

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington
When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 3 April 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Bing-Ying Lou, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Maddie Bell, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson, Teariki Goodwin-Nonu, Ben Ogilvie, Duncan Armstrong, Stevenson Pule, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Brittany Hogan.

Councillor: Cr Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Martin Rodgers

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Morgan Watkins, Zoe Doole and Cr Ahipene-Mercer.

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared. Jack asked new members to give their Conflict of Interest forms and other tax-related forms to Simon at the end of meeting.

4. Previous minutes and matters arising

Sean moved the minutes as true and correct subject to minor corrections. Ben seconded the motion and it was passed.

5. General Business

Membership update

Brittany Trilford, who will be studying overseas this year, resigned before the completion of this year's recruitment process, which meant 9 new members were appointed. Edgardo Reyes, who is unable to attend meetings because of a timetable clash, resigned more recently and has been replaced by Brittany Hogan.

Transport forum in Lower Hutt

Ben and Petelo briefed the YC about the forum, which attracted 30-50 people, included about 5 presentations and was hosted by Young Labour. They said that their joint presentation of the YC's position on student fares had been well received. Other ideas included:

- A specific tertiary fare might be set at the same price as a monthly pass (40% discount), which would make it slightly more expensive than a child fare (50% discount)
- Specific tertiary lines could be instituted although students generally need good, affordable access to other buses lines too. More affordable student fares could increase the use of public transport, improve the quality of life of students and boost the economy
- It was noted that it is cheaper for students to drive to central Wellington from places

such as Upper Hutt than to take public transport.

- Greater Wellington Regional Council is working with the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association to survey students about how to improve the public transport system
- A unified ticketing/payment system for all modes of public transport could be rolled out soon subject to changes in central government policy

Alcohol Workshop

Members reviewed the Alcohol Workshop Debrief document that was produced by the Link-YC working group. Members who attended then commented on their experience. Comments included:

- Would have like more participants. With more time, more networks could have been asked to help recruit. However, workshops tend to attracted a certain type of person, so perhaps other ways of reaching a more representative cross section of youth should have been considered
- Good prompt questions and good facilitation helped make discussion easy and productive. One member noted that facilitating at various points during the workshop meant she was less involved in the discussion than she would have liked.
- Having developed an excellent workshop methodology, it was a shame we didn't re-use it and hold more workshops in a range of places
- One younger member enjoyed listening to the experiences of older people
- Instead of the whole organising committee deciding on catering, this decision could have been delegated. This would have enable the whole committee to focus on more important decisions and actions

Youth Council Media Policy

Members reviewed the Youth Council Media Policy. Jack noted that the 2 main points were that only the Chair or the Chair's proxy can formally represent the YC to the media and that only agreed YC positions should be communicated.

Questions were raised about public situations (e.g. the WCC's online alcohol collaboration or the Lower Hutt Transport Forum) in which individuals were known to be YC members. In this situation, the key thing is for individuals to clearly differentiate between a YC and personal position.

Jack congratulated Bing on her good work as the administrator of the YC Facebook page over the last year. Bing, Daisy and Lily were appointed to jointly administer the page in 2013.

Developing the YC Manual

The Induction Working Group led a session to develop a YC Manual, which aims to:

- provide clarity about what YC does, how it does it, and who does what
- add to the Terms of Reference
- record what has and has not worked for the YC in terms of processes

The Manual will be a working document that will be modified, changed and corrected over time. It will be reviewed annually as part of the process the YC uses to develop its Annual Report. The Manual will probably be published as a hardcopy for members, as a link from the YC webpage on the WCC website, and in the YC's Drop Box for ongoing

amendment.

Members added points that they thought needed to be in the Manual under the headings: Calendar, Policies, Guidelines, Roles, Other. Cr Marsh urged members not to bind themselves too tightly with rules as the value of YC is its 'free thinking'.

The Induction Working Group will use the input from the session to further develop the Manual and will bring it back to the full YC soon.

Forward programme review and identification of submission opportunities

Members broke into small groups, reviewed the WCC's SPC Forward Programme and then identified issues the YC would like to work on as follows:

1. Open Space (9 May)
2. Alcohol Management Strategy (9 May)
3. Annual Plan (April-May)
4. Our Living City (18 April)
5. Volunteering Strategy (18 April)
6. Accessibility

Assigning Portfolios

Members indicated their top 3 portfolio preferences. Jack, Ollie and Simon will review these and assign portfolios at the next YC meeting.

Zoo Day

Advisory Group members and their families are able to attend the WCC staff Zoo Day. YC Members indicated their interest so that Simon could register them.

9. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5.30pm. The next meeting is at 4.00pm, 17 April 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Bing, Daisy and Lily appointed to jointly administer the YC Facebook page in 2013
2. Induction Working Group to further develop the Manual and bring it back to the full YC
3. YC work programme to include the issues listed above.
4. Jack, Ollie and Simon to assign portfolios at the next YC meeting