

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 4-5.30 pm, 11 July 2012

Present

Members: Ben Ogilvie, Bing-Ying Lou, Cameron Oldfield, Duncan Armstrong, Edgardo Reyes, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Roma Simmons-Donaldson, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Stevenson Pule and Zoe Doole.

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Minutes

1. Opening

Zoe welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Trilford, Brydon Sundgren, Therese Kyne, James Wall-Manning, Ruth Corkill and Cr Marsh. Edgardo Reyes apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including taking up full time study, civil defence training, graduating, working on a Local Government Reform submission, attending the Young Greens winter camp, getting a job, holidays, looking forward to events such as NZ Film Festival and Wellington on Plate, watching movies and enjoying a quieter time at work.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Jack moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Cameron seconded the motion. Morgan expressed interest in finding out more about Digital Earth Summit.

6. Portfolio/Forward Programme

YC members broke into three portfolio cluster groups (Governance/Community Engagement/Finance; Social/ Community Facilities; Transport (Public Transport & roads)/Walking, cycling, motorcycling & safety) to identify topics of interest and steps for progressing them. Simon will collate all the information from the portfolios clusters sessions. YC will look across all the work areas to identify priorities at the next meeting.

7. General Business

Regional Governance submission (Ben)

The Regional Governance Working Group submitted a YC submission to WCC, which was one of about 1200 submissions. Ben led a discussion about the main points in the submission and sought feedback. This will inform the Working Group's oral submission, which will be towards the end of this month. One suggestion was that some explanation about what the YC means by 'community' would be useful.

The Regional Governance Working Group will also be making a submission on the Local
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Government Act Amendment Bill 2012. The submission will be based on the YC's advice to WCC for its submission, i.e. the submission is largely complete. The Working Group intend to meet 2-3 times before they make their oral submission to the Local Government and Environment Committee. Written submissions are due by 26 July 2012.

Ben informed members that he intends to record what he has learnt process-wise while working on the Regional Governance Working Group (e.g. processes that worked well or didn't, and ideas about how to improve them). Members agreed that this would be valuable and should form part of the YC's 'manual'.

A working group started developing a YC Manual last year to document processes and expectations. While it is incomplete, Simon will post the current version on Drop Box so members can add process learnings to it.

Loomio

Members felt this tool is likely to become more useful the more it used, and once all members are using it. Zoe will ask those members who haven't yet signed up to do so. Some members said that they could not see the decision 'pie chart' on their browsers. It was noted that proposals need to be written so that they have a 'yes-no' answer. Ben Knight from Loomio will be invited to a meeting soon to help members with any issues.

Digital Earth Summit

Simon will contact members about getting involved.

Photo and Dinner

There will be a YC photo session at the meeting scheduled for 8 August. The photos will be used for YC publicity, including media coverage and the YC Facebook.

There will be a YC dinner after the meeting on 8 August. Jack, Bing and Stevenson volunteered to organise the dinner. Members are asked to help organise the dinner by contributing to discussions on Loomio and by emailing award nominations directly to Jack or Bing. Nominations could be for outstanding contributions, being funny or anything else.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:30pm. The next meeting is on 25 July 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

1. Simon to collate all the information from the portfolios clusters sessions for a prioritisation session at the next meeting
2. Simon to post the current version of the YC Manual on Drop Box so members can add process learnings to it
3. Zoe will contact members who haven't yet signed up to Loomio about getting signed up
4. Simon will contact members about getting involved
5. Members are to help Jack, Bing and Stevenson organise the dinner, which will be on 8 August, by contributing to discussions on Loomio and by emailing award nominations directly to Jack or Bing