

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **31 March 2010**

Present:

1. Elesha Edmonds
2. Ruth Corkill
3. Nigel Smith
4. Essen Vicente
5. Susanna Larken
6. Emily Murphy
7. Helen Yu
8. Zoe Doole
9. Katelin Bull
10. Ben Ogilvie
11. James Butchers
12. Paul Meuli

13. Georgina Rhoades

Observers:

- Mikaela Bull

Apologies:

- Jack Marshall; Katja Heesterman; Tapiwa Bururu

Welcome:

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes from the meeting on 3 March 2010 were passed by Ben and seconded by Essen. The Minutes from the meeting on 17 March 2010 are still to be passed.

Evolve:

- Evolve attended the meeting to explain the services that they offer. They run programmes and activities and are there for youth to create

their own opportunities. They will also run requested programmes if there is enough interest. There are five youth workers employed by Evolve. They have councillors, doctors and nurses on the clinical side. They try to cover all aspects of health including general, mental and sexual providing primary or secondary health services. Councillors make the appointments and the nurses do assessments. All the services that they offer are free. They also have table tennis, couches, stereo, etc in the youth activities area and run classes like kickboxing, creative writing, etc. There is also the opportunity for people to hold meetings in the space so Youth Council could hold some of their meetings at Evolve if required.

General Business:

- **Chair & Deputy Chair Elections** – The Chair of Youth Council needs:
 - to have good communication skills
 - be able to facilitate discussions
 - be able to run meetings, plan agendas
 - be ultra committed
 - attend set Council meetings
 - be the liaison between the Youth Advisor and Youth Council
 - be the face of the Youth Council
 - be a good representative of Youth Council.

Nominations for Chair and Deputy included:

Chair	Deputy Chair
Paul	Helen
James	Ben
Jack	Emily
Susanna	James
	Jack
	Susanna

Paul was elected as the new Chair of Youth Council and James was elected as Deputy Chair of Youth Council.

The process for voting needs to be written into the Terms of Reference for Youth Council.

Another election for the Chair and Deputy will be held in six months time.

- **MYD Funding** – The \$5,000 funding has been granted. The proposal for the use of this funding is to either have a day or weekend conference and invite other advisory groups for young people to attend. The objective of this is to build a network between the Youth Council and

other groups in Wellington. The funding has to be spent by June this year.

- **Youth in Local Government Hui** – three Youth Council members will be attending this Hui. It was noted that some Youth Council members did not receive the email about this Hui who would have liked to attend.

Youth Council needs to create a report back template and attendees will need to complete a report back for this Hui. The template needs to include a report back on workshops attended, a good summary and overall opinion of the hui, stating whether it was worthwhile attending and some general comments. It was noted that the Councillors have a template that could be adapted for Youth Council.

Completing a report back is useful as there may be some action points that come out of the template. These reports will be kept on file for future reference. This report back can be used for conferences, when Youth Council runs forums or activities and for full Council meetings. These documents could possibly be kept on Facebook.

- **Youth Council Logo** – development of this logo will be put on hold as the Council is currently undergoing a brand review.
- **Almost Amazing Race 2.0** – the next informal Youth Council meeting will be to help with preparations for this event. Volunteers for this included Essen and Emily with Paul, Katelin and Helen being tentative.
- **Volunteers** – Stage Challenge volunteers included Essen, James, Ben Emily and Katelin. Georgie will put these names forward.
- **GWRC Transport** – Zoe, Katelin, James and Ruth will be part of the submission group.

Next Meeting: 21 April 2010