

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 20 November 2019

Time	4:10 pm – 5:31 pm
Venue	Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair	Freja Cook
Members	Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Carl Bennett, Dexter Smith, Ella Flavell (Deputy Chair), Freja Cook (Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, Laura Jackson, Liam Davies, Melania Lui-Fai, Raihaan Dalwai, Shelly Liang, Tim Rutherford, Tony Huang
Liaison Councillors	Cr Tamatha Paul, Cr Jill Day
Staff	Meredith Blackler (Director Human Resources), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Hedi Mueller (Democracy Advisor)
Other Councillors Present	Cr Jenny Condie

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures

4:10 pm

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:10 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- John, Neesha, Watene – for absence; and
- Freja – for early departure.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Liam Davies

CARRIED

1.2. Youth Council members shared what was on top for them this week. As this was the first meeting after Meredith Blackler was appointed as the ELT lead for Youth Council, she gave a short introduction to herself and her place in the organisation.

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

(Dexter and NJ arrived at 4:16 pm)

2. Presentations

4:23 pm

2.1. Universal Diplomacy, *presented by His Excellency Jesus “Gary” S. Domingo, the Ambassador of the Philippines*

His Excellency spoke to the universal diplomacy model which incorporates all of the ‘three pillars’ of international relations, political/security, economic/business, and humanitarian/cultural.

The goal of universal diplomacy is to reconceive diplomacy in a way that treats these three pillars as co-equal, rather than affording precedence to political/security as traditional diplomacy does.

He also spoke to the role of the YAMBA, or Youth Ambassador, within universal diplomacy and invited Youth Councillors to get involved. Youth Councillors were specifically invited to attend the ASEAN NZ Youth Conference being held at Rutherford House on 7th December.

Action points

- Democracy Advisor so send out invitation to Youth Councillors.
- Youth Councillors to RSVP if they are interested in attending conference.

(Freja left at 4:42 pm. As deputy chair, Ella took over chairing the meeting)

1. Meeting Procedures (Continued)

4:43 pm

1.5. The following announcements were made:

- Wellington City Council has appointed Barbara McKerrow (currently the WCC Chief Operating Officer) to replace Kevin Lavery as Chief Executive, starting in March 2020.
- The Youth Council Christmas party will be held on 11 December at 4:00 pm. The venue is TBD but will likely be an inner-city park, subject to weather.

Action points

- Democracy Advisor to organise Secret Santa.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm and resumed at 4:55 pm)

3. General Business

4:55 pm

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

- Brad and Jackson volunteered to work on a letter to Councillors informing them of who the Youth Council is and what they do.
- The Youth Council Annual Report will need to be written in early 2020 for presentation to the Strategy and Policy Committee before 30 June 2020.
- Ella is going to look in to updating the Youth Council manual and create an infographic of some of the Youth Councils processes.
- The Youth Council work programme will be agreed upon in early 2020.

3.2. Liaison Councillors Introductions

- It was noted that Cr Paul was confirmed as the Councillor liaison for the Youth Council for the 2019/2022 triennium, with Cr Jill Day as the alternate.
- The Councillors introduced themselves to the group and talked through some of their primary motivators for running for Council, and what they hope to achieve.

(Bethany arrived at 5:03 pm)

2. Presentations (Continued)

5:04 pm

2.1. Just Speak, *presented by Tania Mead*

Tania gave the group an introduction to Just Speak, a youth-lead organisation pushing for reforms to the criminal justice system in New Zealand.

She talked about how Just Speak uplifts young people to share their views and underlying attitudes on the justice system. Their focus is on changing the underlying attitudes of the populace. Young people have an important part to play in this by acting as advocates and as the bearers of these attitudes going forward.

'Civic Dinners' were also discussed. Civic dinners are dinners of small groups of people that have a structured conversation about our values and if they are reflected in the justice system.

Youth councillors asked questions prompting further discussion. Areas of discussion included:

- The type of civic engagement that Just Speak engages in.
- Statistics around reoffending after going through the Youth Court process.
- The potential of the Marijuana referendum in 2020 to change the conversation around the justice system.
- Trials of different forms of dispute resolution.
- How can people get involved with Just Speak?
 - By going to the 'Get Involved' section of Just Speak's website (<https://www.justspeak.org.nz/getinvolved>).

(The meeting closed at 5:31 pm)