

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.05 pm - 5.30 pm, 21 August 2013

Present

Members: Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Cameron Oldfield, Duncan Armstrong, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Zoe Doole

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh (left 4.30pm)

Officers: Joanne Maraki (Consultation and Engagement)

Guests: Hiromi Morris and Graydon Hayes (Sister Cities); Katrina Sneath, Carolyn Stobbs; Hayley Robinson (for part of the meeting)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Amanda, Daisy, Rawinia, Maddy and Morgan. Lily apologise for arriving late.

Joanne Maraki put in apologies for Simon Wright who is currently on bereavement leave.

Youth Council requested that their regards are passed on to Simon Wright and his family at this time. (Ben/Brittany)

3. What's on top?

Each member shared with the group important activities happening for them at this time including exams, assignments, and scientific experiments, travel and recreation.

Highlights:

- Jack Marshall is standing for the Tawa Community Board in the up coming elections.
- This is Zoe's last meeting after many years of service as a Youth Council member. Mayor Wade-Brown (arrived at 4.20pm) to formally acknowledge the many contributions Zoe has made in her role on Youth Council on behalf of Council. Mayor Wade-Brown also presented Zoe with written acknowledgement and commendation for her contributions. Cr Marsh acknowledged her contributions and commented on what a pleasure it had been to see her grow and develop.
- Members wished Ollie a happy birthday.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Previous minutes for the meeting held 7 August 2013 are accepted as a true and correct record. Petelo moved. Ben seconded. Passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

A member asked if there had been any progress on a need that was identified earlier in the year, that is, more water fountains around the city.

YC reviewed the WCC's forward programme to identify items for its works programme.

- It was noted that YC should not only be looking to engage with WCC at the submission stage but should also attempt to contribute earlier in policy and decision making processes.
- It was noted the Pacific Advisory Group may be talking with SPC about a Pacific Action Plan. YC would like to know if a Youth Strategy or Youth Action Plan is a possibility, and if it is, how YC could make this happen.
- Other possible items for the work programme are:
 - Draft Affordable Housing Strategy (December 2013)
 - Draft Town Belt Bill (December 2013)
 - Capital City Education Initiative

Actions:

- *Simon to advise on progressing water fountain issue*
- *Simon to advise on what mechanisms are available for the YC to contribute earlier.*
- *Simon to provide options for promoting a Youth Strategy or Action Plan*
- *Simon to advise on when the first SPC meeting of the next triennium will be.*

7. General Business

Alcohol Submission Feedback:

Jack updated the YC on feedback from Council Officer Jamie Dyhrberg that the oral submission from YC as well done and positive and comprehensively covered all aspects of the Alcohol Management Strategy/Local Alcohol Policy.

Local Body Elections project update

YC are seeking consensus with respect to content going up on the website. YC brainstormed and agreed to 'Vote Welly 2013'

Further work is required to agree on a set of candidate questions with Rawinia.

Sister Cities

President Hiromi Morris and intern Graydon Hayes presented a profile of the role, main aims and objectives of this NGO that has an international presence in many cities and countries around the world. A discussion with YC about potential opportunities to add value to activities for youth at a local level including an offer to work in partnership when/if opportunities arise.

Action: Bing has offered to be the point of contact/liaison between Sister Cities and YC. Sister Information from Sister Cities can be posted on the YC's Facebook.

Volunteering

After a discussion about ways that the YC could get involved in this area of WCC work, YC decided to seek a position on the volunteering steering group.

Action: Simon to let Nigel Taptiklis know that the YC would like to get involved in the

volunteering work by being on the steering group.

Closed Facebook Group

A proposal to conduct more YC communication via the YC's existing closed Facebook Group was discussed. The existing Group has not worked well and to actively use it again would cause duplication, extra work and be more complicated. YC decided to keep the existing Group but not to use it as a major communications channel.

Farewell for Zoe

Zoe was presented with a card and a gift for her excellent service to the Youth Council.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 4 September 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to advice on what mechanisms are available for the YC to contribute earlier.
2. Simon to provide options for promoting a Youth Strategy or Action Plan
3. Simon to advice on when the first SPC meeting of the next triennium will be.
4. Bing to be the point of contact/liaison between Sister Cities and YC. Information from Sister Cities can be posted on the YC's Facebook.
5. Simon to let Nigel Taptiklis know that the YC would like to get involved in the volunteering work by being on the steering group.