

# **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting** **16 June 2010**

### *Present:*

1. Paul Meuli
2. James Butchers
3. Jack Marshall
4. Duncan Armstrong
5. Mikaela Bull
6. Helen Yu
7. Emily Murphy
8. Stevenson Pule
9. Ben Ogilvie
10. Essen Vicente
11. Katelin Bull
12. Susanna Larken
13. Harriet Weststrate
14. Zoe Doole
  
15. Georgina Rohades

### *Apologies:*

- Elesha Edmonds, Katja Heesterman

### *Observer:*

- Michelle Cooper (Journalism Student from Whitirea)

### *Welcome:*

- Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### *Minutes of the Previous Meeting:*

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were moved as correct by Paul and seconded by Helen. All agreed.
- There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

## *General Business:*

- **MYD Training Weekend Update** – The training weekend will run from 6.30pm 25 June to 4.00pm 26 June. The proposed schedule for the weekend includes: 6.30pm dinner; 7.00pm zoo tour followed by supper. The following day in the morning there will be a discussion around the Facebook page idea; 11.00am ALAC project management alcohol workshop on the liquor bylaw; 2.00 to 3.30pm training on submissions using the MYD resource “Stand up and be Heard”. There are three sections to this resource – Making it Happen; Influence Decision Makers and Working with Media. The first section covers having an idea and putting this into reality. The second section covers the importance of understanding processes and specific ways to present submissions. The third section covers the importance of media as a communication tool and a guide on how to write a media release. Georgie noted that all media releases need to go through the Communication Team at Council. Youth Council members agreed that it would be a good idea to work on the first two sections.

Emily, Helen, Jack, James, Elesha, Susie, Katelin, Mikaela, Essen, Ben and Stevenson said that they were available to attend this training weekend. Seven people have responded to the invitation from the Children’s Advisory Group with the closing date for RSVPs on 18 June. If Youth Council members have any changes to the agenda for the day please email Georgie as soon as possible.

- **Regional Youth Council Hui** – Invitations have been sent out for this Hui to all youth councils. Zeal has been booked. RSVPs close on 9 July. At the next meeting Youth Council will start planning for the Hui. Members who agreed to do the presentation need to get together now to start planning the presentation. The agenda for the day includes a 10.00am arrival at Zeal and introductions; 11.00 to 12.30pm MYD workshop; 12.30 to 1.15pm lunch; 2.00 to 3.30pm Amazing Race engaging on the Draft Annual Plan. Youth Council members will be either on site at locations (5 stations) throughout the Amazing Race or with members of the different youth councils helping them find their way around Wellington.
- **Labour MP Visit** – James has arranged for Jacinda Arden to attend the next Youth Council meeting to talk about what she does as a Youth Affairs Shadow Minister.
- **Forward Plan** – Georgie has subscribed to the Council’s web alerts so that she will know when the agenda is on the website. Youth Council members can also subscribe to this. It was agreed that Youth Council members would mass subscribe to the web alerts. **Action:** Georgie to send out the link to Youth Council members so that they can individually subscribe to the web alerts.

- **Visit from Mayoral Candidates** – Youth Council have been approached and asked whether they would be interested in having the Mayoral Candidates attend a Youth Council meeting so they can learn about the candidates. Councillor Wain suggested that instead of attending a meeting maybe it would be a better idea to run this as an event similar to the event run last at the last elections. This would enable other youth and Council candidates to be invited. She also suggested that it would be a good idea to have set questions regarding relevant issues to ask the candidates and also to limit the speaking time.
- **Facebook Page** – James to add Jack and the new Youth Council members to the Facebook page as administrators.
- **National Youth Diversity Forum** – The Forum this year will be held in Christchurch in August. Ben attended last year's forum and recommended it to Youth Council. Funding for attendees is available through the Ethnic Council. There is also one space available for a Youth Council member to attend that will be funded by the Council. **Action:** Georgie to send out an email for expressions of interest from Youth Council members. If anyone would like more information email either Ben or Georgie.

Essen said that she would invite the Ethnic Youth Council to attend a Youth Council meeting.

- **Sister Cities** – Councillor Wain said that the New Zealand Sister Cities Steering Group via the Hutt City Council is looking at organising a 'dance off' with their sister city. This will be done via a video link. The proposal is currently being put together for this and they are looking at involving young people from Wellington as well. One idea that has been raised is a challenge for Wellington youth to dance a Japanese dance element with the youth in Japan doing a reciprocal New Zealand dance element. If anyone is keen to be involved in this let Georgie know. James suggested that the Steering Group contact Wellington schools to invite dance groups from the schools to attend.
- **Agenda Items** – Agenda items for the next meeting included Facebook page Wellington youth related links to be added – Youth Council members to come up with links for the page. Orientation tour for Youth Council members – this will be organised for later in the year.

**Next Meeting:** 30 June 2010