

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting
28 July 2010

Present:

1. Zoe Doole
2. Harriet Westrate
3. Ricki Lambert
4. Kieran Meredith
5. Ruth Corkill
6. Emily Murphy
7. Elesha Edmonds
8. Helen Yu
9. Katja Heesterman
10. James Wall-Manning
11. James Butchers
12. Ben Ogilvie
13. Zared Wall-Manning
14. Stevenson Pule
15. Jack Marshall
16. Paul Meuli

Apologies:

Also present:

1. Heidi Mills from Ministry of Youth Development
2. Aroha Rangi Senior Policy Advisor from WCC
3. Raewynne Uren from the elections office

Welcome:

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests to introduce themselves to youth council.

Aroha asked if she could come and facilitate a session to youth council at a later meeting to ask their opinions on the current structure of youth council, how it works now and what could be potentially done better. This session will contribute to the youth council section of a policy paper Aroha is putting together on all of the five advisory groups WCC is currently reviewing

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: could not be accessed at this time

Raewynne Uren

Raewynne came to talk about enrolling to vote. Her role is to maintain the electoral role for Wellington region. She explained the local government elections cast by postal vote. Youth council was encouraged to get their friends to enrol by 20 August if they haven't already enrolled. Those from youth council who were not enrolled today were encouraged to do so at the meeting

Raewynne also extended an invitation to youth council to host a youth council meeting at the electoral office as it may be interesting to see what happens from the electoral office side.

Zoe asked why personal information such as address details is available on the official role which is available in the library. Raewynne explained that there was a suggestion put forward to a select committee to have these details taken off some time ago. But this suggestion was not accepted. She also suggested that if anyone else found this a problem that they should approach their local MP to bring it up.

Celebrating Duncan's success

We showed the video of Duncan's story which was aired on close up.

The Almost Amazing Regional Youth Advisory Group Hui 2.5

Heidi thanked youth council for hosting a successful hui. She also asked for some feedback from those present.

General Business:

- **Potential to have a youth council meeting at parliament hosted by Jacinda Ardern** – 25 August was proposed to have the next youth council meeting at parliament to be hosted by Jacinda Ardern.

Heidi asked if youth council knew any of the youth MPs? Kieran confirmed that he knew three of them personally as he ran to be a youth MP as well.

Kieran is going to invite his three youth MP friends to come along and meet the youth council

- **Hayley Wain update on the sister cities** – Hutt City Council had planned to do a dance-off competition hosting a sister cities group of delegates in September. They have changed this date to April 2011 and chosen to do "The Amazing Race" in September replacing the dance-off. They have welcomed support from youth council if they'd like to help out with this event in an attempt to build on their already strong relationship, and from the findings Wellington has from running a similar event twice.

Sister cities are also planning on holding a conference in Masterton in late April 2011. Hayley can be contacted if anyone would like more information about this.

- **Keeping up to date with council and committee meetings** – Paul asked about the progress on getting the councils forward plan and planned agenda ahead of time so youth council could provide proactive opinions on their items.

Hayley clarified that July has been quiet and as of 29 July council will be meeting weekly. One of the items on the 29th was about encroachment licenses.

- **Web alerts** – James questioned whether the web alerts Council sends out are beneficial as he only gets advertisements/updates about what's

happening in the suburbs like events etc. It was identified that their could be several different updates/web alerts that Council has.

Zoe is going to investigate this

- **Mayor candidates** – Zoe asked about whether the mayoral candidates can visit youth council.

Georgie explained that because of City Councils role in the election we cannot be seen to be giving preference to any of the candidates. Even though youth council would give candidates a fair hearing. This would not seem to be impartial. However if young people organised this outside of the youth council forum then this is fine

Hayley added that Evolve had run a similar session which was very successful and suggested contacting Evolve to see if this could happen again

Zoe is going to follow up with Evolve

- **Katrina Shanks** – Emily is contacting Katrina Shanks about whether she would be interested in visiting youth council
- **Youth council presence at council meetings** – James talked about the importance of youth councillors to be present at full council meetings. He will be organising a roster so youth councillors can plan their time to be present. 25 August is the next full council meeting
- **Musical statues** – Katja proposed youth council may like to run an event to break the world record for a particular category whilst raising money for a particular cause.

Next Meeting: 11 August 2010