

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 4 September 2013

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Ben Oglivie, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Maddie Bell, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rawinia Thompson and Sean Johnson

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement)

Guest: Zakary Gerraty (Whitireia Journalism Student)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cameron Oldfield, Devon Robinson and Lily Simmons-Donaldson. Ben and Rawinia apologised for arriving late and Bing apologised for leaving early.

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

Ollie moved that the minutes for the meeting held on 21 August 2013, with minor amendments, be accepted as true and correct. Sean seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

The Minister of Local Government has announced that e-voting will be piloted during the 2016 local body elections.

7. General Business

Spine Study submission update

The working group reported that it would start drafting a YC submission after the meeting and that members were welcome to join them.

Annual Report

Jack, Ollie, Sean and Bing volunteered to form a working group to draft this year's Annual Report. The working group will develop the report in October.

Recruitment

It was flagged that the process to recruit new Youth Councillors in 2014 would start at the beginning of the Term 4. The YC will decide its recruitment strategy during its 2

October meeting.

Local Body Elections project update

The working group updated members on progress, explained the approach to the candidate questionnaire and led a review of the questions. YC unanimously approved the questionnaire. The working group also reported that the development of the website is nearing completion. Arrangements were made to email candidates and it was flagged that a coordinated social media campaign would be needed to promote the website.

Application to Youth Fund

Jack, Rawinia, Sean, Ben, Daisy, Amanda and Morgan agreed to develop a scope of work for a video project about WCC services. YC will apply to the Ministry of Youth Development for funding from its Youth Fund. Applications close on 24 September.

YC Policy Proposals

YC unanimously approved policy proposals about YC workload, communications, performance monitoring and recruitment. These policies will be added to the YC's Manual.

Youth Strategy?

The YC is interested in exploring further whether the issues facing young people in Wellington warrant advocating for a WCC Youth Strategy.

Evaluation of advisory groups

It was flagged that WCC would shortly be commissioning an evaluation of advisory groups. There was a discussion about whether the YC should ask for a Youth Forum. It was agreed that workshops on specific issues with decisions pending would be better than a general forum.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 18 September 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Jack, Ollie, Sean and Bing will develop the YC's Annual Report in October
2. YC will agree its recruitment strategy for 2014 at its meeting on 2 October
3. Jack, Rawinia, Sean, Ben, Daisy, Amanda and Morgan to develop a scope of work for a video project about WCC services. This will be the basis for a funding application to the Ministry of Youth Development