
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA

7.00PM TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2024

1. Opening Karakia

2. **PRESENT:** Emily Belton (WDC Community Team), Lexie Mealings, Niki Mealings (Councillor), Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Taylor Smith, Aaliyah Raja, Abbie McCurrie, Lucy Paterson, Fiona Xu, Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Nil

In attendance: Ni

APOLOGIES: Charlotte Nihoniho, Esha-May McHugh, Dan Gordon (Mayor,) Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Aidan Haverkort, Simoné Bisschoff.

3. WHAKATAUKI – from Charlotte by Ruby

Tungia te ururua Kia tupu Whakaritorito te Tupu o te Harakeke

‘Clear away the undergrowth so the new shoot of the flax can spring up’

Reminder to consider new ways of thinking when embarking on new journeys, make bold and courageous decisions.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 30th July 2024

Amendments to make: Add Fiona as an apology & Updates from Ruby

Motion: Ruby - Moved: Lucy - Seconded: Aaliyah

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Emily:** Met with designer/hosts of Collectors Anonymous (app for 2nd hand stores etc), along with waste management team, there is more investigation around cost etc. No input into design/set up, however if it goes ahead YC could get involved with marketing. They suggested the best way to market to young and the community, is to create short videos to promote. Other users have had success with organising bus tours around the shops. Currently all the information is on the ENC website and Visit Waimakariri page.
- **Emily:** to contact Alyssa about Sport Integrity about possible resources for AODHP. Raewyn to review minutes and clarify.
- **Zack & Emily:** connect about educator in youth alcohol harm prevention. WIP
- **Emily:** Certificate and Chocolate & thank you for Tahlia - completed
- **Emily:** Sent the invite to Governance for the community board members and councillors to attend the Sept/Oct Meeting – awaiting confirmation.
- **Emily:** Waiting to hear back from the Waimakariri Access Group to organise a disability awareness training for youth council.
- **Emily: Conservation Week: 2-8 September** – Greenspace organising Native Tree Planting event. Sunday 8 Sept 10am to 1230pm at Hegan Reserve – will advertise on social media.

- **Emily:** Contact Governance to get agendas for meetings that Youth are not attending. Work in progress (WIP).
- **Ruby:** to check with Emily on who gets the Chocolate fish for finding word. WIP
- **Emily:** Volunteers at the Youth Futures Expo - thank you to those that helped.

6. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Niki Mealings – WDC Councillor

- District Plan has been the focus with reading and hearings.
- At the Oxford Community Forum, Wendy Howe (WDC Community Team) mentioned the great work the Youth Council were doing with the river clean-up and the Inclusive Sports that Youth Council were running.

Jason Goldworth – WDC Councillor

- Legal Judgement made to clarify the definition to Tiny Homes
- Civil Defence: Community hubs are going well.

Local Govt NZ Conference last week

- Prime Minister spoke and this government taking a substantially different stance than previous government
- Will be removing the 4 wellbeing's that councils are meant to look after, not sure what they are to be replaced with.
- Encouraging keynote speakers with the idea of 'Localism'- Locals solving local issues.
- QUOTE: 'There should be a trend toward increasing local responsibility' (from 1945)
- Interesting Concept, In Ireland they wanted Community input for a citizen forum & local council and ran an experiment. They selected 100 people split statistically on ethnicity religion, gender orientation and sex as a population sample (based on census). For 6-7 months, for one weekend a month they were given education, instruction and all the information to make them subject matter experts, on the last weekend they were left to make decisions for the community.
- Could we do this with a youth forum? Take an issue, have a few weekends to educate and then have all brainstorm at the end to make a decision. This is for Big Picture topics. Jason suggested that maybe once a year hold a Youth forum & link into long term plan. This could possibly lead into the Youth development strategy review.

Key Takeaways

- The System is not broken.
- Everything can be tweaked.
- We still have a bright future ahead of us, but there might be a few speedbumps.

7. PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

a) Dudley Park: Nothing to report – next meeting coming up Thursday.

b) Enviro:

River Clean Up Group – Aaliyah & Lucy

- Been in touch with Satisfy Food Rescue to get prizes for the River Clean up
- Meeting on 3rd September with all the community stakeholders

- Made a list of organisations they need to invite to the meeting and the river clean up, such as Lions, Schools, Rotary. If you have any ideas, let Aaliyah know. Getting ready to promote to schools and hope to get a good turnout.
- Saturday 21st September 2024 – 10am to 1pm River Clean up – Rakahuri.

General Enviro Project update - Emily

- Dr Bex Dollery, from Greenspace, ecologist, spoke to group.
- They have additional funding they would like to utilise in community & thought the Youth Council could help with this. Mentioned the Art Project/Competition followed by a planting day associated with that. The group will discuss at meeting tomorrow.

c) WaiYouth

- Went through the results of the data collected at the Career Expo by Youth Council and WaiYouth.

