

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2
Time 4-6.30pm, 28 September 2011

Present

Members: Katja Heesterman, Ruth Corkill, Duncan Armstrong, Morgan Watkins, Jack Marshall, Bing-Ying Lou, James Wall-Manning, Susie Larken, Ana Yabakiron

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Martin Rodgers and Michael Okkerse

Minutes

1. Opening/Karakia

Katja welcomed the group. A quorum was declared as over half of the current members were present.

2. Apologies

Emily Murphy, Zoe Doole, Zared Wall-Manning, Ricki Lambert, Stevenson Pule, Rebecca Christini, Ben Ogilvie

3 Previous minutes and matters arising

James moved that the minutes be ratified, Bing seconded the motion and it was passed. No matters were raised.

4. What's on top

A number of members talked about significant family events, especially the arrival of new babies. Duncan was congratulated about a New York film role.

5. Portfolio reportbacks / Forward programme

Arts and Culture

- WCC is consulting on its draft arts and culture strategy. Bing to recommend next steps for YC input at the next meeting.

Climate Change

- Report on the Climate Change Action Plan due at SPC shortly

Community Engagement

- A link to the Wellywood or what sign vote is now on the YC's facebook page

Community Facilities

- The upcoming leases policy review was noted

Governance

- Katja to find out about proposed portfolio group meeting with Cr McKinnon

Social

- The review of the death of the Council tenant was noted

Sports and Events

- Rugby World Cup is dominating at the moment. A question was raised about how related events are going. Katja will look into this.

Transport (Public Transport and Roading)

- Work to improve bus lanes from Courtney Place to Newtown was noted

Walking, Cycling, Motorcycling and Safety

- Morgan attended his first Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group (SASTRG) meeting on 21 September and reported some of the discussions.

6. General Business

Publicity drafts

- The revised publicity drafts were discussed. The versions with the Beehive image at the bottom were preferred.
- There was a discussion about how youth could flag issues to Youth Council, whether youth know YC exists and whether youth even understand what Council does. It was noted that information about YC and how to communicate with it can be found on the WCC website and on the YC's Facebook page. Katja will put a link to the WCC web-information on the YC on the YC's Facebook page.
- There was a discussion about what communications YC should be pushing out versus the personal responsibility of youth to inform themselves. It was noted that there were complaints about Auckland Council's well resourced Youth Advisory Panel, particularly about its claims to be representative
- There was a discussion about communication channels including the Our Wellington page in the DomPost, school newsletters and with groups such as scouts and the Forest and Bird Youth group. Morgan, James and Jack to find out about publishing in their school newsletters and Ruth to find out about opportunities in scout-type and Forest and Bird publications.
- The need to have a strategic communications plan was also discussed.
- Bing to find out about publishing in Salient a story about being a Youth Councillor. A decision to publish will be made at the next meeting.

Membership

- Katja noted that Brittany Packer and Ruby White were no longer members and that Helen Yu had resigned.
- The question of whether to fill those vacancies now or later during the annual recruitment drive was considered. Katja will provide a recommendation to the YC on this.

Long Term Plan

- Martin Rodgers led a session on WCC's Long Term Plan.
- YC will develop some LTP input at its next meeting.

7. Closing/Karakia

The meeting closed at 6:30pm. The next meeting is on 12 October 2011

Actions summary

1. **Bing** to recommend next steps for YC input into the draft arts and culture strategy at the next meeting.
2. **Katja** to find out about proposed governance portfolio group meeting with Cr McKinnon
3. **Katja** to look into how Rugby World Cup related events are going
4. **Katja** will put a link to the WCC web-information on the YC on the YC's Facebook page
5. **Morgan, James and Jack** to find out about publishing in their school newsletters and **Ruth** to find out about opportunities in scout-type and Forest and Bird publications.
6. **Bing** to find out about publishing in Salient a story about being a Youth Councillor. A decision to publish will be made at the next meeting.
7. **Katja** will provide a recommendation to the YC on recruiting new members.