

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **3 March 2010**

Present:

1. Elesha Edmonds
2. Jack Marshall
3. Katja Heesterman
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Nigel Smith
6. Zoe Doole
7. Katelin Bull
8. Ben Ogilvie
9. Stevenson Pule
10. Ruth Corkill
11. Essen Vicente
12. Tapiwa Bururu

13. Georgina Rohades
14. Hayley Wain

Observers:

- Sophie Yeoman, Helen Yu and Olivia Boddy

Apologies:

- James Butchers

Welcome:

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes were accepted by Jack and seconded by Ruth. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Anna Bloomquist, Transport Safety Education Co-ordinator, Transport Planning Group:

- Anna introduced herself and explained that her role was to promote road safety. Projects that she is involved in at the moment include the check points for scooters, cycle lanes and visibility project. She also helps support SADD. As part of this project she is involved in taking a car around schools that has been involved in a crash. She would like the Youth Council's feedback around this project with regard to what works and what does not in getting their message across to youth. If any Youth Council members are interested she can take members out to have a look at the trailer that goes out to the schools. She will also be conducting a survey via email that Youth Council members can be involved in. She also noted that she is available to talk about road safety issues and can also arrange for Youth Council members to have a look at the Police's 'booze bus'.

Plan for the Year:

- At the next meeting ideas will be put together for the plan and who will be taking a lead on the points of interest.
 - More youth involvement in Sister Cities – Need to know more before taking this on. Essen to follow up on Youth Aotearoa and other Local Authority's Youth Council members.
 - Effective way to have a relationship with Councillors – there are better ways of doing this, one on one meetings, asking Councillors to attend Youth Council meetings to introduce themselves to Youth Council, ask Councillors how they would like to engage, how can Youth Council be helpful to Councillors in their job. Youth Council can give feedback regarding youth. Send out a personal invitation first and follow this up with a phone call. The meeting Councillors are invited to can be either social or a Youth Council meeting. It was suggested that Councillors be invited to an afternoon tea first.
 - New initiative – the rights and recognition of unisex people. This is a new movement that is trying to get off the ground that maybe Youth Council may be interested in.
 - It was agreed that members should bring their ideas to the next meeting to have a brainstorming session.

New Members:

- Olivia talked about her involvement in Youth Council in Auckland and the Youth in Local Government Forum that she attended. The other new members went through their reasons of why they wanted to belong to Youth Council and what their interest in Youth Council was.

General Business:

- **Feedback on Council Meeting** – Members attended the full Council meeting on Wednesday that they found interesting. Issues were brought up, reports delivered with people having a certain amount of time to speak to these issues. Councillors then comment and then the Mayor gave her thoughts. Councillors then vote on the issue via an electronic voting board. Topics discussed included the Sister Cities for the Hutt and Wellington, ways to extend this relationship and ways that youth can be involved. Other topics discussed included environmental policies and improving energy efficiency. Councillor Wain noted that Councillors decisions are made and debated at SPC. She also noted that the advisory groups within Council will be reviewed in September.
- **Youth Parliament** – new members will be called for around 6/7 July to sit in the press gallery. Georgie will put Youth Council members in touch with local MPs. Youth Council members need to get back to Georgie if they are interested in becoming part of the Youth Parliament.
- **Youth in Local Government Hui** – this is scheduled for 7-9 April, there is funding available for Youth Council members and the cost is \$450 for three days. The focus will be on youth councils. There is also an award ceremony where Youth Council members can nominate people for five different categories. Ben, Zoe and Tapiwa said that they were interested in attending this Hui. The funding application will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Regional Youth Council Hui** – Wellington are hosting this Hui this year. Youth Council need to decide when to have this Hui. It was suggested that the Hui be organised during Youth Week in May, possibly 27 May. Agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **MYD Funding** – MYD have \$5,000 funding available for Youth Council. Georgie went through the guidelines for this funding. The application needs to be with MYD by 15 March. It has been cleared that Youth Council are allowed to apply for this funding. The funding could go towards resources for meetings but not for individuals. It was suggested that this money could be used to promote Youth Council, let youth know how to get in touch with Youth Council regarding youth issues, marketing, posters, and website development for Youth Council. Another suggestion included creating an event to promote Youth Council and Council to raise their profile. Have a workshop for youth advisors from different groups in Wellington, On the Edge training, have a separate website from the Council's one (it was noted that the Facebook page is used for this purpose). It was agreed that Youth Council would apply for this funding with Ben, Zoe, and Tapiwa to work on the application with Georgie.

- **Link Survey Update** – If anyone is interested in working to modify the questions for the upcoming survey can they please get in touch with Georgie.
- **Environmental Reference Group** – Nigel is no longer able to represent Youth Council on this Reference Group. Ruth, Jack and Tapiwa said that they were interested in representing Youth Council. These members will attend the next meeting to decide who will be the Youth Council representative.

Next Meeting: 17 March 2010