

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington
When 4-5.30 pm, 13 June 2012

Present

Members: Ani-Piki Tuari, Ben Ogilvie, Bing-Ling Lou, Cameron Oldfield, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, James Wall-Manning, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Morgan Watkins, Ruth Corkill and Stevenson Pule.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav and Tim Crooks

Minutes

1. Opening

James welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Trilford, Zared Wall-Manning, Roma Simmons-Donaldson and Zoe Doole. Edgardo Reyes apologised for leaving early. Cr Marsh and Ani-Piki Tuari apologised for arriving late.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including disaster management training, exams, a German language test, a leadership retreat, quantum mechanics, a gymnastics competition in Auckland, work experience at the Maori Party office, attending a Philippines Independence Day celebration and attending the Green Party AGM.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts were declared. James requested that members complete their conflicts of interest declarations and return them to Simon.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

James moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Jack seconded the motion.

6. Portfolio/Forward Programme

Jack reported on emergency management and informed members about the new Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO).

Ruth reported that she has invited Mani Mitchell to talk to YC on intersex issues. James responded that Zoe had informed him about this and clarified that he'll check if this can be put on agenda.

Cameron informed members that there is a WCC event on Saturday 16 June on Politics, Architecture, Art and History between 10am and 2pm. If anyone is interested they can attend this event. Flyers for the event were distributed.

Bing informed members that the YC's oral submission on the WCC's draft Events Policy is scheduled for Friday, 22 June at 9.50am. Simon said that they could go back to Democratic Services if they want to change the time. Members were encouraged to support Bing and the working group by attending the oral submission.

7. General Business

Regional Governance (Working Group)

Ben informed members that Regional Governance Working Group had met the previous night and drafted feedback on the Government's Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill for the WCC. There is a short timeframe for feedback to WCC. In addition to providing the WCC with feedback, YC members decided to make a submission directly to the Local Government and Environment Committee.

YC members reviewed the working group's draft feedback and made suggestions. Ben will amend the feedback accordingly and Simon will forward it to Elise Webster. Cr Marsh suggested that YC members read the Bill and suggested that they ask the WCC's Executive Strategy business unit to review the YC's submission for factual accuracy.

James thanked the working group and Ben received a round of applause for his hard work.

Media – adult playground coverage and strategy

Members were informed that the adult playground idea in the YC's Long Term Plan submission had received media coverage. A copy of The Dominion Post article featuring James and including a photo of him on a slide was tabled. Ruth commented that it was a lovely article, memorable and directly associated with youth.

Simon informed members that Zoe had been interviewed on Radio RDU, Christchurch. The producer said that Zoe had done a great job and was an excellent ambassador for the YC.

James informed members that he and Zoe had had discussions with Richard MacLean, the WCC's media spokesperson, about raising the YC's profile. James said he would be working with Zoe and Simon to further develop the YC's media strategy and protocols. Once drafts are created, they will be brought back to YC for further discussion. Ben felt that media training would be essential and pointed out that this would be within Youth Council's Terms of Reference, that is, capacity building for all youth councillors.

Events Policy feedback from Tim Crooks

James welcomed Tim Crooks from the Events team.

Tim gave an update on Events Policy submissions and highlighted key themes from the YC's submission. He noted interesting themes around encouraging creativity for events, making events more affordable for youth, great support for Cuba Street Carnival, and good suggestions around transportation and ticketing. In total 92 submissions were received. 20 submitters will present oral submissions. Tim commented that, in general, submitters wanted iconic events and events around the harbour. Bing requested that if any members had further ideas for the YC's oral submission, then they should email her.

Simon offered to help Bing with some practice session on oral hearings. Councillor Marsh suggested that oral submitters should clearly tell Councillors what they want and why.

Green paper feedback

James flagged at members could read an update on the Green Paper for Vulnerable Children process in their meeting packs.

Other items

Lily wanted an update on Youth Council dinner. James said that it could be in July or August. One member wanted to know about YC group photo session. James clarified that it will be rescheduled.

Simon suggested that the Regional Governance working group should plan their next meeting now. Members agreed that by 25 June all further comments should be added to the draft comments submission in the Drop Box. The working group will meet on Monday, 25 June at 5pm. The draft submission will be ratified at the next YC meeting on 27 June.

James informed members that there will be a full portfolio report back at the next meeting so members need to be ready for that.

Simon informed members that at the next meeting there will be a talk on Loomio, which is an online, collaborative decision making tool.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:20pm. The next meeting is on 27 June 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

1. Ben will make changes to the Draft Regional Governance submission as discussed and Simon will email it to Elise.
2. Simon to book a meeting room for the Regional Governance working group to meet on Monday, 25 June 2012.