

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **11 August 2010**

Present:

1. James Butchers
2. Paul Meuli
3. Jack Marshall
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Helen Yu
6. Stevenson Pule
7. Ben Ogilvie
8. Susanna Larken
9. Katja Heesterman
10. Zared Wall-Manning
11. James Wall-Manning
12. Emily Murphy
13. Ruth Corkill
14. Kieran Meredith
15. Harriet Weststrate

16. Waylon Edwards

Apologies:

- Zoe Doole, Elesha Edmonds, Ricki; Georgie Rhoades

Welcome:

- James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 June 2010 were moved as correct by Ben and seconded by Susie. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July 2010 were moved as correct by Susie and seconded by Emily. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July were moved as correct by Helen and seconded by Ben. All agreed.

- There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Events

- Waylon asked Youth Council if they wanted to organise an event. If members would like to organise a meeting with Mayoral candidates this could be run with Evolve but would not be a Youth Council Event. Waylon asked members if they had any ideas of events that could be run as part of the Rugby World Cup. Any ideas email through to either Waylon or Georgie.

Aroha Rangī - Advisory Groups

- Aroha gave a presentation on the review of the Youth Council. Questions that Aroha asked the Youth Council to consider included:
 - What is the role of Youth Council?
 - What works well in Youth Council?
 - What is not working well?
 - What could be done to improve things?
- Youth Council then had a brainstorming session to answer these questions. Main points noted included:
 - Timing of information to Youth Council.
 - Contact with Councillors
 - Provide Forward Programme of S&P to Youth Council.
 - Web Alerts not working
 - How does Youth Council get information on what will be discussed at S&P?
 - Work through Youth Advisors to get information or have someone come along and talk to Youth Council.
 - Not proactive
 - No progress
 - Nothing changes – no point in being on Youth Council
 - Youth Council serves to gather overall opinion of youth
 - Not representative
 - No feedback
 - What are the goals for Youth Council apart from the Forward Programme
 - Purpose of Youth Council – engagement between Council and youth – knowledge of Council processes – able to give Council knowledge of the needs of youth.
 - Need to provide more information on processes.
 - Be able to use right paths into Council.
 - Balance between knowing enough and giving opinions.
 - Youth Council do not contribute enough
 - The submission process is very arduous – is there a different channel that Youth Council can go through?
 - Portfolio responsibilities

- Liaison with other advisory groups – have one or two members on other advisory groups as Youth Council representative/s. These members could be alternated like the Council meetings.
- The Terms of Reference are also being looked at and Aroha Rangi asked Youth Council members if they wanted any changes made. Points noted:
 - Criteria for membership – does this work? Youth Council members agreed to keep this.
 - Chair and Deputy – their term should be for 12 months.
 - 20 members – this is a good number.
 - Selection process – members said that they did not hear about Youth Council from school as it is not promoted at schools. The “couch” idea was raised again as a way of promotion. It was also suggested that Youth Council be promoted on the “Our Wellington” page.
 - Term of appointment – it was agreed that this was appropriate and should remain.
 - Reporting – Youth Council do not report enough on Council matters.
 - Administration – not enough feedback.

General Business:

- The next Youth Council meeting will be held at Parliament and hosted by Jacinda Arden. Youth Council members are to meet at Council at 4.00pm first and walk to Parliament.

Next Meeting: 25 August 2010