

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **11 February 2009**

Present

Deni Tipene
Ben Ogilvie
Elesha Edmonds
Rebecca Bullen
Tim Wang
Tapiwa Bururu
Terefe Ejigu
Yulia Gaiduch
Sam Taylor
Zoe Doole
Duncan Armstrong
Nigel Smith
Katelin Bull
Dipti Manchanda
Annelise Havill
Essen Vicente
Jack Marshall
Sheela Shanmugam

Bessie Fepulea'i
Waylon Edwards
Councillor Hayley Wain
Heidi Mills (observer)

Opening Prayer

Essen Vicente

Apologies

Nurul Sultan

Welcome

Bessie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Elections for Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

Bessie said that elections would be held at this meeting for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Members could either nominate themselves or be nominated and the nominees would need to say why they would like to be the Chairperson. Voting would be held and the person with the second highest number of votes would be the Vice Chairperson. The meeting all agreed to this system.

Nominees were – Ben, Jack, Elesha and Tapiwa. Voting was held and the members elected Elesha as the Chairperson and Jack as the Vice Chairperson.

Bessie thanked Ben and Essen for all their hard work over the past year. She explained that she would be having regular meetings with Elesha and Jack to set the agenda for the meetings. She also said that if anyone had anything they would like to see on the agenda then could they please get in touch with Elesha, Jack or Bessie.

Councillor Hayley Wain

Hayley Wain explained a bit of her background and said that she had been part of Youth Council before becoming a Councillor. She said that she believes that Youth Council is very important because it feeds youth views to Council.

Hayley said that members may have heard that Council is reviewing the current recycling programme. The Strategy & Policy Committee of Council are currently considering a paper put forward on recycling. One option is to put out recycling bags for collection. Recycling costs Council about \$2million every year and Council do not earn much money from this with a shortfall of about \$1million. Council are looking at whether to charge all ratepayers or just charge people that recycle. Council are looking at different options which will then be put out for consultation. She noted that Youth Council will be getting more information on this as they may want to make submissions.

Wellington Youth Survey

Bessie handed out copies of the survey results and noted that there is another survey to be completed at the back of the book. This survey is run by Link and if anyone had any questions about this survey they could contact BGI.

LTCCP Feedback

Bessie asked for feedback from members who attended the recent LTCCP workshop.

Members said that they had found this workshop interesting and said that most people who attended were very into the environment. It was also noted

that some people were not happy with the wording on the banner saying that it should state “sustainable” as well.

A couple of options put forward for ways Council could save money were selling off part of the golf course and selling the zoo.

Council should look at becoming more personal having more of a community feel and letting people have more say in what goes on in their area.

Bessie noted that Mark Farrar will be sending out more information to Youth Council members about the LTCCP.

Pathways to Resilient Communities

Elesha said that this meeting would be held on 7 March at Te Papa. She asked for Youth Council members to come along as there is a strong interest in supporting sustainability. Elesha will email the details to all members.

Heidi Mills

Heidi Mills introduced herself. She works for the Ministry of Youth Development. She meets with all the Youth Councils in her area and noted that they held an event in September last year for all Youth Council members to attend. There will be another get together in April at Kapiti.

LTCCP 2009-2019:

Jaime Dyhrberg gave a presentation on the Council’s LTCCP. This plan encompasses 10 years and looks into the services that Council provides and is the main way that Council establishes what it does. Council are holding workshops and having stands at events asking the public if they think we have got it right as Council has to make some tough decisions with regard to potential savings.

Proposed Approach:

- We want to maintain Wellington’s vibrancy
- Not a back to basics approach
- Target rates increase of not more than 4%
- Maintain non priority standard
- Maintain essential infrastructure
- Reduce a service rather than stop it
- Look at ways we can lower costs by reducing payment, ie, water use
- Leverage external funding
- We have a website for discussion – Wellingtonlongtermplan.co.nz
- Have a budget simulator
- Have a facebook – What do you want for Wellington

- We are currently running a hotline to the public to call and talk to Councillors in the evening.
- We are going on roadshows

LTCCP Timetable:

- Deliberations on draft LTCCP 10-12 March
- Draft released for consultation 15 April
- Submissions close in May
- Hearings held in May
- Deliberations held in June
- LTCCP released on 24 June

Jaime asked for feedback from Youth Council members that attended a recent workshop as it would be interesting to hear your views.

Members noted that adults are very passionate about this subject and that having young people at these meetings gave a good moderation to groups.

What does “vibrant, affordable” mean on the banner – this is not clear to people. Internationally competitive – do not think that Wellington can compete with larger nations.

It is important to maintain the quality of life in Wellington and encourage more businesses to come here so we can have more variety.

It is good to have online submissions as people will not miss the deadline because they have to post their submission in.

Jaime said that it would be good to have some feedback/comments about the way information is presented, especially in the booklet.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bessie asked if anyone had any notices or events coming up that would be of interest to Youth Council.

Yulia said that an upcoming event called Out in the Square is happening soon and they will be looking for volunteers to help out. She said that she would email the details to members.

The Little Big Day Out is happening this Sunday and Katelin’s band would be performing. Katelin will email the details to members.

As part of the LTCCP engagement process there will be ward clinics happening with one being held at the upcoming Cuba Street Carnival and one on 28 February. Hayley said that it would be good to have some young people there for feedback.

The Newtown Fair is happening on 8 March. Bessie asked for Youth Council members to come along to hand out information about Youth Council. They will be situated at the DJ stage. Bessie asked if anyone was interested in helping out if they could please get in touch with her.

Waylon Edwards introduced himself. He is the new Youth Advisor in City Communities and just started on Monday. He explained a bit of his background and said that if anyone needs to talk to him please feel free to get in touch with him at any time.

Bessie asked members to get their bank details in to her as soon as possible so that she can get members set up on the system to get paid.

Bessie will send out the Minutes to members.

Next Meeting: 25 March 2009

Closing Prayer: Essen Vicente