Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Mezzanine Floor, Central Library, Victoria St, Wellington
Wednesday 13th April 2016 4:00pm-5:30pm

Members in attendance: Anya Bukholt-Payne, Jack Marshall, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies (Chair), Timothy Rutherford, Teri Oneill, Damon Rusden, , Cameron Wright, Sophie Reedy-Young, Melissa Gibson (Deputy-Chair)

Staff: James Mather, Jane Black, Adam Nicholls

1 – Opening & Apologies Chair	
	4:00pm -
Apologies received from;	4:05pm
Eva McGauley, Morgan Watkins, Petelo Leaupepe, Jack Comer-Hudson, Rosemary Mwipiko	
Niamh Hyde and Melissa apologised for being late	
Ben van den Eykel has noted that he can no longer attend Youth Council and will be resigning.	
2 – Conflicts of Interest All	
No conflicts of interest were declared	4:05pm - 4.10pm
3 – Confirmation of Minutes All	
The previous minutes were moved to be carried by the chair; all were in favour of them passing.	4:10.pm - 4.15pm
4 – What's On Top	
	4:15pm -
Everyone shared something going on in their lives	4:25pm

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Presentation made available to members online

- Organisational response to how transport is looked at within the city
- Part of a wide engagement process, talking to councils, groups etc
- Beginning of an engagement process, so open to come back to talk to people based on responses to the initial proposal
- Currently LGWM want to talk about principles
- Website that is being used as a mechanism to form these principles is www.getwellymoving.com
- Responses update and show users the current polling opinion in real time
- Option to take a longer survey also included within the website
- LGWM indicated they were meeting with groups such as Generation 0, as well as more 'traditional' representative groups
- LGWM are going out to the region to ask what is required and needed
- Aim of the project is to inform the best way to plan transport. Relates to how Wellington 'feels' about their city and how they want to move about it
- Website open until July/August
- Taking the principles from this work and the voice of wellington will help identify possible solutions
- Transport operations are ongoing, some contracts are being decided (for example with busses)
- Nothing stands still, consultation has begun for the Hutt Road for example
- The audience isn't broken down into demographics on the shorter survey
- Survey does work on mobile devices
- The popup workshops haven't yet had dates or venues confirmed, but the timeframe is the last week of April till the first two weeks of May

The floor was then opened to Youth Council to ask Questions of Jane & Adam

Q – Will you eventually be looking at submissions? It would be good if this linked to the low carbon capital plan as well.

A – That is a possibility, but at this stage we are more focused on inputs. We do not see there being a point in doing a traditional consultation until we have a 'product'. As such we are taking a very principle based approach to this process. Terms like 'congestion' need to be defined, as it doesn't mean the same thing to everyone. I agree that integration (low carbon plan) is important, that could be a principle.

Q – How will you establish the principles, to be more specific how will you determine which are selected? Seems likely there will be conflicting desires from people.

A - In establishing the principles it's likely that 'trade-off's' will form a principle, or something to that effect. We accept that you can't have your cake and eat it too. We are certainly coming back to all the groups we are currently meeting with once those initial principles have been identified. Where those lead us from there will be the subject of further engagement and discussion. There are also a great deal of

4:25pm – 5:00pm people involved in this project, from the core agencies involved through to the Mayor and the chair of Greater Wellington.

Q - What degree of emphasis will be put on outside models?

A – A scenario is what I think we will have further down the track, similar to a model. A scenario is a group of complimentary interventions; however those interventions might be biased in a certain way. So in Wellington what we (hypothetically) might end up with is a solution that is biased toward low carbon, which would certainly be an integration or emphasis on an outside model. Copenhagen has its cycling model, and looking to that model here is an option – but what is very important to us is that people understand the trade-offs that come with whatever model or scenario is looked to.

Q – Do you see a change in (transport) culture being required?

A – Resistance to change is inevitable, we accept that. For some people, in certain demographics or locations, public transport is the only option. It's very important that these people are allowed to have options available to them. Long term by providing these options we can look at reduced car ownership.

Youth Council provided some commentary on driver licencing, and noted that they felt 'today's youth' were less car-centric.

They noted that whether not someone gets their licence was related to location, so for someone in the CBD they wouldn't need a licence, but if they lived in Petone or similar it would be almost a necessity.

It was also noted that convenience is a huge consideration; people will opt for the transport that is easy. Inter-suburb travel is hard to achieve currently with the existing public transport system, multiple modes of transport need to be used, often on a convoluted route.

Accessibility is also a huge issue, 25% of the Wellington population has an accessibility issue and a large majority of those are mobility based. Currently if you have an accessibility issue using public transport can be very prohibitive, this encourages private car use.

The group also acknowledged Wellington's topographical issues that transport solutions will face.

Wi-fi on busses was something that should be looked into, as well as looking into making sure the view from busses isn't obstructed (by ads). A more pleasant and convenient public transport experience would help work toward greater use of public transport.

Attendance Policy | All

Discussion of the attendance policy was deferred until the following meeting. It was noted that the group needs to look at the policy prior to the

4:30pm – 4:45pm

discussion. This is available on Loomio and Dropbox.	
Youth Week –	4:45pm – 5.15pm
Youth week –	5.15pm
The YC discussed possible options for the Youth Week event. These were further looked into in the PDP session.	
The meeting adjourned at 5.15pm to break for PDP.	5:15pm –

Working Groups

Annual Plan Forum

Sean, Ollie, Melissa, Teri, Anya

Wellington Access Radio

Teri, Jack Comer-Hudson, Sean

Social Media

Melissa, Niamh, Teri, Sean

Low Carbon Capital

Sean, Teri, Cam, Rosemary, Anya, Damon, Seb, Siobhan

Annual Report team