

Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Pōneke

Wellington Youth Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 17 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:	Ben Bridle, Leandra Broughton, Artemis Crawford, Keelan Cy Heesterman, 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
Liaison Councillors:	Tamatha Paul, Jill Day (alternate)
WCC Staff:	Emily Deans (Democracy Advisor), Silas Phillips (Advisor Mataaho Aronui), Greer Forde-MacNaughton (Youth Engagement Advisor), Kristine Ford (Principal Advisory Policy), Georgina Lamb (Senior Engagement Specialist)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 4:05pm.

1. Apologies were received from the following members:
 3. Cr Paul, Anastasia – for lateness;
 4. Josh, Cr Day, Meredith, Andrew, Finley – for absence.
 5. Ali – for early departure.

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
 - Henry and Greer gave an update on the elections working group. The 12 August date to enrol for postal votes has passed, but you can still enrol to vote and cast a special vote. We have received lots of nominations for candidates!
 - Ali and Keelan gave an update on the District Plan working group. Different sections of the plan have been allocated to different people. The first section is the Tangata Whenua section - Ella has done a first draft and then pass to the wider group in the chat. Henry is working on three waters and heritage housing – the group would prefer to focus on the local perspective of three waters rather than the national. In regard to heritage housing there was agreement to support the direction the council is going in to be small and targeted, but to think about whose heritage these policies are preserving. Each section will share the draft submissions in the group for feedback and there will be a short discussion of each section in the next Youth Council meeting on 7 September.
 - Ashleigh gave an update on the Māori and Pacific Island (MPI) working group, please let Ashleigh know (by reacting to the message in the chat) if you're keen to join the working group. Anyone who wants to should join and is welcome (not just Māori and Pacific Island members) and the group will set up a kaupapa. Karakia and koha are two big issues so far that could go to a wider group. Ashleigh will also send around some documents and resources in the chat.
 - Greer gave an update that the Wellington Waste team will be coming to a meeting in October.
 - Greer gave an update that consultation for the [Newtown bus and bike improvements](#) is open – around bus-stops and cycle routes. It's a quick and easy survey and you can select an option if you want to speak to Council (on Thursday 8 September). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the team at newtowncity@wcc.govt.nz

- Greer gave an update that the Pōneke Promise team are doing a working group on Te Aro park urban design upgrade. Greer will pass on the invitation to Youth Councillors once the date is confirmed.

2. Engagement Review, *Presented by George Lamb*

George shared her slides and introduced herself and the new engagement team. Engagement is an intentional process with the specific purpose of working with organisations, stakeholders, and community to shape decisions, opportunities, and outcomes. It involved anything where Council engages with stakeholders.

The team are trying to think of interesting and exciting ways to engage with people. Primarily this review has an internal engagement focus. This review will feed into a plan that will engage more widely beyond the Council.

Engagement doesn't always go well at Council. We want to understand how well Council engages with young people and what works and what doesn't.

Youth Councillors split into groups to discuss the following three questions and wrote notes on sheets of paper.

- How well do you feel Council currently engages with young people?
- What does good look/sound/feel like when it comes to engaging with young people? What does bad look like?
- What would you really like Council to know when it comes to engagement with young people?

George took the notes away to feed into the review process. This will inform a wider engagement plan. Please get in touch with George or Greer if you have any more thoughts or ideas!

Youth Councillors thanked George for her time.

3. Community Facilities Plan, *Presented by Kristine Ford*

Kristine shared her slides and introduced herself and the Community Facilities Plan.

The city is growing and changing – we need to ensure our community facilities are well placed to respond to community growth and changes.

We know there are issues with the performance of some community facilities – whether an asset is coming to the end of its life, has structural / condition issues, not fit-for-purpose, not providing quality experiences, not well utilised.

In order to meet the Council's vision and strategic priorities, we need a plan which guides Council's efforts to ensure **we have the right facility in the right place at the right time.**

To do this, we need strong evidence underpinning our priorities and a clear framework to support decision-making to ensure we are getting the most from our community facility network.

The plan is focused on facilities owned by the Council or those owned or operated by third parties who have an ongoing funding relationship with the Council to provide public access

to the facility. The Council also provides subsidised leases of land and/or buildings to community organisations and these are included as part of this plan.

We are currently in phase 1 of developing the plan which is the analysis phase.

Youth Councillors split out into groups to discuss the following question:

- What are the key insights we should be thinking about from a youth perspective?
- What are the key outcomes you would like to see from our community facilities from a youth perspective?

Kristine collected the notes from the groups, please get in touch with Kristine if you have any further thoughts. Kristine will report back to Youth Council in Dec/Jan to report back on the first phase of the plan.

4. Annual Plan and Workplan, *Presented by Anastasia & Emily*

Anastasia split Youth Councillors into groups to revisit the Youth Councillors priorities discussed in the 6 July meeting. Each group highlighted their key points that will feed into the workplan. Anastasia collected the priority sheets that will feed into the workplan.

Anastasia will circulate the Annual Report and Workplan by email to Youth Councillors for review prior to the deadline of Tuesday 23 August.

Youth Council will present the workplan and Annual Plan at the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Culture and Economic Committee meeting on Thursday 1 September at 4pm. Emily will forward you the calendar invitation shortly. Each Advisory Group will have 10 minutes to present their Annual Plan and workplan.

5. Mock Submissions, *Presented by Anastasia*

Nīkau and Teresa's group presented their mock submission on why we should ban Vanilla.

Caspar presented their mock submission on why we should add a slide to the lagoon.

Youth Councillors thanked Nīkau, Teresa and Caspar for their excellent (and entertaining) mock submissions. We will continue the mock submissions in the following meetings.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm.

Information

Next meeting date: Wednesday, 7 September 2022

Portfolio / Working Groups:

- Annual Report and Workplan (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)