
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, WDC

7.00pm on Tuesday 30th April 2024

1. Opening Karakia

2. **PRESENT:** Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Emily Belton (WDC), Abbie McCurrie, Aaliyah Raja, Dan Gordon (Mayor) Niki Mealings (Councillor), Lexie Mealings, Taylor Smith, Simoné Bisschoff, Lucy Paterson, Esha-May McHugh, Aidan Haverkort, Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Nil

In attendance: Tessa Sturley (WDC)

Apologies: Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Charlotte Nihoniho, Fiona Xu, Oscar Bai. Thalia Rae, Hannah Wells.

Whakatauki by Lexi Mealings

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
My success is not the work of mine alone, but of the collective.

Each month someone to bring a whakatauki or saying that means something to them, doesn't have to be Māori.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 28 March 2023

Moved: Zack **Seconded:** Ruby

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- To find and to send out the spreadsheet of the Op Shop project.
- Emily to arrange a certificate and chocolate for Zero (member who resigned last meeting).
- Emily to see if the Youth Council could attend an Accessibility training as a group or as part of Youth Voice Canterbury.
- Emily to share with Youth Council the WaiYouth promotional material once ready.
- Emily will send out further information to everyone.

5. **Review of Expectations & Values with new members.** *Which had been circulated to members.*
Confirmation of Expectations when signed up.
Members are to act in a way that aligns with the values, with respect and to champion youth voice, to add value to our community, to be a cohesive well working group. All agree.

Important to give back to Youth Voice and the Community. Ashburton and Wanganui councils have removed their youth council, which is unfortunate, however some are looking to established, such as Gore & Taranaki. Dan Gordon championed WDC Youth and Nikki will ensure that continues as Youth Voice is valued.

Dan Gordon (Mayoral) Update:

- Very humbled to be recognised as NZ Favourite Mayor. It is also recognition for the entire team, and couldn't do it without them, councillors and staff who are all doing an amazing job.
- Long Term Plan (LTP), this is the budget and planning for the next ten years. Submissions received, to be collated and reviewed. Then council will make decisions if amendments need to be made and finalise the LTP.
- Dan wants to recognise Ruby – organised stunning breakfast on Leadership, funding from WDC Community board. Commend on excellent breakfast. Dan was the MC for the event. Simone was also in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the event.
- ANZAC Day, thank those that supported this, in particular Taylor and Aidan and Ruby. Nikki and councillors there.
- Dan and Ruby met, to talk about Community Service awards (recognising those that have given service to the community. This also include Youth awards (those in WaiYouth and Youth Council are not eligible to be nominated). There is a special awards ceremony and trophy.
- Rangiora Fire brigade is celebrating 150 years of service.
- In July the Ministry of Local Government, will be speaking at council. Extend invitation to the two co-chairs to attend as well.
- Southbrook Roding Group is still in force, there will be a broader project for all areas of roading for Waimakariri. Council wants to review of all required to deal with congestion & WDC projects that are happening. Once LTP approved will move forward.

Nikki Mealings (Councillor) Update

- Explanation that Hydro slide at Dudley Aquatic was one of the priorities brought up by the original Youth Council. Unfortunately, with the cost of living the council needed to keep rated down, this is one of the things remove from the LTP. It is still on the radar, but for when economic times are better.
- Nikki, explained the role of councillors for the new members. Assigned a Portfolio, Climate Change and Sustainability. Sit on WDC Council, also assigned one or two portfolios, then some smaller groups, and community groups. A lot of reading required to keep up to date for the meetings.
- Arohata te Awa (Cherish the River) Project to connect people with nature, cleaning up rivers and water quality, plantings. Plant a river side, assists with sediment and the health of the waterway.
- Flamingo scooters were on a trial period, but contract renewed so they will still be in the community.
- Proposal to run a night market in Kaiapoi (possibly on Sunday nights). To provide a family food market to give something different on a Sunday in Kaiapoi. Going through the Resource Consent process, hope to have running in next year.
- Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (GSP), with Chch, Selwyn & Waimakariri District Councils, plus Nga Tahu and Health Board, Te Whatu Ora, Waka Kotahi (NZ transport). To look at services and planning on projects that impacts all areas, such as transport services, housing and shared resources, issues and challenges.
- Anything you want to learn or hear about, just let Nikki know.

Project Group Reports

Dudley Park Group: next meeting next week, to be checked due to LTP Hearings. Zack sent to Emily and Ruby information to look at a proposal similar portals idea, that has been trailed overseas Youth Space.

Enviro project Group: Aaliyah and Lucy

Met with different groups that want to be connected in with the river clean up, including ECan, Keep Rangiora Beautiful, Rotary, 4 Wheel Drive Club (help with Trailer). Might try to get the new WDC Community Hub. Bringing people from their groups. More info to come.

