

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **5 May 2010**

Present:

1. James Butchers
2. Jack Marshall
3. Duncan Armstrong
4. Katelin Bull
5. Essen Vicente
6. Helen Yu
7. Susanna Larken
8. Emily Murphy
9. Mikaela Bull
10. Ben Ogilvie
11. Katja Heesterman
12. Ruth Corkill
13. Nigel Smith
14. Elesha Edmonds

15. Georgina Rohades
16. Waylon Edwards

Apologies:

- Tapiwa Bururu, Councillor Hayley Wain

Welcome:

- James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Amendment to the previous Minutes – Katja Heesterman's name needs to be included in the list of apologies of the previous meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were then passed by Helen Yu and seconded by Susanna Larken as per the amendment.

General Business:

- **Council Meetings Roster** – the Council meeting held on 28 April was only attended by James. Please look at the roster to see what date you have been scheduled to attend.

This meeting was mainly about Council permits but did include an interesting petition regarding unutilised space in the City, ie, Tinakori Hill, where Council could plant renewable resources for the City. Nelson City Council are supportive of this scheme in their city. This could maybe be something that Youth Council could support.

Georgie noted that this scheme depends on how you want to use the area. The community gardens group in Council have responded to this petition. If you want to create a community garden then there are guidelines on the Council Website. There are already community gardens around the city. The youth drop-in in Karori will be developing a community garden in the Karori Community Centre grounds.

The next Council meeting is on 26 May. Elesha, Susanna and Duncan will be attending this meeting.

- **Youth Council Meeting** – the next meeting is on 19 May and will be held at Evolve. Members to meet at the Council offices at 3:45pm to walk over to Evolve.
- **Poster Feedback** – the poster feedback given at the last meeting was well received from Marketing. The advice given has been taken on board and Georgie will bring an updated copy of the poster back to Youth Council.
- **MYD Funding** – there will be a planning meeting on 6 May at 4.15pm at the Council offices to start planning this training hui. Interest has been received from ALAC, Police and other organisations to run workshops on the day. It will depend on what workshops these organisations want to run whether they will be included on the day. A decision still needs to be made about what everyone wants the training to be about. It needs to be decided whether this should be a one or two day event and whether people want to stay overnight. 26-27 June has been set as a tentative date.
- **Liquor Bylaw Submission** – Susie and James put together the submission from Youth Council for the Liquor Bylaw Policy. They suggested the ban should be for the hours of 7.00pm to 7.00am and be total no tolerance so that people have to deal with the consequences of breaking the law. Youth Council will also make an oral submission. It was queried whether the oral submission would just discuss the main points of the submission. Georgie said that this would be up to the

people giving the oral submission, how you want the ideas presented and depends on how you want to get your message across.

- **100 Day Plan** – this was raised at the On The Edge training – Youth Council should have a purpose and have a vision, something that Youth Council can work towards.

Use the Facebook page to encourage Wellington youth to put ideas forward. Advertise the page in a way that could encourage people to check out the page. Have discussions that raise ideas to promote youth issues. Youth Council is the vehicle between youth and the Council.

Carry out an opinion poll on certain issues. Georgie noted that opinion polls must include statements saying what we want the information for, how you will shape their input and you need to tell people what you will do with their input. The question also needs to be asked “is it relevant to the Council/Councillors?”

Does the Council have a youth policy? *There is a youth framework that was developed in 2006 that guides our work.* It was noted that MYD have put out a paper on how to write a youth policy. What would this look like to you? The question was also raised whether there are any areas that Council are required to consult with youth in the city. *At the moment there is not anything. Council work to the Local Government Act that requires them to consult with community groups in general.*

The question was asked of Youth Council what they think young people think of Wellington; do people care about the City and what the Council does? *Youth Council said that they thought people do not care until it is something that interests them. People feel that there is nothing that they can do – they are not empowered. People do not want to through a formal process, ie, when making a submission. Need more awareness on how to approach Council, ie, through submissions. Youth Council need to pre-empt youth issues.*

Do you think Youth Council is worthwhile? *Yes if it is used properly.*

An email will be sent out to gather ideas from members about their vision for Youth Council. This will then be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Lambton Ward Events** – if members are aware of any youth related events that will be happening in the next six months can they please email Georgie. Two events noted included Tu Tangata and Zeal events.

Next Meeting: 19 May 2010