

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 3.30pm -5.00 pm, 28 November 2012

Present

Members: Brittany Trilford, Cameron Oldfield, Devon Robinson, Duncan Armstrong, Jack Marshall and Morgan Watkins.

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Guests: Prospective new YC members: Elanor Woodhams, Katherine Kooistra, Aornanshe Shamoon, Sue Tim, April Ojala, Alice McEnaney, Daisy Lutyens, Amanda Yong, Penny Crook, Solinda Lach, Toby Kingi
Whitireia journalism student: Taren Stevens

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bing Ying-Lou, Brydon Sundgren, James Wall-Manning, Zared Wall-Manning, Stevenson Pule, Zoe Doole and Councillor Simon Marsh.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including attending the Hobbit Premiere, exams, reading, receiving the Youth Wellingtonian of the Year Award 2012, organising a conference, enjoying sunshine, camping and walking in Mt. Victoria.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

This item was deferred due to lack of quorum.

6. Portfolios/Forward Programme

No issues were reported.

7. General Business

Youth Council Annual Report

Members were asked to look at the Annual Report and provide comments. It was agreed that due to lack of quorum the Annual Report would be ratified on Loomio, the YC's online decision making tool. Members commented that the Annual Report highlighted their achievements well.

Action: YC members to ratify the Annual Report on Loomio.

Emergency Management

Members split into smaller groups and interviewed prospective YC members on youth emergency preparedness. Prospective members felt that the questions need to be more specific. It was difficult to visualise a 'worst possible moment' for a major earthquake. A member suggested that it would be useful to have detailed information for youth in each

suburb.

Town Belt submission

Members were informed that the consultation period closes on 10 December. Members agreed that the Town Belt submission will be ratified on Loomio and then submitted.

Action: YC members to ratify the Town Belt submission on Loomio.

Festival of the Future report (Zoe/Bing)

This item was deferred.

GWRC bus review report (Zoe, Bing, Jack)

Jack briefed members that the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association had made a good submission to GWRC bus review. The discussions were on integrated ticketing and fares. A number of people commented that many youth were unaware of recent fare increase and suggestions were made on how best to communicate with youth about fare increases. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to GWRC to communicate these suggestions. Cameron volunteered to draft a letter and put it on Loomio for everyone to comment on.

Action: Cameron to draft a letter on behalf of Youth Council for GWRC regarding how to communicate fare increases to youth.

Working group on regional governance

It was agreed at the last meeting that a working group on regional governance be formed. Ben had already expressed his interest. Members were asked who would be keen to join this working group. A working group comprising on Ben, Jack and Morgan are to work on this. Six new prospective members have expressed interest in working on this over summer.

Questions from prospective members

New prospective YC members had a range of questions including:

1. How much background work is involved in preparing for portfolios?
2. What is the work plan for 2013?
3. How often does YC do surveys and how are these surveys done?
4. How seriously is the Youth Council input taken?

Other item

Brittany briefed members about her meeting at the Masterton District Council (MDC) where she was asked about youth engagement. She suggested the MDC start by forming a Youth Council. Simon and Brittany will provide some further advice to MDC.

Action: Brittany and Simon to provide further advice to the Masterton District Council about setting up a Youth Council.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 4:45 pm. The next meeting is on 12 December 2012 in Committee Room 2.