Dates Set: **Saturday 21 September & Sunday 20th October** – save the dates.

WaiYouth – Thalia and Simone

Waiting on comms for operational material. Currently working on H&S Plan. Finalising details with Schools. Assist young people to be more confident in the kitchen. Target: Age 14-18+. Rangiora & Kaiapoi High School Kitchens Open to everyone, approx. 3.30-5.30pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Youth Voice Takeover Survey & Results & LTP – Ruby, Zack and Lexi

- Great response of Survey with over 200 responses, from Youth in Waimakariri of what is important to them.
- Data collated and information/issues facing Waimakariri Youth used to formulate the Submission that was made the WDC Long Term Plan. Data and Graphs with Ages, Locations where they lived.
- Plus listed the Issues of Importance: Wellbeing/Mental health, Cost of Living and Education/Healthcare.
- Included in submission was the development of boccia courts. This had been raised last year by the larger group, however missed the deadline in December so suggested that it be included into the submission of the LTP.
- Copy of information emailed to Youth Council.
- Learnings: more specific questions, to get more usable data. Going into schools for responses.

Governance Training Review - all

- Feedback from those who attended: A lot of info on the day, possibly have over two days or other split sessions, or option for more Youth Council to attend. Longer session to go more in depth.
- Ally Archer was good and could learn more from
- Vision Statement for Youth Council, activity getting 10 words down to one word was a valuable exercise: “Involved”, “Empowered” “Represented” “Voiced” “Heard” “Happy”.
- Later in year doing a youth strategy review. To see young people still have the same values.

Kia Rite Hoes Training Review – all

- The book provided overview – Event planning: “Dream it, Plan it, Run it, Review it”
- Other Groups there: Selwyn YC, ECan Youth Rōpū, Māwhera Youth Voice, Kaikoura YC.
- Good to meet new people & to see what their plans, and what they want to achieve, they enjoyed it.
- Project groups to try implement this new resource in future for planning.
- Emily will advise if there are other sessions coming up. **Barodynamics**.

Creative Communities – Youth Representative - Ruby

- Funding for Art Projects (art through to music) where applicants can apply for funding. 2 rounds of funding applications a year (March and Sept).
- Just finalised the March round of funding applications, 24 received.
- Ruby looking to step down from that committee, so looking for someone to take over her role. Ruby is happy to help for next round in September, to do a hand over.

Member Groups & Floating Representatives

- There are a lot of opportunities for joining groups/meetings. 9 groups available to join.
- Intention is not to attend all but attend one and find tasks that you can achieve. Want to ensure that it is maintainable, particular at busy times like exams.
- Not every group has to have a Youth Council member. Items that need to be considered for Youth Voice can be brought to the council. Still get copy of agenda to decide if Youth required to attend.
- It may not always be an option for the same person involved, so do we consider having floating representatives, that can attend as schedules allow.
- Want to ensure your time and space is valued, and Emily can attend first few with you to get. Will work to get a buddy in the committee to support you.
- Emily to send a list, when they are and when meet and time – and the time expectation and circulate for them to decide.

Inclusive Youth Sports Festival

Event is 4th October 2024.

Any Youth Council can join group – contact Zack.

Guest Speaker

- Youth Council meetings and can have a guest speaker every 2nd month if wanted
- Let Emily know of suggestion. Individual or Group, Community, or Canterbury, that you would like to hear from.
- Suggestions: Satisfy Food rescue. Totara Trust, Raylene Bates (Chef de Mission, Para Olympics & Para Lead Athletics NZ), VJ Spittall WDC (climate change), Hamish from NZRT12. Taskforce Kiwi. Someone from Business Strategy (Heike or Vanessa), Peter Cooper police, Smoke free Canterbury, Peter Walls (owner of Terra Viva). Any other ideas send to Emily.

QTopia - Taylor

- An advocacy, social change, and social support service for the whole LGBTQIA+ rainbow community. They also complete Sensitivity training for organisations.
- NC Pride Picnic held in March, Youth Council could support with stall or activity.
- Recruiting for the board so if you know someone who would be a good fit, let Taylor know.

Group Photo taken

New Member consents & Social media releases

Suggestion a Youth Council member Profile

ACTIONS:

- **Emily** to advise if there are other sessions coming up for Kia Rite Hoha & Governance Training
- **Emily** to circulate list of groups that are available for joining/attending meetings with when they meet & frequency, time commitment required etc.
- **Emily** Consent forms for photos and social media release.
- **Emily** to assign whakatauki.

Meeting closed at **8.45pm**

Next meeting is on 28th May 2024 at 7.00pm

Signed

Date