

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, Central Library, Victoria Street, Wellington

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 15 October 2014

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Aornanshe Shamoan, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Eva McGauley, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Julie Hillel, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Martin Rodgers, Marisa Cairncroff.

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Woolf.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared an important thing going on in their lives with the group.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Grace moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct. Jack Comer-Hudson seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. General Business

Engaging Young People In the Long Term Plan

Martin talked to the Youth Council about continuing the work the group had started earlier in the year regarding engaging young people in the Long Term Plan.

The Youth Council split into four groups to consider three questions posed to them by Martin and Jack:

1. What aspects of the Long Term Plan will be of most interest to young people?
2. What ways of engaging will be most effective?
3. If an event was held for young people, what would it look like?

Each group was invited to report back their thoughts on each question.

1. Areas of interest:

Members highlighted that Public transport, Concert and Conference venues, the Tech Precinct, and an Airport Runway Extension were of interest to young people. Members also highlighted that safety and security in the City, density of housing and the efficiency and price of public transport were not areas of focus in the Long Term Plan.

2. Methods of engagement:

Members highlighted that the Council would likely need to make the first step in engaging young people in the Long Term Plan process, as many are often busy with education and other commitments to be proactively engaged with Council business. Members reported that Officers should focus on engaging with schools in order to reach most young people, as well as working with Student Associations at Universities.

Members were unsure of the benefits added by social media, given that posts are often overlooked, or do not get the reach desired.

3. Youth focussed event:

The Youth Council felt that workshops in schools would be effective at canvassing young people. They also felt that videos featuring well known Wellingtonians that young people will recognise and relate to could encourage young people to engage with the Long Term Plan process.

Letter Of Joint Objectives

Members reviewed the draft letter that was tabled by Martin Rodgers. The Youth Council was in general agreement with the draft letter. Members were told to send any feedback to Jack M by Monday 20 October, when he will write back to Martin regarding the letter.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Jack raised the RYLA program, which is a personal development course for young people which is taking place at the end of January 2015. Jack M attended in 2014, and shared his experiences with the group. The Youth Council has two spaces on the course, and members over 18 years of age were asked to give expressions of interest to Jack M. Sean, Morgan and Grace were interested in attending.

Urban Growth Submission

Jack noted that the submission date had passed, but the group will ratify the submission immediately via loomio, and submit in as soon as possible.

Waimakariri Youth Council Visit

Jack M noted that the Waimakariri Youth Council is visiting Wellington from 17 – 19 October. Jack has arranged for both Youth Councils to meet on Saturday 18 October in Committee Room Two at 11:45 am – 2 pm.

Additionally, members have been invited to the Ministry Of Youth Developments Headquarters, on Friday 17 October.

Youth Council Manual

Jack M presented the draft manual to the Youth Council. The Youth Council split into three groups to review the edits made in line with the feedback from a previous meeting. There were no issues raised by the group. The Manual was ratified unanimously, and is now version one. Jack highlighted that the manual was to be a 'living document', intended to be updated periodically as needed to reflect the development of the Youth Council.

Video Project Update

Sean updated members on the video project. Entries closed on 12 October, with thirteen films being received. The working group met after the meeting closed.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.25pm. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 29 October 2014 in the Mezzanine Community Room, Central Library.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Video Working Group to meet to undertake initial judgment of short films
2. Ollie to ratify Urban Growth Plan via Loomio, and then submit as soon as possible
3. Members to meet with Waimakariri Youth Council on Saturday 18 October 2014.