

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington
When 4.00 pm -5.30 pm, 1 May 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Daisy Lutyens, Devon Robinson, Duncan Armstrong, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson, Sean Johnson, Stevenson Pule, Teariki Nonu, Zoe Doole

Councillor: Cr Marsh

Officers: Lisa Matthews (Senior Advisor, Consultation and Engagement)

Guests: Rekha Jatav, Rick Zwaan (Wellbeing and Sustainability Officer, Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Maddie Bell.

3. What's on top?

Each member shared with the group an important thing that is going on in their life.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Sean moved the minutes as true and correct. Teariki seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

Duncan attended an arts forum and alerted the YC to the Museum of Wellington City & Sea's "The Long Table" project, which an opportunity for the public to help with various design concepts for future exhibitions.

7. General Business

Regional governance submission

The YC reviewed and ratified the working group's draft submission with the following changes:

- YC does not oppose amalgamation but does not believe there is a community groundswell supporting change
- Option 2 model could work well if local boards were given power to make decisions, etc.
- Local representation and community access are both important.
- A query needs to be included in the submission about what will happen to the

region's Youth Councils

Fairer Fares Campaign

Rick presented on the campaign and asked for the YC's support. The campaign:

- Aims for access to public transport for tertiary students by extending discounted fares from high school students
- Responds to the fact that the cost of public transport is causing poverty
- Includes postcards for supporters to sign and post to the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), a website that enables people to email regional councillors, and a public forum at VUW at 1pm on Wednesday 8 May
- Is supported by Mr Wade-Brown and local Members of Parliament

YC members raised the points set out in the following table, which includes a column with Rick's response.

Point	Response
Why just students? Why not all low income?	This starts making public transport more accessible. In places overseas, concessions are offered for students, disabled, low income, etc.
Who pays for it?	Auckland model has concessions, which were cost neutral for Auckland. Research by VUWSA says that there will be an increase in patronage which will offset the cost. Therefore cost impacts will be minimal. Students travel off peak a lot and VUWSA could also support a 50% fare discount between 10am and 3pm.
What could YC do?	This is up to YC but could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email notice of forum • A press release • Joint work

A majority of Youth Councillors supported joining the Fairer Fares campaign.

Action:

- Jack to talk with Rick and Simon regarding the level of support and then report back to YC.

Annual Plan

WCC Officers were not able to present on the Annual Plan at this meeting. The Working Group is to decide a time for a presentation using Loomio.

Action:

- The Annual Plan Working Group is to decide a time for a presentation using Loomio.

Youth Week Breakfast

YC received a Youth Week grant from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs and are hosting a breakfast for YC members and Wellington City Councillors at 9am on 4 May at Drexels, which is breakfast restaurant. All Wellington City Councillors were invited and responses were received from Crs McKinnon, Lester, Eagle, Best and Marsh. CE Kevin Lavery and Martin Rodger (Manager, Research, Consultation and Planning) are also attending. YC members who had not already RSVP'd were asked to do so as soon as possible.

Further work programme development

The YC firstly reviewed last year's topics and themes, and the following comments were made:

- **Youth focused civics work**
Devon will report back to YC and perhaps other groups after an upcoming deliberative democracy conference.
- **Street art programme**
This theme is to be deleted. Street art is covered under the Arts and Culture portfolio.
- **Youth and emergencies**
Delete reference to Operation Shakeout as this has already happened. YC could apply for grant funding for a crowd sourcing project.

The YC then broke into small groups to work on:

- What do youth need in Wellington at the moment? What are the youth issues of the moment?
- What are your ideas for YC projects in 2013?
- What 2-3 ideas (from last year or new ones) do you want to put forward to YC?

The groups will reconvene next meeting to present their 2013 ideas and for YC to make decisions about their work programme.

WCC Forums

The Pacific Forum is on 7 May and the Ethnic Forum is on 13 May.

Engagement Policy

Lisa informed YC about work on the WCC's Engagement Policy. She asked members to think about:

- What are the barriers to young people engaging?
- What works well currently?
- What are some good ideas for change?

Members were asked to consider this before the next meeting and talk to their friends and family. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5.30pm. The next meeting is at 4.00pm, 15 May 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Jack to talk with Rick and Simon regarding the level of support for the Fairer Fares campaign and then report back to YC.
2. The Annual Plan Working Group is to decide a time for a presentation using Loomio.