

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 2 June 2010

Present:

1. Paul Meuli
2. James Butchers
3. Elesha Edmonds
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Mikaela Bull
6. Ruth Corkill
7. Helen Yu
8. Emily Murphy
9. Katelin Bull
10. Katja Heesterman
11. Ben Ogilvie
12. Tapiwa Bururu

13. Georgina Rhoades
14. Waylon Edwards

Apologies:

- Jack Marshall, Nigel Smith, Essen Vicente

Observers:

- Harriet & Sarah

Welcome:

- Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were moved as correct by James Butchers and seconded by Ben Ogilvie. All agreed.
- There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

General Business:

- **Submission** – The oral submission went really well with Emily, James and Katja being asked questions by Councillors around how many people Youth Council had surveyed for their submission. This raised the issue regarding the need for data to back submissions up in future. Youth Council should be more engaged and making more submissions. Youth Council also need resources to carry out surveys. Members thought that Council should be more open to providing these resources after making this submission and having Councillors asking for evidence. Youth Council could design surveys using the Link survey format. It was agreed that there should be more support from Youth Council members when making submissions.
- **Youth Hui** – It has been decided to use the Almost Amazing Race format for the upcoming Youth Hui on 16 July. Wellington will be hosting this Hui and will have to do a presentation. James, Elesha, Susie and possibly Ben will put the presentation together. James, Helen, Elesha, Susie, Katja(?), Ben(?), Jack and Duncan will be attending.
- **Forward Plan** – This is written a year in advance. It was agreed that Youth Council look at the Forward Plan for upcoming areas of interest and complete written comments to refer to SPC. **Action:** Waylon to send out information on the Forward Plan for Youth Council members comments.

Action: Georgie to find out who in Council sends out the agendas for SPC and to talk to Councillor Wain to find out what information Councillors receive. All ideas/comments are to be emailed to Georgie who will put the comments together to forward onto Council after full agreement from Youth Council members.

- **MYD Training Weekend** – The booking at the Zoo has been confirmed. Everyone is to arrive by 6:30pm on the Friday when there will be a night tour of the Zoo. There is also to be a morning tour of the Zoo. Workshops will start at 10.30am and include an ALAC workshop, youth participation, methods of communication, submission writing and decision making workshops. Organisations invited to attend include Link, Challenge 2000, On the Edge, Zeal, Activate, Evolve and Youth Line. The event will finish around 4.00pm on the Saturday. This weekend will provide a good starting point for this sort of get together to occur every three months. **Action:** Georgie will email out a list of what everyone needs to bring with them.
- **Councillor Wain** – noted that Councillors have been attending Annual Plan deliberations looking at school pool partnerships with \$2million being granted for this scheme. She congratulated Youth Council on their oral submission and said that this was well received and Councillors noted that it was good to have a submission that

looked at the issue from a different perspective. She also noted that she received a lot of positive feedback from Councillors.

- **Facebook** – Two more friends have joined the Youth Council Facebook page. The new idea for a Facebook page is to have one page that covers all Wellington youth organisations so that all Wellington youth feel they can be part of this page. This page would also be good for information sharing, be more inclusive and a good way to survey people. It was agreed that this should be a discussion point for the MYD training weekend. **Action:** James to talk to Ben Irving about setting this page up.
- **Invitation** – James will look into inviting Jacinda Arden, Labour MP, and Spokesperson for Youth Affairs to a Youth Council meeting.
- **I Can Event** – the next On the Edge event is called “Lines of Hope”. People write their hopes and dreams on postcards to inspire people. Katja has more information on this event.
- **Forward Plan** – Councillor Wain explained that Councillors get the Forward Programme every month. Councillors get reports on items the week before the meeting. On Tuesday there is a question and answer session and on Thursday Councillors debate the issues. Youth Council members will need to register if they want to be a public participant. Another way for Youth Council members to submit any comments would be to make direct contact with the Portfolio Leader so they can take Youth Council views to the Councillors. Councillors work a month ahead of the Forward Plan. Georgie can request a copy of the Forward Plan from Democratic Services. It was agreed to put the Forward Plan as a permanent slot on the Youth Council agenda.

Next Meeting: 16 June 2010