
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA
7.00PM TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2024

1. Opening Karakia

- 2. PRESENT:** Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Lexie Mealings, Niki Mealings (Councillor), Esha-May McHugh, Aidan Haverkort, Lucy Paterson, Simoné Bisschoff, Hannah Wells, Aaliyah Raja, Charlotte Nihoniho, Taylor Smith, Tessa Sturley (WDC), Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Zack Lappin (Co-Chair),

APOLOGIES: Emily Belton (WDC), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor).

3. Whakatauki – Ruby Wilson

Mā mua ka kite a muri

Mā muri ka ora a muā

Those who lead give sight to those that follow,
those who follow give life to those who lead.

The importance of working together, acknowledging the value and importance of both leader and followers for both are essential and co-dependent.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 25 June 2024

Amendment required at the end: Zacks update, date change, heading to Perth 2025.

Moved: Ruby **Seconded:** Simoné

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Emily: Talk to Kitty about Collectors Anonymous, to get in to in to talk, possible funding and see if it can link in with Enterprise NC possibly Food Satisfy. Carried over
- Emily: to contact Alyssa about Sport Integrity about possible resources for AODHP. Carried over
- Zack & Emily: connect about educator in youth alcohol harm prevention. Update: He is currently busy with lead up to Paris. Carried over
- Emily: Certificate and Chocolate & thank you for Tahlia. Carried over
- Emily: Invite to community board members and councillors to Sept/Oct Meeting. Carried over
- Emily: Contact WAG to organise a training for youth council. Carried over
- Emily: Planting session dates with Mike Kwant. Look at adding to social media page. Carried over
- Emily: Contact Governance to get agendas for meetings that Youth are not attending. To review next month. Carried over

Reports for Discussion

6. Niki Mealings – WDC Councillor

- Quiet month in council, as just finished long term plan and time to catch up on other things, school holidays and some projects coming to an end and new ones starting.
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Working Party, working on the new Waimakariri Waste Management Plan (WWMP) that is due to be reviewed. Possibly looking at completing a pre-consultation talk to stakeholders to get ideas and suggestions. Then write the plan and send it out for community consultation. Aim is to minimising waste going into refuse and reduce harm to the environment.
- Woodstock Quarry application for an expansion of its quarry and addition of a new solid waste management facility at View Hill. The hearing has ended, and it was declined. Woodstock Quarry have appealed; the next step is it will go to the Environment Court for review.
- Collectors Anonymous, currently work in progress with staff still working on just needing to finalise the long-term responses and a few other things.

7. Festival For the Future – Simoné and Hannah

- Simoné and Hannah attended the festival in Wellington along with WDC staff member, Elizabeth Trevathan. Annual nationwide youth festival/conference, which is held over three days.
- First day was youth councils and youth groups with approximately 700 attending. The next two days was also open to the public.
- Mayors lunch with Dan Gordon and Tory Whanau, Wellington Mayor.
- Interesting to see youth council members from other areas seem to attend the same events or be involved in similar leadership roles.
- There were different workshops, keynote speakers, and panel speakers.
- Some of the sessions that they found interesting were
 - Maintaining self and integrity while leading.
 - Start-Up business panel was interesting.
 - Panel – trail blazer discussion – talked about, burnout, discrimination talked about in a sense you can connect with it. 4 women from different backgrounds, which was really good
 - Environmental, start by making small steps to make change
- One negative was that some of the panellists used the opportunity to express their political views.
- Interesting that it was all vegan food, some of the other attendees struggled.
- Elizabeth mentioned to Tessa that they were long days with a lot of information to take in over three days.
- Main takeaway Simone: a session by Lushomo Thebe, from Kenya, a 2nd generation immigrant, who is a law clerk in Waikato. Her talk was about the want to work hard and give it your all and be your best. However, after a while, you pour from an empty cup, as you can over commit. This felt relevant and the need to self-reflect and check on how am I doing?

- Main takeaway Hannah: session on how to have hard conversations with people that didn't want to hear your point of view. The need to be brave to say your piece, but to also to give them time and space to consider and with respect. Methods for how you can do that were provided.
- Recommend going next year if you get the opportunity

GENERAL BUSINESS:

8. Long Term Plan Response - Ruby

- Letter from council received and circulated via email & provided in meeting. An overview is the review of all submissions and not specific to Youth Council submission. Confirmed the final rates increase average 9.3%. 330 submissions, and great that we could put in the voice of our community.
- Tessa made the comment that the Youth Council Submission was incredibly well put together, one of the better submissions that were submitted and your presentation at the hearing provided quality information and data and confirmed your methodology. It was well produced and presented. Congratulations. Niki agreed.

9. Reference Group Allocations - Ruby

Emily will email out the list for next meeting confirming details and contacts etc.

10. Monthly Council email to database - Ruby

Kim Nutbrown from the WDC Communications team has contacted Ruby about a monthly email that is sent to the council database. This month the theme is going to be Youth and the Youth council. Ruby had talked about WaiYouth and Youth Council and the leadership breakfast. Were there any other suggestions on what youth have done in the community that we want to put forward, events etc. Let Ruby know.

11. Youth Futures Expo - Ruby

13 August at Mainpower Stadium

Youth Council Stall, Emily will email for Volunteers. Going to be a lot of exhibitors, with a wide range of employers (lawyers, to beekeepers to tattoo artists), and tertiary opportunities.

12. Consent Forms - Ruby

Photograph consent forms need to be returned for next meeting. If you are certain you have completed one, you don't need to do another. These are required if you are under 18 and it needs to be signed by a guardian.

13. APEC Voices of the Future - Zack

This is an International Asia Pacific Youth Leadership Programme, and it is open for application to attend the summit/conference. Held at different country each year. This is open to those aged 18-24 years old.

Closing Karakia

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- **Emily:** Contact Governance to get agendas for meetings that Youth are not attending.
- **Ruby:** to check with Emily on who gets the Chocolate fish for finding word
- **Emily:** to get in contact for Volunteers at the Youth Futures Expo

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next meeting is on Tuesday 27 August 2024 - 7.00pm at Council Chambers, Rangiora

Signed

Date