

Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

When: 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 30 September 2015

Present

Members: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Cameron Wright, Damon Rusden , Eva McGauley, Jack Marshall, Melissa Gibson, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Rosemary Mwipiko, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Sophie Reedy-Young, Teri O'Neill,

Officers: Fiona Lewis, Kate Irvine, Gunther Wild

Councillors: Councillor Woolf, Councillor Lester

1. Opening

Siobhan welcomed everyone and introduced Fiona Lewis from Democratic Services who is assisting with Youth Council in the interim whilst the recruitment process for the Governance Advisor – Advisor Groups role has been completed.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ben van den Eykel, Jack Comer-Hudson, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, and Timothy Rutherford. Cr Woolf apologised for leaving early due to a Council meeting.

3. What's on top?

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

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

A minor amendment to item 7, General Business, Youth Conference for the Minutes for 16 September 2015 being that Melinda Boyce attended the Youth Conference in place of Salote Austin.

Siobhan moved the revised minutes and Ollie seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. Carried.

6. Youth Council going forward

Gunther Wild updated the Youth Council on their current support roles from the Wellington City Council. He confirmed that Salote Austin would no longer be starting as the Governance Advisor – Advisory Groups. Democratic Services are currently recruiting the position. However, he clarified that the Governance Advisor role would focus on liaising with youth council members, agenda writing, and updating the websites for the four advisory groups; whereas Kate Irvine's role would focus more on managing the 4 advisory groups.

Kate Irvine discussed with the Youth Council the concept that they are an extension of the Wellington City Council, and the importance of working together.

The Youth Council reviewed the draft joint letter of agreement and after extensive discussion decided further review was required before accepting the letter. The Youth Council agreed to include Online Voting in the letter of agreement. It was also agreed that the joint letter of agreement would be discussed at the next meeting.

Siobhan thanked the Cr Lester, Cr Woolf and Gunter Wild for their contribution to item 6.

7. General Business

Town Belt

Jack Marshall advised the Youth Council that Parliament's Local Government and Environment Select Committee is currently reviewing the Town Belt Bill. He suggested the Youth Council should put together a working group to review the proposed Bill and draft a submission on behalf of the Youth Council. The Town Belt Bill's submission deadline is 29 October.

The following members nominated themselves for the Town Belt Bill working party: Jack Marshall, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Cameron Wright, Petelo Leaupepe, Ollie Michie and Teri O'Neill. Sebastian will lead the working group.

Social Housing Discussion

Morgan Watkins will be travelling to Europe in 2016 and has offered to go on a 'fact finding mission' to find out how Europe house their students and is there any ideas that the Youth Council can utilise for Wellington students.

Melissa needs to organise a brain storming session for the Social Housing Working Group and will do so through Loomio.

Youth Council conference debrief

Anya, Ollie, Sebastian, Terri, Tim, Sophie, Kate Irvine and Melinda Boyce attended the Youth Council Conference in Levin. Topics discussed included leadership development; how to write submissions and; NZ flag consideration panel. All the attendees found the conference beneficial.

End of Year Function

Youth Councillors need to start thinking about organising their end of year function. Suggestions included organising a fun debate and a trip to trampoline world.

Professional Development

HR/learning development and the Ministry of Youth Development are keen to meet with the Youth Council to see how they can assist with the Youth Council members with professional development.

The following members nominated themselves to be a part of the Professional Development working group: Siobhan, Damon, Eva, Anya, Sophie and Niamh. A working group leader has yet to be decided.

8. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 14 October 2015 in the Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

Action and decision summary

1. Helen Walker to follow up with those members who have not advised whether they want their names on the website.
2. Helen to check if Committee Room 1 is available for meetings next year
3. Review letter of agreement and draft points of improvement for 14 October meeting
4. Start thinking about end of year Youth Council function.