

## **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting** **20 May 2009**

#### **Present:**

Jack Marshall  
Nigel Smith  
Annelise Havill  
Stevenson Pule  
Tapiwa Bururu  
Zoe Doole  
Katja Heesterman  
Intisar Muketar  
Ben Ogilvie  
Duncan Armstrong  
Nurul Sultan

Waylon Edwards  
Georgina Rhoades  
Ben Everest, CCDHB (Observer)

#### **1. Apologies:**

- Dipti Manchanda; Sheela Shanmugam; Rebecca Bullen; Terefe Ejigu; Katelin Bull; Tim Wang; Hayley Wain

#### **2. Welcome:**

- Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **3. Presentation – Capital E:**

- Stephen gave a presentation on their new live TV show. There was a TV programme at Capital E that said they were a live show but they did not actually broadcast. They have now instigated a live show. This show gives young people the ability to practice how to run a studio. They produce a weekly show on Wednesdays at 6.00pm called “E-Box”. This show is not broadcast on TV but is live on the internet. They have a crew of 10 to 12 year olds all ready to go but they still need content for the show. This show is for children by children and is for all ages from 0-99 for anyone to get involved. You can come into the studio on Wednesdays if you have anything to present. The show is looking for a group that want a

regular space as long as the content is appropriate like music, culture, youth issues, poverty, etc. This can be a one off or regular spot. People can also be part of the show from remote locations.

#### Questions:

- A suggestion was made that people be asked along for only a portion of the show. How many spaces are there in the show? *Stephen said that he was unsure of this as this has not been decided but expects that there may be three spaces.*
- How long is the whole show? *Stephen said there is not a fixed time as yet and as long as the content is good then it can go for a longer period. At the moment it is 15-30 minutes long. They would also like the show to become daily.*
- How popular is the show? *Stephen said that they can keep track of people who are on line watching but the show is not up and running properly yet and has not been well publicised yet.*

#### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

#### 5. General Business:

- **LTCCP Submission Update** – Zoe said that a submission had been written from the Youth Council about the Youth Forum and what came out of that. An oral submission can be given on either Tuesday between 3.20 to 3.50 or Thursday anytime between 3.00 and 4.00 this coming week. It will take about 10 minutes including questions. Zoe asked for volunteers for the oral submission. James, Nigel and Katja volunteered to come along to the oral submission. It was agreed that this would be at 3.40 on Tuesday.
- Ben Everest said that the Porirua Youth Council made a submission to Porirua City Council and they had about 18 people in attendance. They had four people who did the talking and they all attended in their college uniforms. He suggested that it may be good to include other young people as this would engage and involve other youth in the city and that an email invitation could be sent out.
- **Duncan's Video** – Duncan presented a video about his life that screened on the Attitude programme on TV.

- **Facebook Update** – Zoe said that there is a link to the Youth Council's facebook site on the Wellington facebook page.
- **Youth Week** – Saturday is the launch of Youth Week at Bats Theatre at 11.00. Youth Week is over two weekends this year. There is a website with a list of events. There will be no Council event this year because of the LTCCP as this was not considered a priority. We may hold an event later in the year. Libraries are running workshops on how to be a muso.
- **Mayor's Taskforce** - Wellington City Council are part of the Mayor's taskforce for jobs. The Mayor's taskforce is a collection of the mayors across the Wellington District looking at helping people remain in employment and helping towards personal development. They will have an award for the Wellington Region for a young person that has been outstanding in this area. We need to create a reason and framework for someone to get this award. Youth Council will look over the applications for this award. Jack, Nurul and Intisar said that they would help on the development of the framework for this award.
- **Sunday** – There is a Youth Job Summit this Sunday that Zoe and Georgie will be attending. There are two more spaces available for this. They will be asking people how they can tackle youth unemployment. If anyone is interested in attending please let Waylon know.
- **Parks & Gardens** – P&G are looking at creating a walkway along the Porirua Stream and want a youth input on this especially from youth that live in the area. It was suggested that Parks & Gardens be invited to attend the next Youth Council meeting to talk about this and give some more information about this project.
- **Youth Council Visibility** – Waylon said that Youth Council needs to look at its visibility around Wellington. He suggested that members run around town putting stickers up with a symbol on so that people ask what this symbol means. Then an advertisement could be put in the paper with an explanation of the symbol. Youth Council also need to think about ideas for fundraising. Another idea suggested was to put an advertisement on a bus (cost???). Also suggested was the idea of buying a couch and sitting outside schools letting people know who Youth Council are. “Where’s the Couch” – put the couch around Wellington and have a competition to guess where it is. Have a bus with couches that turn up at schools.
- **Community Gardens** – There is a community gardens meeting next week in the library and Georgie asked if anyone from Youth Council would be interested in attending. There are some community gardens already established in Wellington and there is now a move towards growing your own food. There is a community

garden in Island Bay. The motive behind this is to promote healthy eating and learning new skills. Jack and Tapiwa volunteered to attend this meeting.

- **Provoke Meeting** – Provoke is for 13-20 year olds and is about getting young peoples' voices heard. As a Youth Council member you are a member of Provoke because you are part of an advisory group. There will be a meeting next Thursday around 4.00pm at a 'youth friendly' café in Wellington. Georgie will send the invite out when she has received final confirmation. This is a good way to get to know other people on advisory groups. There is also a monthly newsletter published.
- **Youth Health Advisory Group** – This is a group that meets every couple of months. They have 12 members at the moment but are looking for new people. They provide a youth input into the strategic planning for the District Health Board planning year. At the moment they are looking at working with youth councils in the Wellington area.

#### **Other Business:**

- Tapiwa said that she was on a school exchange last month in Australia. She said that this was a good independence experience. She attended school and found it interesting to see how another school works. She also went camping. There will be a reciprocal exchange in July for the Australian student.
- Couch Idea – it was suggested that there is a live feed on "where is the couch" through E-Box. Have this on the website. Have Youth Council members on the couch with their hoodies on sitting backwards. It was suggested that members think about what they want to do with this idea and come back to the next meeting with their suggestions. Members need to think about where they would like to see the couch go, ie, Frank Kitts Park. You can also email any suggestions to Waylon.
- Slum City – This is on this weekend from 5.00pm on Friday. Youth Council members will not be needed to help out as there are enough helpers on the day.
- Recruitment – There are four spaces available on Youth Council. Members need to think about how they would like the recruitment process to be carried out. Were you happy with the way this was carried out last time? Ben and Katja will help out with this process. It was agreed that interviews should be conducted.

**Next Meeting:** 3 June 2009