

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 22 July 2015

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Ben van den Eykel, Cameron Wright, Daisy Lutyens, Damon Rusden, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Melissa Gibson, Morgan Watkins, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum Siobhan Davies, Sophie Reedy-Young, Teri O'Neill, Timothy Rutherford

Councillor: Simon Woolf

Officers: Helen Walker (Policy & Reporting)

Guests: Dan Leaper, Zoe Palmer, Helena George – Nelson Youth Councillors
Rachael Large – Nelson City Council officer.

Minutes

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone including new members, Nelson Youth Council representatives and the new liaison officer.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bing-Ying Lou, Rose Mwipiko, Brittany Hogan, Erin Lockhart and Eva McGauley. Cr Woolf apologised for leaving early.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared at least one important thing going on in their life including progress on university courses, attendance at USF youth congress, holidays and debating successes.

Cr Woolf encouraged members to attend a seminar by Dr John Sturrock QC who is an internationally recognised mediator on 27 July. It is at 4pm in the Mezzanine Community Room, Central Library.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Ollie moved that the minutes for 24 June were a true and correct record of the meeting. Siobhan seconded. Passed.

Siobhan moved that the minutes for 8 July were a true and correct record of the meeting. Jack M seconded. Passed.

6. Forward Programme

19 August will be a farewell and welcome function. Simon Wright will be in

attendance.

August 5 meeting will be the second half of induction focussed on preparing a submission on climate change. The submission will be presented to the meeting of 19 August.

7. General Business

Machinery of council

Councillor Woolf gave a presentation on the structure and roles of the Council and its committees and how they operated. He explained how issues came before the Council. He also presented an outline of the Council organisation and its key people.

What the Council does - exercise

Members joined together to participate in an exercise that considered the governance of the range of council activities.

Youth Council Manual

Jack M reported that he has finalised the changes to the Youth Council's Manual. He distributed the updated manual to the new members.

Jack M moved that the Youth Council adopt the amended Manual, seconded by Siobhan. Passed

Youth Council Social Media

New administrators for the YC's Facebook are needed as Bing has decided not to apply for another term. Bing has posted content 4-5 times per week for a number of years and the Facebook currently has over 750 likes. Options considered were that one person take responsibility for the Facebook posts or four members took responsibility for one post per week (on a specified day). It was agreed that Niamh, Jack C-H, Anya and Melissa would jointly take responsibility for the Facebook posts.

Ollie recommended that members subscribe to the WCC web alerts.

Alumni Society

The meeting discussed its desire for the Youth Council to establish an alumni society – noting that 2018 is the 20 year anniversary for the Youth Council and that many former members are keen to continue to contribute to or keep in touch with the Youth Council. There can also be provision for honorary memberships to recognise people who have made a significant contribution to the Youth Council.

Siobhan moved that the Youth Council establish an alumni society with provision for honorary membership. Jack M seconded. Passed.

A working group to establish a constitution and Terms of Reference was established. Members are:

Anya, Jack M, Melissa, Morgan, Ollie, Petelo, Siobhan.

Siobhan moved that the first honorary membership be awarded to Simon Wright, the former liaison officer, in recognition that he was highly motivated, conscientious and made a significant contribution to the development of the Youth Council. Jack M seconded. Passed.

Administrative matters

- Jack M stressed the importance of being involved in working groups. The YC covers a huge range of issues that are very interesting.
- Sharon to put new members on Dropbox.
- Jack M to put new members on Loomio
- Ollie is updating the phone list.
- Helen will send an email to all YC members so that all members have each other's email addresses.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 5 August 2015 in the Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Action and decision summary

1. Suggested that members subscribe to the WCC web alerts
2. Niamh, Jack C-H, Anya and Melissa will jointly take responsibility for the Facebook posts
3. Working group established to work on a constitution and terms of reference for the alumni society
4. Sharon to put new members on Dropbox.
5. Jack M to put new members on Loomio
6. Ollie is updating the phone list.