

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 16 October 2013

Present

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

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bing, Devon, Duncan and Cr Marsh.

3. What's on top?

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

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Sean moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct. Brittany seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Portfolios / Forward Programme

The upcoming Colour Run was noted. 2 members are likely to take part.

7. General Business

Local Body Elections update

Jack gave a presentation on the election results with a focus on Wellington City.

On behalf of the members, Jack thanked Sean for all his work on the www.votewelly.org website and presented him with a gift. Members gave Sean a round of applause.

Sean reported that there had been approximately 400 hits by individuals with about 2,500 page impressions. He said that creating a website for a future project was definitely feasible.

YC Annual Report

Members broke into small groups and worked through the following questions:

1. What have we achieved this year? What are the 2 or 3 most significant achievements? Why are they the most significant?
2. What have we learnt this year?
3. What would it take to move the YC to the next level?

4. What, at this stage, are our ideas or plans for 2014?
5. What, if anything, should we flag to WCC in our Annual Report? Why?

This was followed by a plenary discussion. The result of the group work will feed into the development of the YC's Annual Report. The Annual Report Working Group aims to have a draft written for the next meeting (30 October).

Youth Forum in 2014

Before the election, Mayor Wade-Brown raised the possibility of the Youth Council hosting a large-scale forum for young people. This could be part of the Annual Plan process and include young professionals, trades people and students. The YC will consider this further when there is a firmer proposal.

Conference reports

Maddie presented on her experience at the Entrepreneurship for a Better Wellington conference. She found the new and emerging social enterprise models very interesting.

Rawinia presented on the Human Rights Commission's 4-day National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity that she and Zoe attended. Attendees were very diverse and a lot of issues were discussed but not in enough depth.

End-of-Year event

The idea of have an end-of-year function was discussed. It was decided to look at having a YC only event on 11 December (the last scheduled YC meeting for 2013). It was also decided to look at an event for other youth groups and City Councillors in late November or early December.

Proposal to host events at regional parks

Not many young people visit regional parks and Greater Wellington Regional Council is looking at ways to boost this. Organising events could do this and increase the YC's outreach. As not many Regional Parks are in Wellington City [Wellington Harbour is the only Regional Park near Wellington City], this could be an opportunity to collaborate with the region's youth councils. It was decided to revisit this idea in February or March 2014.

Swearing in ceremony

The next YC meeting on 30 October will finish early, at 5.15pm, so that members can attend the swearing in ceremony for the Mayor and City Councillors. Simon will find out if the swearing in is open to the public.

Recruitment update

Members can start recruiting YC candidates once the Youth Council page of the WCC website is updated. Simon will notify all YC members when this is done.

Congratulating Councillors

Morgan moved that YC congratulate successful Wellington City Council candidates and thank those candidates who answered the YC's Vote Welly survey. Ben seconded the motion and it was passed.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 30 October 2013 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. The Annual Report Working Group to have a draft YC Annual Report written for the next meeting (31 October).
2. It was decided to look at having a YC only event on 11 December (the last scheduled YC meeting for 2013).
3. It was decided to look at an event for other youth groups and City Council in late November or early December.
4. Revisit the idea of organising events in Regional Parks in February or March 2014.
5. Simon to find out if the swearing in is open to the public.
6. Simon to notify all YC members when the WCC website is updated with details about the 2014 recruitment process for new YC members so they can encourage applications.
7. Jack to congratulate successful Wellington City Council candidates and thank those candidates who answered the Vote Welly survey.