Survey Asked: “What would Waimakariri better for youth.” 163 responses, on a Microsoft Form, so whenever an event is run, we can add results to this data and we can build a database e.g. 7% basketball. WaiYouth then assessed to look at what could WaiYouth assist with. A Lot said more activity in North Canterbury, whilst not specific on what activity its an indication that they want more to do. Not sure whether there is nothing for youth to do, or whether the promotion of the events and activities is not as well promoted as thought. Job Opportunities, not surprising at a Career Expo. Environmental, which is great in what the Youth Council are already doing as far as opportunities.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo

- Thank you to all that attended and assisted with the stall. 1,300 young people through with families – and 65 Stalls, 100 people attended the Seminars: Study Link and ASB Next Financial Steps.
- Badge maker not broken, just stuck. Next time we will have more instructions.
- YC feedback: Pretty cool, engaging, good range, good for university info. Great amount of people asking about Youth Council.
- 2025: need to look at what other info do we would want to share/present. Do more pre-emptive thought on what it could look like. Include an opportunity for people to sign-up to Youth Council.

b) Next Meeting

- If we have the councillors and community board members at the next meeting, it would be good to follow what happened last year, with a chance to discuss community outcomes in small groups. It will likely be the September they can attend, still to be confirmed
- What are some issues facing Youth that you would like to discuss. Let Emily know.
- From the Collectors Anonymous meeting Emily spoke with Vijay, Principal Policy Analyst Climate Change and Sustainability, who would like to talk to group. (Possibly October). To Thank you in person for LTP application and to ensure your views and thoughts are not lost & discuss how the Youth Council voice could influence strategy/policy

c) Hurunui Event

- Hurunui District Council (HDC) have funding to engage Jazz Thornton, co-founder of Voices of Hope, who goes to schools to talk about mental health and her journey. HDC would like

to invite members from the Waimakariri Youth Council (only) to attend. It is to be held in October in Omihi, (past Amberley). You can take a family member to support you.

- Emily to circulate information to the group.

d) Emily's Trip – shared photos

- Emily shared some of her experiences and photos from her recent travels to the UK and Cyprus to visit family.
- Also, Emily and her husband are expecting first child in January and will be going on Maternity leave just before Christmas. Currently discussing the Youth Development role cover & someone will be covering from 1 January. If you know of anyone that would be interest in Youth Development role, let Emily know. Applications will open October or November.

e) Scholarship Idea - Ruby

- Ruby has an idea/project to bring up with the Youth Council to see if it is something the YC would like to support (or she can do privately). Researching University/Tertiary Scholarships found there are a lot of regional scholarships but could only find one that covered Waimakariri & Hurunui. There is the Rotary Alex Murray memorial which it covers Waimakariri and Hurunui. Want to look at implementing a Tertiary Study Scholarship (University, Ara or Trades Course), to support young people to grow, and to support those that want to bring their knowledge back to the district. Possibly apply or submit to WDC Annual Plan, and if not successful then look to other funding avenues that the Youth Council can look into to fund the scholarship. It could be a great legacy for this Youth Council for the future. Investigate current scholarships and the data on applicants and how they award. There is the WDC Youth Development Grant, which is awarded for community-based activity and isn't for individual pursuits like 'Outward Bound', 'Spirit of Adventure'. Hurunui and Selwyn District Councils both have similar scholarships already. There are a lot of different scholarships opportunities, but it can be difficult to find them, and which are relevant to your field of study.

WaiYouth discussed, another opportunity for WaiYouth or Youth Council to create a way to centralise the information and make it easier for Waimakariri or North Canterbury people to find it. *Genophobia*

Carried to move forward with this idea.

ACTIONS:

- **Ruby** – send through the amendments required to July minutes.
- **Ruby & Emily** – confirm chocolate fish winners.
- **Zack & Emily:** connect about educator in youth alcohol harm prevention.
- **Emily** – Confirm Councillor/Community Board meeting attendance for September.
- **Emily** – Confirm WAG disability awareness training for YC.
- **Emily** – Confirm VJ attendance to October meeting.
- **Emily** - Contact Governance to get agendas for meetings that Youth are not attending.
- **Emily** - Advertise Conservation Week on social media.
- **Emily:** to contact Alyssa, as Zack advised Drug Free Sport (now Sport Integrity) have some good resources and education that could be useful for the AODHP Steering Group.
- **ALL** - Let Emily know if there are any things facing youth that you would like to discuss with councillors and Community Board members at the meeting.
- **Emily** – circulate the HDC Jazz Thornton engagement information to the group.
- **ALL** – Let Emily know if you know of anyone who may be interested in the Youth Development Role.

- **Emily** – Discuss with Simoné and Ruby the Scholarship database/directory idea.

Closing Karakia – All

Meeting closed at **8.10pm**

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 6:45 pm

Location: Council Chambers

Signed

Date