

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting**  
**13 August 2008**

*Present:*

Intisar Muketar  
Essen Vicente  
Nurul Sultan  
Sheela Shanmugam  
Jocelyn Lim  
Jack Marshall  
Nigel Smith  
Katelin Bull  
Dipti Manchanda  
Fabian Todd  
Councillor Wain

*Opening Prayer*

Essen Vicente

*Apologies*

Bessie Fepulea'i, Ben Ogilvie

*Welcome*

Essen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

***MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING***

There were no Minutes from the previous meeting as this meeting was cancelled due to a lack of attendance. The Minutes from the meeting on 18 June 2008 will be emailed to Youth Council members.

***SLAM JAM '08***

Fabian gave an updated on this event. There has been a lot of advertising on the radio as well as other advertising. Council will need help on the day from Youth Council. The event will be held on Saturday from 3.00 to 9.00pm.

Essen said she could help; Dipti said that she could help from 6.30pm, Nigel said he may possibly be able to help but would email and Jack said he would be able to help out.

Fabian said that it would be good for Youth Council to attend to build on relationships between other youth groups as Link will be helping out at this event. He asked if members could email him if they are attending because we need to know the numbers for t-shirts. Help will be needed for the registration table and keeping an eye on people at the event. We also need someone to dress up as the mascot for the event. Jack said he was happy to do this.

Events organised for the event will include a DJ, MC, hip hop and half time entertainment. Three on three streetball with trophies, there will be spot prizes handed out and Sing Star and Guitar Hero will also going.

Fabian asked Youth Council to take away posters and fliers for the event to be put up at schools, etc.

### *YOUTH COUNCIL RECRUITMENT*

At this stage there are between 5-10 people to interview but we do need more people to cover any drop offs during the year. Please email names of people interested to Fabian.

### *PRESENTATION - RAEWYN UREN, WELLINGTON CENTRAL ELECTORATE OFFICE*

The age that you can enrol to vote is 17 this then ensures that your name is automatically on the role when you turn 18. There is a big drive on at the moment to encourage 18-24 year olds to enrol. There is a bebo site and an applications website as well.

Raewyn asked Youth Council to spread the word to family and friends about enrolling to vote. She is currently going around schools, universities and door knocking encouraging people to enrol. Around 50,000 names have been removed from the role because details are not up to date and these people need to get back on the role. The Electoral Office is split into three different areas.

Nine days before the election you will receive a letter from the General Election Office with a card with your family name, first name, line number and page number. You need to take this card with you to the polling booth and your name will be crossed off the electoral role. You will then get your voting papers. If you are not on the role then you will have to case a special vote.

To keep your details up to date you can free txt, go on the website or into the Wellington City Council offices to look at the local register of electors. This is important so that the electoral office do not lose track of people. There are four types of electoral role – the provisional role before you turn 18; general role; Maori role and the unpublished confidential role where your life may be in danger. These roles are updated every three years before the general or Council elections.

## *GENERAL BUSINESS*

**Fees** – Councillor Wain asked for an update with regard to the Youth Council Terms of Reference transport allowance. Fabian said that a meeting had been had with the Finance Department and another meeting will be set up shortly to discuss this matter again. Councillor Wain said that she wanted to make sure that we are on to this matter.

**Maori Youth Workshop** – This is coming up on Friday, 15 August and Fabian asked for help with this event. Jack and Essen said that they could help out with the registration table. Fabian said to make sure they wear their Youth Council t-shirts.

**Journals/Reflection Diaries** – Journals were handed out to everyone and members were asked to bring these to every meeting as these will be your reference for upcoming events and items to be noted for Youth Council.

**Meeting Schedule** – Bessie said that they have looked at different ways to run Youth Council meetings and one of the things they have come up with is going back to monthly meetings because of commitments. Bessie and Fabian will keep in touch via email. The members attending all agreed to change the meetings to monthly. Bessie will send out a new meeting schedule. It was suggested that if Youth Council are to meet monthly now then could an email be sent before each meeting to confirm that the meeting is on.

**Phil Keogen Event** – Jack and Nigel were asked to report back on this event. Both Jack and Nigel said that they had enjoyed this event and that Phil Keogen gave a very interesting speech. Fabian noted that he would like to see more Youth Council members involved in this type of thing and with events as you get special treatment.

**Leadership Course** – Bessie asked for written feedback from members who attended the Leadership Course at Zeal and asked if they would recommend this course to other members. Members who attended said that they would recommend this course to the whole of Youth Council as they talked about world leaders and used different types of resources for discussions and lectures. This course may be run again in March next year.

**Next Meeting:** In a month's time – date to be confirmed via email in the new meeting schedule.

**Closing Prayer:** Essen Vicente