

## Minutes Youth Council Meeting

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

**When:** 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 11 November 2015

**Present**

**Members:** Damon Rusden , Eva McGauley, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Melissa Gibson, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Rosemary Mwipiko, Sebastian Klinkum, Sean Johnson, Sophie Reedy-Young, Timothy Rutherford.

**Officers:** Neil McInnes, Kate Irvine and Fiona Lewis

**Guests:** Peter McKinlay from the Institute of Governance and Policy Studies

### 1. Opening

Oliver welcomed everyone.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Woolf, Ben van den Eykel, Cameron Wright, Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins, Siobhan Davies, Teri O'Neill. Damon tendered his apologies for arriving late.

### 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. Child and Youth Friendly City Initiative

Matthew Sims was unable to attend the Youth Council meeting to speak on the Child and Youth Friendly City Initiative.

### 7. Previous minutes and matters arising

Oliver Michie noted a spelling error and asked for it to be corrected.

Jack Marshall moved and Timothy Rutherford seconded that:

1. *The minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**Carried.**

Fiona Lewis stated that there has been a delay in updating the Youth Council site, to reflect the current membership, due to IT restrictions. It is anticipated that the update should be completed by the next Youth Council meeting.

Youth Council agreed that their end of year function should be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 which is the last Youth Council meeting for the year. It was agreed that they should either go bowling or go to a trampoline park followed by a picnic.

## **8. General Business**

### **Establishment of Annual Plan Working Group**

The Youth Council agreed to establish a working party to write the 2015 Annual Youth Council Report. Fiona Lewis provided the Youth Councillors with a template of their achievements for 2015 as a guide to assist the working party with writing the annual report. It was decided that the working group should consist of Siobhan Davies, Oliver Michie, Anya Bukholt-Payne and Jack Comer-Hudson.

### **Professional Development**

Kate Irvine stated that she had met with Katheryn Connolly, Sarah Kirkland and Marcus Boshier with regards to Youth Council Professional Development. It was agreed that the working group would meet between 3.30 – 5.00 pm on Monday 23 October 2015 to test what had been designed and suggest ideas on how to improve the current professional development proposals.

## **6. Wellington City Council Annual Plan**

Neil McInnes spoke to the Youth Council on the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan Process.

He encouraged the Youth Council to promote the annual plan to their networks; provide feedback during consultation; to participate in the hearing process and facilitate a Youth forum.

Key dates for the Annual Plan included:

Early December 2015 – Annual plan launched on Wellington City Council website

- Consultation with public

2 February 2016 – consider new initiative bids

April/May 2016 – feedback from public on initiatives.

## **8. General Business**

There was no feedback from the working groups.

Kate Irvine mentioned that the recruitment process for the Reference Group Governance Advisor was almost complete and Crispian Franklin (Democratic Services Team Leader) would provide an update at the next Youth Council meeting.

Sean Johnson asked the Youth Council if they were interested in supporting Meg Howie and the “ask away”; a site designed to allow members to ask questions surrounding the elections and have MPs respond. Youth Councillors indicated that they were interested.

### **Action and decision summary**

1. Fiona Lewis to upload photo and current Youth Council Membership
2. Fiona Lewis to look into prices of Bounce and Bowling for end of year Youth Council function. Youth Council members to continue discussion on Loomio.

3. Neil Innes to attend meeting to ask for Youth Council feedback on the Annual Plan.
4. Neil Innes to review annual plan and provide Youth Councillors with a summary of key areas that effect Youth so they are able to draft a submission(s).
5. Fiona Lewis to see whether there are any vacant Environmental Reference Group positions vacant and what the process is surrounding becoming a member.
6. Next agenda should include proactive policies – a frank discussion surrounding what policies Youth Councillors wanted to work on.
7. Fiona Lewis to see whether or not Katie Adams has made a decision about appointing a Youth Council member to the Teenage Women's Steering Group.
8. Fiona Lewis to bring water jugs, plastic cups and ask for vegetarian sandwiches.

The meeting closed at 5:24 pm.