

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue: Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 18 March 2015

Present

Members: Brittany Hogan, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Timothy Rutherford

Councillor: Cr Simon Woolf, Cr Helene Ritchie

Officers: Simon Wright (Policy & Reporting)

Minutes

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Anya Bukholt-Payne, Bing-Ying Lou, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart and Eva McGauley for being unable to attend. Niamh apologised for arriving late and Grace for leaving early.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared at least one important thing going on in their life.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

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

6. General Business

Social Housing submission

Members discussed and responded to the questions in the consultation document in pairs. After collating responses, the following points were raised:

- The need for a triage process so that urgent cases can 'jump the queue'
- The policy needs flexibility so that officers have the discretion to meet needs on a case-by-case basis
- Tenants need certainty and should not be move around
- Focus should be on provision for people who need various types of support
- The need for a smart system so that people can describe their circumstances and find out about all their entitlements whether provided by the WCC or other providers

The Social Housing working group decided to meet straight after the Youth Council meeting to sort out next steps.

Youth Week event

Niamh and Brittany decided to join the Youth Week working group and it decided to

meet straight after the Youth Council meeting to arrange a meeting.

Submission updates

Petelo decided to join the Long Term Plan working group. Sean decided to join the Urban Growth Plan working group. The YC will consider the draft Infrastructure Strategy but may decide not to submit given all the other submissions that are due at the same time. These working groups will meet on Wednesday 25 March to review the documents and develop key messages.

Youth Infusion meeting, 5-6pm, 25 March, War Memorial Library, Lower Hutt

Jack M expressed interest in attending a Youth Infusion meeting in Lower Hutt on 25 March with Simon.

Sister Cities NZ conference, 11 April

Siobhan, Sebastian, Timothy, Justina and Ollie expressed interest in attending the second day of the Sister Cities NZ conference on 11 April. Simon has asked the WCC for approval to pay the registrations for YC members. Once he has this, he will ask members to confirm their interest and availability and ballot names if necessary.

Delegations to administer Facebook

It was decided that Brittany is to be one of the Youth Council Facebook administrators along with Jack M, Bing and Sean. Daisy is to continue to run the twitter account.

Annual Report

Jack M, Sean, Siobhan and Ollie will be presenting the YC's Annual Report to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee at 9.15am, 26 March in Committee Room 1.

Oral Submission to the Local Government Commission

Jack M will organise the working group to prepare and present the YC's oral submission to the Local Government Commission on the reorganisation of local government in the Wellington region at 10.00am, 2 April.

Coming up

In the near future, YC members will:

- Receive feedback from Richard Galloway on the Victoria Street upgrade project
- Have mid-year reviews with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Liaison Officer.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 1 April 2015 in Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Niamh and Brittany to join the Youth Week working group
2. Petelo and Sean to respectively join the LTP and UGP working groups
3. Siobhan, Sebastian, Timothy, Justina and Ollie to confirm their interest and availability for the Sister Cities conference. Simon to ballot names if necessary.
4. Brittany, Jack M, Bing and Sean to administer the YC's Facebook. Daisy to administer the YC's Twitter.