

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue: Mezzanine Community Room, Central Library, Victoria St, Wellington

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 27 May 2015

Present

Members: Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Timothy Rutherford

Officers: Simon Wright (Policy & Reporting)

Guests: Eunice Gueco and Teri O'Neill (St Mary's), Bidget (Massey journalism student)

Minutes

1. Opening

Ollie welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Anya Bukholt-Payne, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Eva McGauley, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Morgan Watkins and Cr Woolf for being unable to attend.

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

Sean moved that the minutes for the previous meeting were true and correct. Sebastian seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. Forward Programme

Member should set up WCC and Greater Wellington Regional Council web alerts to help them stay up to date with the activities of these organisations.

7. General Business

Dreaming and planning session 3

Member discussed a summary of the last session. It was noted that there is a difference between activities and values and that further work is required to link desired activities to desired values and outcomes.

The next session will identify specific WCC work programmes that interest members and fit with the Youth Council's 'map'. The session after that will develop 'future

stories' that provide possible logics between activities and outcomes.

Youth Week update

Members were given updates on Youth Week events that have been organised by YC members including the lunchtime events and the "We are our future – Young people as leaders and change makers" workshop on 29 May. Members were asked help recruit people for the workshop. Daisy and Sean apologised for being unable to attend.

Niamh and Sean reported on the well attended and fun event at Bowlarama, Newtown, that was organised by Evolve's Pulse group. Pulse intends to provide more opportunities for members of different youth groups to interact.

Members were encouraged to attend the event at Parliament on 28 May organised by Commonwealth Youth New Zealand on "Youth Councils: Empowering or Tokenistic?"

Working group update

Submission on draft Gambling Venues Policy

Jack moved that the written submission prepared by the working group be ratified. The submission supported a 'sinking lid' policy in the central city and suburbs to reduce harm. It also supported the requirement for an on-licence because on-licences require host responsibility. Questions were raised about the impact of a 'sinking lid' policy on revenue for charities and whether the policy might create a black market in gambling. It was noted that on-line gambling is already very popular and would not be subject to the Council's Policy. It was also noted that a sinking lid policy would only gradually reduce the amount of gambling and grant money available to charities. The working group does not intend to make an oral submission. Sean seconded the motion and it was passed.

Submission on draft Cycling Framework

The work group lead a discussion on what the YC's submission on the draft Cycling Framework should be. Key points included:

- The need for timetable for completion routes that will make up the the cycling network
- Support for the object of getting non-cyclists to cycle more, especially at educational institutions. School-based programmes are needed to get more people cycling
- Support for a 'mode shift' policy for commuters
- Strong support for on-road, separated cycle lanes where ever possible. The framework's objectives will not be met if a lower level of service is provided.

The YC's draft submission will be posted to Loomio for ratification by 28 May. Submissions close on 29 may.

Youth Council Manual 2.0

Daisy, Jack M, Ollie and Sean formed a working group to review the Youth Council Manual. The review will correct errors, modify the Manual to reflect recent YC practices and consider whether improves can be made based on the Christchurch Youth Council's members' guidance.

‘Cities: skylines’ proposal

Sean proposed that the YC play the digital planning game ‘Cities: skylines’ to learn about planning and urban design. Games might be a good way of engaging young people in the work of the Council. Members agreed with the proposal.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 10 June 2015 in Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Members to help recruit people for the “We are our future – Young people as leaders and change makers” workshop on 29 May
2. Plan to try ‘Cities: skylines’ at a meeting.