

## Record of Meeting: Youth Council

**Venue** Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

**When** 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 30 April 2014

**Present**

Members: Amanda Yong, Ben Ogilvie, Bing-Ying Lou, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Morgan Watkins, Petelo Leaupepe

Councillor: Cr Woolf

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement), Mark Jones (Policy)

## Minutes

### 1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Maddie Bell Oliver Michie, and Sean Johnson. Simon Makero (Evolve) also sent in an apology. Bing and Cr Woolf apologised for arriving late, and Ben for leaving early.

### 3. What's on top

Everyone 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

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

## 6. General Business

### Advisory group review

Mark Jones presented the review findings and proposed changes that relate to the Youth Council.

Questions were raised about:

- how the review was dealing with the requests the YC made in its Annual Report to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee in February for a YC logo and additional resourcing to get more work done
- the need for the proposed annual letter of joint objectives given that the YC already uses a comprehensive process for developing a work programme from the WCC's Forward Programme and that involves its Liaison Councillor
- whether the proposed annual letter of joint objectives would adequately allow the YC to help shape the WCC's strategic priorities
- who from Council would develop and sign off the proposed annual letter of joint objectives

Concerns were raised about the proposed timeline, which would give the YC less than a

week to respond to proposed changes to the Terms of Reference. To meet this timeframe, a special meeting of the Youth Council will be arranged for 4pm, Wednesday 7 May.

The YC flagged that it may use public participation to comment on WCC proposals when the report is made to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee.

### **Parliamentary Youth Week Event**

The Minister of Youth Affairs is hosting a Youth Week event at Parliament on 20 May and WCC has been asked to nominate a selection of Youth Councillors to go. Members were asked to register interest. Simon will forward these to the event organisers

### **Video project**

Bing and Simon updated the YC on progress. Bing will organise a working group meeting for Thursday 1 May.

### **GWRC Transport Plan**

Morgan will draft a YC submission for Bing and the working group to further develop.

### **Youth Week project**

Members discussed how they could realistically organise an event in 3 weeks. It was decided that the event should include 2-3 presenters speaking for 15-20 minutes each. At least one presenter should well-known among young people and school. The theme will be "Getting through: Young people and Mental Health". The next step is to identify presenters with Evolve. Invitations can be sent once presenters are identified.

## **7. Closing**

The meeting closed at 5.35pm. The next ordinary YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 14 May 2014 in Committee Room 2.

## **Decision and Action Summary**

1. Simon to book a room for a YC meeting at 4pm, Wednesday 7 May
2. Simon to forward nominations to the organisers of the Parliamentary Youth Week event.
3. Simon to contact Simon Makero regarding proposals for the YC's Youth Week event