

## **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting** **16 September 2009**

#### **Present:**

Elesha Edmonds  
Katja Heesterman  
James Butchers  
Intisar Muketar  
Nurul Sultan  
Duncan Armstrong  
Dipti Manchanda  
Essen Vicente  
Annelise Havill  
Nigel Smith  
Katelin Bull  
Zoe Doole  
Stevenson Pule

Waylon Edwards

#### **Apologies:**

- Jack Marshall

#### **Welcome:**

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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

#### **Introduction:**

- Yula Goebel, Accessibility Advisor introduced herself and explained her role in Council. She noted that Duncan is conducting a youth research project and will be providing him with help for this project. She also said that if any Youth Council members had any questions regarding accessibility or disability issues then they could contact her. Waylon will send out Yula's email address to members.

## Presentation – Laurie Gabites, Manager City Safety:

- Laurie gave a presentation on the upcoming Sale of Liquor Act review. He noted that there are 327 licensed outlets in the CBD with 700 across the city with some of these premises being open for up to 24 hours. 80% of violence in the city is alcohol related. City Safety will be making a submission to this review that needs to be completed by 30 October. The final report on the review will be completed in March 2010.
- Issues and decisions that City Safety are looking at in particular include:
  - The split sale of liquor and drinking age – off licence sales are restricted to age 20. Council are in support of this decision.
  - Council would support stronger local government control of licensed premises.
  - Hours of operation – in particular 10.00pm closing for off licences.
  - The enforcement of alcohol in public places – complete liquor ban in public places.
  - The criteria for the issuing of licences and how they are issued – having more local control.

If Youth Council members have any feedback on the review or the issues noted above they can get back to Laurie at [laurie.gabites@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:laurie.gabites@wcc.govt.nz).

### ▪ **Questions and Feedback**

Will the liquor ban in public places only be for Wellington? *No this will be at a national level.*

What about bars and drinking outside? *Bars hold a special licence for the table areas outside.*

Some of the offences that occur are around youth asking people to buy alcohol for them. Is this covered in the review? *There will be a strengthening of laws around this in the review.*

If you allow alcohol at some public events and not others this may make these events more rowdy.

**Split age issue** – this may decrease the price of drugs and increase the usage as people may turn to an alternative solution. This will decrease the risk of younger people obtaining/accessing alcohol. Youth Council members thought the idea of people only being able to buy alcohol at bars was a good idea because there would be not as much peer pressure when it came to buying alcohol.

**Hours of Sale** – this is a good idea because this will stop drunk people from being able to buy more alcohol. This will also stop drunk drivers from going out to buy more alcohol. This could also promote drinking with parents and provide a more controlled environment for drinking. This may also encourage more planning of events.

**Liquor Ban** – Youth Council members did not support this idea.

**Advertising** – restrictions for advertising to people under age – cigarettes are a good comparison.

- **Regional Youth Forum** – this will be held on 30 September at Silverstream from 9.30 to 4.00.
- **Leadership Training** – this is scheduled for 20 September at Evolve. Ben from On the Edge will be facilitating this training. Waylon went through the agenda for the day and noted that the objective of the day was for Youth Council to have a clear action plan.

**General Business:**

- **Manners Street Submission** – the deadline for this is November. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the training day on Sunday and arrange a time for everyone of meet to discuss this before the next Youth Council meeting.
- **Couch Idea** – it was discussed that this could be part of the Forward Plan for Youth Council. It was noted that it would be good to have this organised before the next intake of Youth Council members.

**Next Meeting:** 21 October 2009