

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington
When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 6 March 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Bing Ying-Lou, Cameron Oldfield, Daisy Lutyens, Devon Robinson, Duncan Armstrong, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Maddie Bell, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson, Stevenson Pule, Teariki Goodwin-Nonu and Zoe Doole.

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav

Councillor: Simon Marsh

Guests: **Consultation & Engagement and Treaty Relations teams, WCC:**
 Jane Patterson, Sandra Crews, Janette Wallace-Gedge, Lisa Matthews, Billie Tait-Jones and Mark Ormsby.
 Taren Stevens, Journalism Student from Whiteria Polytechnic.

Minutes

1. Opening

Zoe welcomed everyone. Billie Tait-Jones and Simon Wright said a karakia/opening prayer called 'Whakataka te hau'. Mark Ormsby said a mihi whakatau/welcome. Billie and Mark Ormsby (guitar) then lead the Consultation and Engagement team in a rendition of the waiata/song "Tutira mai".

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ben Oglivie, Stevenson Pule for arriving late and Devon Robinson for leaving early.

3. What's on top

Members were asked to mix and mingle and introduce themselves to other members.

4. Conflicts of interest

Simon explained to new YC members what a conflict of interest means in context of Youth Council. Members will be required to complete conflict of interest declarations towards the end of this year's induction process.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Morgan moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct for 20 February meeting. Oliver seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios/Forward Programme

Zoe gave a brief overview of Youth Council portfolio system. Portfolios will be assigned by the end of March.

Devon and Duncan reported on Community Engagement portfolio. They have met with Idea Services and want to help them build the confidence of youth with disabilities so that they can participate in institutions such as the Youth Council.

7. General Business

Induction 1: Members talk about what YC means to them

Current members talked about what YC means to them.

- Ensuring young people are a part of decision
- An opportunity to meet with other youth groups
- Making connections with different groups is very rewarding
- Staying connected with what is happening in your city.
- Shaping positive change in the city.
- Opportunities to attend conferences
- Learning new skills and building confidence.

Information about the role and structure of WCC, and of advisory groups

Councillor Marsh gave a presentation on the formal role of Councillors and officers, and about the WCC policy and the decision making processes.

Getting information about WCC issues, etc.

Members should sign up for WCC web alerts and like the Youth Council Facebook page.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Zoe briefed new members about the role of Chair and Deputy Chair. Members decided to run separate elections for Chair and Deputy Chair. It was agreed that members must self-nominate to run, and that nominees would have the opportunity to speak briefly on why they should be elected and that members would also be able to question them. The election would be by secret ballot.

Jack, Bing and Petello nominated themselves for Chair, and Jack was elected.

Oliver and Petelo nominated themselves for Deputy Chair, and Oliver was elected.

Youth engagement for WCC Alcohol Management Strategy (Bing, Devon and BGI Link)

Jack introduced Bing and asked her to speak about WCC's Alcohol Management Strategy which is open for public feedback. Bing informed members that WCC wants community input into a new Alcohol Management Strategy.

Bing informed members that BGI Link and the Youth Council are co-hosting an event together. A youth workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 23 March at Te Papa from 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Members need to register via the Youth Council's Facebook page and help recruit participants. Up to a 100 people can participate. There will be spot prizes for people who come to workshop. Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, Councillors Stephanie Cook, Simon Marsh and Paul Eagle have been invited to the event.

Induction 2: A game to help you learn about WCC services, strategies and budgets

This item was deferred.

Other business

Simon introduced Taren Stevens, a Journalism student from Whiteria Polytechnic who

wrote an article about the Youth Council at the end of 2012. Taren interviewed some of the new Youth Council members after the meeting and will write an article for the Newswire website.

Jack thanked Zoe for her amazing work as Chair of Youth Council. Councillor March said that Zoe has grown in her role as Chair and that the Youth Council had become much more valuable to the WCC under her guidance.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:35 pm. The next meeting is at 4.00pm, 20 March 2013 in Committee Room 2.

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