

## Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 14 August 2019

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**Time** 4:00pm – 5:30pm

**Venue** Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

### Members present

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**Chair** Freja Cook

**Members** Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Carl Bennett, Dexter Smith, Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair), Freja Cook (Chair), Jackson Lacy, Liam Davies, Neesha Dixon, Ollie Michie, Tim Rutherford, Watene Campbell

**Councillors** Cr Jill Day

**Staff** Jill Brodie (Democracy Advisor), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor)

### Minutes

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#### 1. Meeting Procedures

**4:00 pm**

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:00 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Bethany, Dexter – for lateness;
- Watene, Raihaan, Sarah – for absence;
- Ollie – for early departure.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair)

**CARRIED**

1.2. Youth Council members shared what was on top for them this week.

1.3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair)

**CARRIED**

1.5. Members made the following announcements:

- Brad announced that the Youth Councils meeting with the Minister of Finance has been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:00 pm.
  - Action: Sean will confirm that attendees will be able to make the changed date and time of the meeting.

(Bethany arrived 4:08 pm)

(Tim arrived 4:14 pm)

## **2. Presentations**

**4:15 pm**

### **2.1. Greg O'Connor – MP for Ōhāriu**

Greg talked about a range of topics including his journey in to politics, the upcoming local body elections, and housing.

### **2.2. Students Strike for Climate – Molly Doyle, Elliot Blyth**

Molly and Elliot talked about the upcoming School Strike for Climate on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and the associated 'week of action' leading up to it.

Molly and Elliot suggested that Youth Council:

- Run a workshop during the 'week of action'.
- Sign up to their partner program when it is live.
- Reach out to their networks to share information about the strike.

Youth Council suggested that:

- WCC facilitate meetings between young people and WCC environmental officers. (Jackson)
- WCC may be able to help provide venues for workshops and other activities associated with the strike. (Brad)
- WCC share information on the special voting process with SS4C. (Jackson)
- Youth Council send people along to the strike with information about voting in the local body elections. (Brad)

#### Action points

- Liam will reach out to MAWSA on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to discuss the School Strike for Climate.
- Sean will investigate whether WCC environmental officers would be willing to consider meeting with young people.
- Sean will talk to Dominic Tay regarding information on the special voting process.
- Sean will check over email if members wish to conduct a workshop during the 'week of action'.

(Ollie left at 4:38 pm)

## **3. General business**

**5:15 pm**

### **3.1. Youth Council members discussed items of general business. It was noted that:**

- The Multicultural Council of Wellington wishes to run a forum on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
  - Members were worried that the short timeframe would make it difficult for the Youth Council to be fully engaged in the planning of such a forum.
  - It was suggested that Youth Council instead offer to run a workshop at the forum. Local Government 101 was suggested as a topic.
  - Neesha, Jackson, and Carl formed a working group for this work.

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- Action: Sean will liaise with the working group to send a response to the Multicultural Council of Wellington regarding their involvement in the proposed forum.
- There was an update on recruitment. New members will be starting at the next meeting. They will be assigned buddies from the existing Youth Council members.
- Brad noted that the time Youth Council has been given to speak on their submission on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Bill is 4:30pm – 4:40pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019. He advised that he will not be able to attend the oral presentation of the submission.
  - Action: Youth Council will decide who will attend the oral presentation of their submission.
- Brad asked what the Youth Council would like to prioritise in their meeting with the Minister of Finance. The Youth Council decided to prioritise discussing engagement with youth.
- Brad noted that he would like to be added to the ‘elections’ working group.
- Brad asked how the election video was progressing.
  - Ella reported that the video was nearly finished. Some work is needed to be done focusing on some issues with the sound.
  - Action: Ella work with Jackson on the sound issues with the video.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:31 pm.