

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting**  
**23 April 2008**

*Present:*

Nurul Sultan  
Dipti Manchanda  
Essen Viante  
Laura Hubbard  
Nigel Smith  
Ben Ogilvie  
Sheela Shanmugam  
Amy Barnett  
Councillor Wain  
Bessie Fepulea'i  
Fabian Todd

*Opening Prayer*

Essen Viante

*Apologies*

Maua Ah-Chong, Waruna Padmasiri, Intisar Muketar, Jack Marshall

*Welcome*

Essen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The question was raised regarding about making applications to the Youth Council. *This will be discussed later in the meeting.*

The Minutes were Moved as accepted by Ben Ogilvie and Seconded by Dipti Manchanda.

## ***ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS***

Bessie noted that membership and attendance at meetings of the Youth Council is starting to drop off and it would be good to get the recruitment process started. There is a need to look at the commitment of members to Youth Council because presentations organised for the last meeting had to be put off because there were not enough members attending the meeting and this is not fair on presenters. Apologies need to come into either Bessie or Fabian three days before the meeting. If there are not enough members attending meetings then Youth Council cannot move forward and make decisions. There needs to be a commitment not only for coming to meetings but also for making decisions about things that have been put forward. Please encourage members in Youth Council to attend meetings.

The question was asked whether there was a presentation available to present to schools about Youth Council to help in the recruitment process. *Bessie noted that ideas about this presentation should come from Youth Council members.* The members said that they would like a power point presentation. *Bessie and Fabian will help with the technical details and Council guidelines. Essen will get people together to discuss this and will email members for their ideas and any photographs they have.*

## ***ADELAIDE ROAD PROJECT***

Bessie noted that no-one came along on the day of the presentation and she did not receive any response from Youth Council members saying that they could not attend. Please let either Bessie or Fabian know if you cannot attend meetings.

## ***YOUTH FORUM***

A Youth Council member noted that their school is only willing to send three people to attend this forum.

The Youth Forum is an open forum and Fabian and Bessie will be working on promotion ideas to send out to schools in the form of posters and postcards. Youth Council members need to make sure people are aware of the upcoming forum.

The programme for the day needs ideas from the Youth Council. The following ideas were suggested:

- Presentation on youth art facilities in Wellington
- Performance – could be any type
- Ask people what they want to see for youth art
- Allocate time for and “open forum” session (20-30 minutes)
- Design a street – interactive session
- Group session to set goals for 2020 vision – paper timeline

- Ask people about School of Rock – building – performance area
- Art competition
- Drama skit
- Suggested performers – School of Rock, Fiona

Youth Council need to have their own meeting to discuss these ideas.

Fabian noted that the performers need to be arranged as soon as possible so that Council can get their technical requirements organised.

It was suggested that performers be slotted in between items so that attendees do not get bored.

Youth Council need to get together to discuss these ideas and email Fabian or Bessie. It would be good to discuss these ideas with other people.

### ***YOUTH WEEK***

Youth Week is 26-30 May. Fabian asked Youth Council members to find out about any events taking place or if they knew of any events related to Youth Week, ie, at schools or university and email these to either himself or Bessie so that they can encourage people to attend and let people know about events that are happening.

### ***DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN***

There will be a presentation on the Draft Annual Plan at the next Youth Council meeting.

It was asked about whether the DAP would be discussed at the Youth Forum. *This will probably not be addressed at the Youth Forum because submissions will be closed by then. Fabian will get back to Youth Council regarding this as he does not think there will be any reason why this cannot be brought up at the forum.*

### ***RECRUITMENT TO YOUTH COUNCIL***

There are three or four people that have shown an interest in joining Youth Council. Essen said she will talk to her school as she said that there were people interested in Youth Council.

Essen asked for ideas for a power point presentation. It was noted that originally there was a power point presentation. Fabian and Bessie will look into this. Essen asked if this information was available in word format. It was decided to have another meeting next Wednesday to discuss information/ideas to be included in the power point presentation. Fabian will

send out the information to Essen for her to put together a power point presentation.

### *SCHOOL OF ROCK*

Fabian noted that Thomas Goss wanted ideas and ways of working together with Youth Council to create a place where people could go and use instruments. Youth Council need to get together and talk directly with him.

It was suggested that the Youth Forum could be used as a vehicle for suggesting ideas. Essen said she would ring Thomas Goss to ask if this was okay with the School of Rock.

### *ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON*

Fabian noted that this is an issue that needs to be resolved and he asked for any nominations. There were no nominations but Ben Ogilvie volunteered for this position.

There were no objections to Ben being Chairperson. All in favour.

### *TRAVEL ALLOWANCE*

Fabian noted that the biggest issue regarding the travel allowance was having Youth Council members turning up to meetings as this makes it hard to organise payment. It was asked whether they could be done on a meeting by meeting basis by filling out a form at the end of each meeting. Fabian and Bessie will look into this.

### *INVOLVE '08*

The question was asked what Involve '08 is. *This is an event to do with Youth Week which will be held at the Town Hall and run through the day with performances by bands, representatives from specialise areas of youth presenting and Fabian and Bessie will be presenting as well. Council have gifted 10 free places for youth to be involved. Youth Council members need to apply for these places. There have been four people apply so far but need more applications. An email has gone out to the Wellington Youth Network for applications. If you know any youth workers then you need to encourage them to apply to attend. Fabian will email information out to Youth Council members.*

Fabian will get back to Laura's query about Youth Council members attending Involve '08 as the previous Youth Council apparently asked for funding for it to be held in Wellington.

## *PACIFIC WORKSHOP*

It was noted that only two members of the Youth Council attended this workshop which was a disappointing turnout. More participation from Youth Council members would be appreciated for these events.

## *GENERAL BUSINESS*

Fabian noted that Youth Council need to sort out a date to discuss the 30<sup>th</sup> of May forum and the School of Rock. Please make sure these are followed up.

The question was asked about the time line for the recruitment for Youth Council members. *Fabian noted that this has not been set as yet.*

Amy noted that she was interested in attending a meeting with the School of Rock if she was available. Essen will get back to her with a time and date.

**Recruitment Presentation** – Will need the new Terms of Reference and things that will interest people so they will want to become involved in Youth Council. Ideas like photographs, ie, Waitangi Day to show what we are involved in. It was decided to have a meeting to discuss this at the end of the scheduled Youth Council meeting for anyone who was interested in staying.

**Next Meeting:** 7 May 2008

The meeting closed at 4:55 with a closing prayer by Essen Viante.