

## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 29 July 2009

#### Present:

1. Jack Marshall
2. Elesha Edmonds
3. Ben Ogilvie
4. Katja Heesterman
5. Katelin Bull
6. Rebecca Bullen
7. Intisar Muketar
8. Nurul Sultan
9. Essen Vicente
10. Nigel Smith
11. Stevenson Pule
12. James Butcher
  
13. Waylon Edwards
14. Georgina Rhoades
15. Councillor Hayley Wain

#### **Apologies:**

- Zoe Doole; Dipti Manchanda

#### **Welcome:**

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were moved as correct by Jack and seconded by Essen. All agreed.
- There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **General Business:**

- **Sexual Ethics Training** – Georgie asked if anyone was interested in attending this training scheduled for 4 August 2009 from 12.00 to 2.00pm. This is a sexual violence prevention programme and Youth

Council members should let either Georgie or Waylon know if they wish to attend.

- **Unicef Surveys** – These surveys will be picked up tomorrow. Georgie said that she would ask for another week for members who have not completed their form. Reasons for not completing the survey included: did not feel the survey asked the right questions; not comfortable with the survey; do not know people under this age. It was noted that some people found question 3 very confusing.
- **Human Rights Forum** – Waylon asked if anyone was interested in attending the Diversity Forum from 22-24 August. There are places for 5 attendees. Two people have already said they wish to attend so there are three places left. Please let Waylon know if you are able to attend.
- **Agenda Setting** – It was suggested that the agenda be set by individual Youth Council members and include topics of interest. We need to know the topics in advance for the agenda to be set. This will be as from the next meeting. The agenda will also be partly dictated by the Forward Plan.
- **Facebook** – It was suggested that messages be sent this way instead of via email. It was decided not to use Facebook as some members were not on Facebook and they also find it easier to check their emails. Nigel noted that his email address needs to be changed.
- **Model United Nations** – Nigel presented on this Conference that Nurul, Dipti and Katja also attended.
- **Forward Plan** – Youth Council need to plan for the future and know what they are going to do. Youth Council business needs to align with Council business. Ideas for the Forward Plan included:

Porirua Stream  
Community Gardens  
Change to the Speed Limit  
Dog Control Policy  
District Plan Change  
Review of the Liquor Licensing Policy  
Kerbside Recycling  
Water Conservation  
Review 2003 Recreation Plan  
Kilbirnie 20/40  
Civil Defence  
Next Youth Forum

We need to have 3-4 people on each group who need to find out about this particular issue and come back to Youth Council with the information. Then there can be a ½ hour discussion/debate on view points.

It was suggested that the youth forum be around civic education and what is available in Wellington. Another suggestion included organising an “Amazing Race”.

Youth Council members agreed to look at the following areas:

Liquor Licensing Policy – Nigel and Elesha  
Porirua Stream – Essen, Jack and Nurul  
Youth Forum – Katelin and Intisar  
Change to Speed Limit – Rebecca  
Kilbirnie 20/40 – Katja and Ben  
Kerbside Recycling – Nigel

It was agreed to talk about the structure of meetings and the new agenda at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** 12 August 2009