

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 11 November 2009

Present:

Elesha Edmonds
Katja Heesterman
James Butchers
Intisar Muketar
Nurul Sultan
Duncan Armstrong
Nigel Smith
Zoe Doole
Jack Marshall
Rebecca Bullen
Ben Ogilvie
Tapiwa Bururu

Waylon Edwards
Georgina Rhoades

Apologies:

- Katelin Bull; Annelise Havill; Dipti Manchanda

Welcome:

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes were accepted by Nigel and seconded by Intisar. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Forward Plan:

- The group broke up into the interest area groups:

Liquor Licensing – Nigel and Elesha

Porirua Stream – Jack and Nurul

Regional Youth Forum – Katelin, Intisar, Ben, James

Kilbirnie Upgrade & 2040 – Katja

Change in Speed Limit – Rebecca, Zoe, Duncan

- The groups looked at:

What do you know already?

What do you want to know, eg, are you confused about anything?

Changes, ideas, brainstorming about these issues.

How does it affect youth specifically?

What do you have concerns about?

- The groups came back with:

Liquor Licensing – this is a complicated issue that needs to be discussed in greater detail but the idea around the split age for the sale of liquor is a good idea.

Porirua Stream – this is the walkway from Willowbank to Kenepuru. We need to know more general information about this before we can make any comments/suggestions. This affects youth because youth live in the area. Need to look further into the quality of the stream.

Change in Speed Limit – this is about making the speed limit in shopping districts slower. This will affect youth because they live in the area but it will not have much of an impact.

Kilbirnie Upgrade – this about turning Kilbirnie into more of a centre but we do not know much about this. We want to know what the plans are; the goals; costs; how Council are planning to consult people. We think there should be better transport in Kilbirnie. It is important to engage youth communities especially when building a sports centre and there are a lot of colleges in the area. We have concerns about disruptions during the process and that improvements may not be lasting.

Youth Forum – we need to talk to Waylon about this because we do not know what is going on. All other youth councils will be there. There are going to have to be presentations by each youth council about what they have been up to in the year and this youth council will be presenting. The forum will be held after April after the Youth in Local Government conference. We need to brainstorm ideas for presentations.

- It was agreed that over the school holidays everyone should find out more about their topics and have a look at any further developments. These topics will be discussed at the first meeting in the New Year.

General Business:

- **WEMO** – members of the Youth Council took part in Operation Phoenix reported back on this. They visited Civil Defence Centres where they took part in acted scenarios. They also watched demonstrations on repelling from helicopters.

- **End of Year Function** – It was agreed that this would be held on 8 December with a 2.30pm start. The majority of members wanted to have a paintball session – Georgie will look into costings for this. It was suggested that an award ceremony be held. It was also suggested that members could attend the Reel to Reel function being run by Link after the paintball session – Georgie will look into this.

- **Non Returning Members** – due to other commitments or relocations Tapiwa, Nurul and Rebecca will not be returning to Youth Council next year.

Next Meeting: 8 December 2009 for the end of year function