

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 27 October 2010

Present:

1. Paul Meuli
2. Ben Ogilvie
3. Ricki Lambert
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Emily Murphy
6. Stevenson Pule
7. James Butchers
8. Zared Wall-Manning
9. Helen Yu
10. James Wall-Manning

11. Waylon Edwards

Apologies:

- Susanna Larken, Amanda Jones
- Late Arrivals: Jack Marshall & Ruth Corkill

Welcome:

- Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2010 were moved as correct by Stevenson and seconded by Helen. All agreed.
- There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Presentation - Allan Prangnell, Strategy Stake Relations:

- Presentation: Wellington 2040: The Future of our City. Council are looking at the strategy for Wellington for the next 20 years with another two years of consultation to go. The central city will play a major part in the future of Wellington. Council are looking at how we grow the city to accommodate more people and look at how the whole city works and relates to the suburbs. We need to take into consideration existing amenities, history, economic potential and how

communities can express themselves. Open spaces, structures and how we use the city also need to be looked at and principles for the development of the city need to be established to make the most of cycle and pedestrian usage. The city also needs to be resilient to climate change, how we adapt to changes and how we can keep the city resourced.

Questions asked of Youth Council:

- Do you think Wellington is a good place to live, work and study and what is it about Wellington that makes it a good place to live, work and study? *It is compact, has a good variety of things to do, it is easy to get around and has good cultural diversity.*
- Do you think of Wellington as the central city or the whole of Wellington to Upper Hutt? *No just the city and immediately surrounding suburbs.*
- Is there anything that can make Wellington better? *Cycle access (narrow hills); improve transport for disabled people; better training for public transport workers; link between all public transport services; bus/train service aimed at tourist level; more consistency across public transport companies – people would use public transport if the service was better.*
- What would make you stay here instead of going overseas? *There is currently a lack of graduate internships (ie, marketing, law); affordability; number of people/opportunities.*
- What would bring you back to Wellington? *Existing ties; people/friendly/safe; do not want to come back and find a big shift/change in the city (ie, changes to the waterfront); character/culture of the city; safety – Wellington is better than Auckland and you are safe in the city and suburbs; there is not too much build up and the suburbs are spread out; good light in the city with not too many high rise buildings; Council flats.*
- Are there enough people in the city on a day to day basis? *It is good to see a lot of foot traffic as this makes the city look busy. You can find everything you need to in the city. Good to encourage people to cycle and walk. There is an outdoor feel of Wellington and you are not enclosed by high rise buildings. You can see green areas in the city and surrounds. The question should be asked whether people would want to live in a “power house” city.*
- Do you want to own a house or flat or rent? *It is important to have a house that you can call your own and have something to pass onto family. It gives you security not being on 28 days notice. Wellington is not very affordable for student accommodation.*
- Do you think Wellington should have a relationship with the Auckland super city? *Wellington could look at making the most of this idea of having our own super city. It would be better to keep resources in Wellington and would make it easier to lobby Central Government.*
- Where would you draw the line for a super city? *Keep it in the North Island up as far as Paraparaumu.*

- Pick two or three words to describe Wellington in 30 years time. *Friendly; character; innovation; modern; Absolutely Positively Wellington (keep this logo).*
 - With regard to climate change, we can expect the sea level and water table to rise. Are there any ways to look at working around this? *Foster innovations; invest at the beginning; set the target to be the number one city in green initiatives.*
 - Are there any ways you can think of to reduce carbon emissions? *If the public transport service was improved then more people could rely on this. The cost of public transport is also an issue for people.*
- It was noted that if information on the Draft Wellington 2040 plan was provided before the meeting then Youth Council members could have consulted with the wider youth community. They could have also put information up on their Facebook page.

General Business:

- Youth Council members noted that they would like to establish a relationship with the newly elected Councillors with the possibility of having a 'meet and greet' session. Another idea put forward was for Youth Council members to set up a buddy system with Councillors to have better communication/connection.

Next Meeting: 8 December 2010