key issues that are covered by the District Plan are:

- Three waters
- Residential zones
- Sustainability
- Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and Landscapes
- Mana whenua

It is really important to [submit on the District Plan](#) as this is the last opportunity to have your say before it becomes policy.

Submissions close on 12 September.

The team handed out a booklet and cheat sheet (attached) about the District Plan.

Youth Councillors asked the following questions:

- Does the housing include accessibility for people with disabilities including non-physical disabilities? We can only do what we are legally able to do, within the home is bound by the building code.
- By not allowing residential residency on ground floor, will that stop new residential buildings being built? The idea is that the ground floor would be a café or business, and it would be arranged to also allow for privacy for tenants on higher floors. It is beneficial to allow for some kind of non-residential activity on the bottom floor to enable businesses to thrive. This is looking to the future for new apartments.
- It's encouraging to see the housing intensification come in 2023 – does this include the design guides? Some things have an immediate legal affect including parts of the design guides. We are already encouraging developers to use the design guide, they get points for meeting or going above the design guidelines.
- Is there space for new SNAs? Yes, there's a policy that's been in progress for a long time and coming into effect in December to add new SNAs. If someone goes through a resource consent and it's discovered that area meets the criteria, it can be added as an SNA.
- Does the Plan include climate change mitigation for the CBD? Yes, the new District Plan has hazard mapping including hazard sensitive areas. We are also considering how that affects our growth and patterns. There's an online mapping tool to look at the overlays and mapping.

- How is the District Plan applied retrospectively to older buildings? There's a protection in the RMA called existing environment, we don't make existing building meet these requirements but if people want to make changes to their property then they will need to follow the District Plan.
- With all these changes, how will Council be increasing iwi capacity to meet all these requirements? We are working on an iwi management plan to guide the planners. We use the word consult a lot but we understand there is often a capacity issue – we are trying to get there.
- What are pros and cons of having a business on the ground floor? This provides the amenities locally without needing to walk. It's difficult to figure out how developers will determine the building beforehand, but they will make sure there is a buffer between the public and private spaces in apartments.
- How are you working to identify SNAs in residential areas? We did map this, but it was taken out from the district plan.
- Does the public requirement for ground floors include offices? Yes.
- Is there a map of medium and high-density areas? Yes, we have an intense mapping tool with a GIS map that shows everything, including natural hazards, the SNAs.

If you want to be involved in the District Plan submission working group, please talk to Keelan, Ali, Anastasia or Josh.

Youth Councillors thanked Maggie and Sarah for their presentation.

4. Youth Council Survey, *Presented by Anastasia, Josh, Greer & Emily*

Anastasia and Greer went through the slides (attached) summarising the responses we got to the Youth Council survey for former and current members we conducted in June.

We talked through the actions we are taking following the survey (please see the notes on the survey document).

Please let Anastasia, Josh, Emily or Greer know if you have any ideas you'd like to bring to Youth Council, we always want to hear from you!

- Ashleigh gave some further feedback that she would like to see a Māori and Pacific Island working group and to see Youth Council give speakers a koha, especially to external speakers like the Zoo staff. Emily has added a Māori and Pacific working group to the Working Groups and Youth Councillors will follow up on koha for speakers.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm.

Information

Next meeting date: Wednesday, 17 August 2022

Portfolio / Working Groups:

- Annual Report (led by Anastasia)
- District Plan working group (led by Keelan and Ali)
- Māori & Pacific Island working group (led by Ashleigh)

- Election working group (led by Henry)
- Youth Hub (led by Josh)
- Communications working group (tbc)