

## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 19 May 2010

#### *Present:*

1. Paul Meuli
2. James Butchers
3. Jack Marshall
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Mikaela Bull
6. Ruth Corkill
7. Helen Yu
8. Emily Murphy
9. Stevenson Pule
10. Katja Heesterman
11. Ben Ogilvie
  
12. Georgina Rohades

#### *Apologies:*

- Elesha Edmonds, Susanna Larken, Katelin Bull, Essen Vicente

#### *Welcome:*

- James welcomed everyone to the meeting held at Evolve.

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

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

#### *General Business:*

- **Environmental Reference Group Representative** – Jack and Ruth volunteered to be Youth Council representatives on the ERG. The next ERG meeting will be held on 21 June.

- **Oral Submission – Liquor Ban** – Katja, Ruth, Emily and James agreed to present the Youth Council submission on the Liquor Ban at 3.35pm on 20 May at the Council Offices. It was agreed that the submission should be summarised emphasising the main points with James introducing the submission, Ruth and Emily would then speak and Katja will finish. There is a 10 minute slot given for the submission. It was agreed to leave 5 minutes for questions.
  
- **Wellington City Council Full Council Meeting** – no-one attended the last Council meeting. It was agreed that Georgie would look at the Forward Programme and let members know what is coming up for discussion at these meetings. Members are then to confirm their attendance at these meetings via email.
  
- **Youth Council Vision** – what are our goals and what do we want to achieve this year?
  - Need to be more active and not just an advisory group. This is possibly the reason that people do not know about Youth Council. Look at the possibility of changing the Terms of Reference to enable the group to do other things as well.
  - Being able to ask youth for their opinions but not necessarily running events.
  - Possibly use the Provoke network to gather ideas about what is important to youth. Do a follow up Link youth survey – possibly help Link with this. (Provoke feeds youth needs/opinions back into the Ministry of Youth Development).
  - Have advance knowledge of upcoming Council decisions to be able to give a Youth Council perspective – how does this affect youth in the city? Georgie will get a copy of the Forward Programme to send out to Youth Council.
  - Help organise musical statues event.
  - Wellington Youth Council Facebook page – rename to Wellington Youth page to be more inclusive. Have a combined Facebook page with BGI, Evolve and other Wellington youth organisations. Have a link to different pages. Have Wellington Youth as the main page and then subgroup pages link to the Wellington Youth page. Bring this idea up for discussion at the MYD training weekend. Ben Irving could possibly help organise the Facebook page – discuss this further at the next Youth Council meeting. Also what organisations Youth Council would like to link to this page.
  - Support I-Can event.
  
- **MYD Training Weekend** – ideas from the planning meeting included:
  - Have over two nights – Friday to Saturday. “Get to know each other” on the Friday with activities on the Saturday.
  - Formal event held at somewhere like Te Papa – only over one day.
  - More casual event over two days – possibly stay at a Marae.

- Training ideas – how to put together a submission, project planning, engaging other young people, diversity.
- Need to decide what role Youth Council want to take, ie, hosts, mc.

**Suggested ideas:**

- Stay at the Zoo or at The Treehouse at the Botanical Gardens.
  - Prefer to have over two days as we will get more done.
  - Invite other youth councils as this is a good networking/linking opportunity.
  - Have no mc.
  - Youth Council will host the event.
  - Need real outcomes from the weekend, ie, training, networking link. This is a good start for building relationships with other youth advisory groups. It would be good to have events on a more regular basis.
  - Still need further discussion on what training should take place over the weekend.
  - The date has been set at 25-26 June.
  - Groups to be invited include YPRG, Zeal, Evolve, MYD, Link, Challenge 2000, Youthline, MoH, Changemakers, Just Right, On the Edge.
  - The number of attendees still needs to be decided.
- Helen will attend the next planning meeting to be held next week.
  - **Youth Week** – 24-28 May is Youth Week. There are events happening at Evolve – a workshop sharing experiences on the Wellington youth drinking culture; print a youth tee screen printing; open mike night. If anyone is interested in attending the workshop email Georgie.
  - **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – an email will be sent out a week before the next meeting for agenda items.

**Next Meeting:** 2 June 2010