Wellington City Youth Council

Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Poneke

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Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 6 November 2019

Time 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Venue Ngake - Room 16.09, Tahiwi, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair Freja Cook

Members Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Carl Bennett, Ella Flavell (Deputy

Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, John Sibanda, Laura Jackson, Neesha Dixon,

Raihaan Dalwai, Shelly Liang, Tim Rutherford, Tony Huang

Liaison Councillors

Staff Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Cyrus Frear (Senior Democracy Advisor),

Dominic Tay (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Other Councillors

Present

Cr Jill Day, Cr Rebecca Matthews, Cr Teri O'Neill, Cr Tamatha Paul

Minutes

1. **Meeting Procedures**

4:01 pm

- 1.1. The meeting opened at 4:01 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:
 - Grace, Laura, and Neesha for lateness;
 - Dexter, and Watene for absence.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Freja Cook (Chair) / Bethany Kaye-Blake

CARRIED

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

(Jackson arrived at 4:04 pm)

- 1.3. No conflicts of interest were declared.
- 1.4. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

That Youth Council accepts the minutes of the previous

meeting as a true and correct record.

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

CARRIED

(Grace arrived at 4:11 pm)

(Neesha arrived at 4:14 pm)

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- 1.5. Members made the following announcements:
 - Brad announced that he had attended a workshop on the 3rd November 2019, hosted by the Department of Internal Affairs, on countering violent extremist content online.

2. **Presentations** 4:16 pm

2.1. Youth Council Induction – Part 3 Oral Submission Presentation, Presented by Brad Olsen

Youth Councillors presented their mock oral submissions in groups to a mock Council committee consisting of Cr Jill Day, Cr Rebecca Matthews, Cr Teri O'Neill, Cr Tamatha Paul, Freja Cook, Ella Flavell, Brad Olsen, Sean Johnson, and Dominic Tay.

Care was taken to mimic the experience of a real Council committee as much as possible, with groups called to the table by the Chair, time limits strictly adhered to, and questions posed by the committee members.

Jackson (WG Lead), Anastasia, Carl, Tim, and Tony presented on a 'Council-funded Gondola on Mt Victoria'.

Bethany (WG Lead), Grace, and John presented on 'Proposed Changes to the District Plan'.

Shelly (WG Lead), Neesha, and Raihaan presented on 'Banning e-scooters in Wellington'.

Councillors were thanked for their involvement in the meeting.

(Laura arrived at 5:00 pm)

3. **Updates** 5:03 pm

3.1. Recruitment Update, Presented by Sean Johnson

The Democracy Advisor informed Youth Councillors that Youth Council would not be seeking to recruit for their current vacancy immediately. Instead, Youth Council will wait to see if more vacancies arise in the new year (possibly due to people moving cities to start university) and recruit to fill all vacancies then.

General business 4. 5:04 pm

- 4.1. Youth Council members discussed items of general business. It was noted that:
 - Freja, Ella, Grace, and Jackson attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Wellington City Council.
 - The annual report will be due soon. The Democracy Advisor will find out when it is due and report back to the group.
- 4.2. Youth Council members discussed this year's Youth Council Christmas party. It was noted that:
 - The invite list would consist of Youth Councillors, Wellington City Councillors, and Democracy Services.

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- Two alternative dates and times will be determined by the Chair, Deputy Chair, and Democracy Advisor which will subsequently be put to the group to vote on. Preference will be given to Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.
- Youth Council will run a Secret Santa with a cost limit of \$10. The Secret Santa will be organised by the Democracy Advisor.
- The Christmas Party will be in the form of a picnic, venue TBD.
- Youth Council will operate on reduced catering for the next two meetings, if needed, in order to build a fund for food for the Christmas party. Members will be expected to bring something small to share on the day. The Democracy Advisor will investigate other catering options with the Democracy Services Manager.

(The meeting closed at 5:22 pm)