

## Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

**When:** 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 14 October 2015

### Present

**Members:** Anya Bukholt-Payne, Cameron Wright, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Justina Koh, Melissa Gibson, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Sophie Reedy-Young, Teri O'Neill, Timothy Rutherford

**Officers:** Bec Ramsey, Myfanwy Emeny, Sarah Kirkland, Catherine Connelly, Kate Irvine,

**Councillors:** none

**Guests:** Marcus Boshier, Ministry of Youth Development (MSD)

### 1. Opening

Ollie welcomed everyone and introduced guests.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Damon Rusden, Rosemary Mwipiko, Sean Johnson, Ben van den Eykel, Morgan Watkins, and Cr Woolf. Siobhan apologised for arriving late and Anya, Tim and Melissa apologised for leaving early.

### 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

The minutes were amended to record that Jack Comer-Hudson and Justina Koh had provided apologies for absence.

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

### 6. Biodiversity Strategy

Myfanwy Emeny introduced the Biodiversity Strategy and noted that it was quite action oriented with a number of actions being concerned with young people, for example stronger links with universities. Funding for the actions and implementation becomes available from July 2016. She invited the Youth Council to identify actions that would be interested in being involved in for example planting.

The Youth Council proposed setting up a working group in November or December to consider what involvement they might have.

Bec Ramsey noted she was preparing a scoping paper for the Playground Policy and suggested that she come to the next YC meeting to discuss it.

## **7. General Business**

### **Social Housing Discussion**

Melissa organised a brain storming session for the Social Housing Working Group and reported back to the group. The working group worked on identifying more specific topics and issues for researching. They will then research and develop a report that synthesises the findings. Melissa emphasised that it was important to get a bigger turnout to the meetings so that there was completeness of themes and issues and to build momentum. She proposed holding a meeting on Wednesday 21 October. It was also proposed that following exams working meetings were held where members could work together on the research.

Geoff Lawson is to be kept in the loop as the officer responsible for the work.

Tim, Anya and Melissa left the meeting.

### **Quorum and Apologies**

There was some discussion about the quorum and it was noted that the Terms of Reference do not include provisions for a quorum. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillors discussed the need for apologies to be made for non-attendance.

Jack Marshall moved and Ollie seconded that Youth Council members that fail to attend without tendering an apology should be reminded by the chair or deputy chair that attendance or an apology is required. Carried.

Apologies for 14/10 were not received from Petelo.

### **Joint letter for the work programme**

Youth Councillors were comfortable with the draft letter and asked that the Town Belt submission be removed as that will be completed prior to 2016 and that elections be added as a separate item potentially with a project to lift voter participation. Ollie moved and Siobhan seconded that the letter with the described edits be accepted and that Siobhan to respond to Gunther Wild.

Kate advised that the next steps following confirmation of the letter will be a meeting with the chair, deputy chair, and officers to plan a work programme. She distributed a calendar of dates and proposed that the calendar would be populated with topics

and issues. Ollie moved and Cameron seconded that the calendar be populated.  
Carried

The calendar is loaded on drop box

### **Access Radio**

There was some discussion about the invitation from Access Radio to make a radio programme. Access Radio was open to suggestions. A number of youth councillors are interested and it was agreed to set up a working group: Teri, Jack C-H, Ollie, Sophie, Jack M, Justina and Sean. Jack C-H to be the lead.

Jack will discuss with a member of the Communications Team any risks or issues associated with this.

### **Town Belt**

The working group presented its draft submission on the Town Belt Bill currently before the Local Government and Environment Select Committee. The Town Belt Bill's submission deadline is 29 October. Seb moved and Ollie seconded that the YC ratify the Town Belt submission.

It is intended that youth councillors will make an oral submission to the select committee on the Bill

### **Professional Development**

Kate updated the group on early thoughts about professional development. Topics could include event management; recruitment; submission writing; facilitation and chair training. The Ministry of Youth Development and the City Council HR team are keen to support and assist.

Kate will meet with the working group.

## **8. Closing**

The meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next YC meeting is due to start at 4.00pm, 28 October 2015 in the Community Room on the mezzanine floor of the Central Library.

### **Action and decision summary**

1. Set up a working group on biodiversity strategy in November or December
2. Helen to send a link to the biodiversity strategy to members (completed)
3. Discuss quorum at the next meeting
4. Start thinking about end of year Youth Council function.