
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Rangiora Service Centre, Rangiora

7.00pm on Tuesday 25th June 2024

1. Opening Karakia - all

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

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Lexie Mealings.

In attendance: Aimee Claassens, WDC Welcoming Communities.

3. **APOLOGIES:** Hannah Wells, Lucy Paterson, and Charlotte Nihoniho

4. Whakatauki

Zack from Fiji – **Vinaka Vaka Levu** - not just a thank you but to grow connections.

Aimee from Africa sentiment - **Ubuntu** – “I am because of all of who we are”.

Whakatauki for next month: Fiona Xu

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 28 May 2024.

Motion: to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as true & correct - Zack

Moved: Ruby **Seconded:** Simoné

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Kia Rite Hoes course (for running events in the community) next week with spaces available.
 - List of groups that are available for joining - circulated.
 - Please complete consent forms for photos and social media release.
 - Emily to send an email to Pete from Road Safety about including her email address to the distribution list to make sure that someone can attend if there is something youth relevant in the agenda.
 - Youth Futures Expo: Lincoln university is attending. Otago going to the Cashmere session.
 - Update for Boccia Courts, Emily is still waiting to hear from Grant MacLeod.
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7. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Dan Gordon (Mayor)

- Approved Council Long Term Plan, a ten-year budget to provide certainty on expenditure. Reviewed every three years, plus an annual plan. Any significant expenditure changes from LTP to Annual plan need to go to consultation.
- Probably the most difficult in 20 years, due to economic uncertainty, and insurance premium increase of over \$1million. Original rate increase was over 20%, now settled at an overall 9.39% (NZ average is 16%). The first 2% of rates is to pay off the loan for the EQ repairs that were completed as progressively paying this off. Hope that economy recovers and that some things that have pushed out can be brought forward.
- Other more fun activities: Attended Kaiapoi North School Art Exhibition, Ashgrove School Matariki Event and a naming/gifting ceremony, Attended Rangiora High School 'We will rock you production'. Tomorrow Judging Speech Competition at Swannanoa School & Christian Home School Science Fair. Mayors' Task Force and Wellington Mayors Lunch at Festival of the future, Kaiapoi Art Expo (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
- Well done and Proud of Zack for his representation of North Canterbury in Fiji.

Jason Goldsworthy (WDC Councillor)

- Portfolio: Civil Defence and Regulations
- Emergency Community Hubs: creating a community toolbox, for community to start to solve their own issues in an event of emergency. Also, an opportunity for communities to get together and connect in a social setting. WYC have been Invited to attend opening of Loburn Community Hub Saturday 2pm-4pm at Loburn School hall.
- Attended Funding workshops. If you are keen on governance and joining committees there are a lot of resources and opportunities to do this well. Don't be put off by thinking it is too hard, there is information available to help you.
- It would be great to get younger people involved. It is humbling to see the impact you have for generations to come.

Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor)

- Homeschooling group, Mahi Mātātoa, have a cool group, where they interact with other home school students to do activities and join zone, inter-school activities. They group together to attend school athletics and sports programmes, they do field trips together etc. This is great to add social elements and then do curriculum at home.
- Tomorrow – Drug & Alcohol Harm Steering group – AOD101 workshop for those working and skills on how to manage this in the community. It will provide new tools & networks with other groups in the same field.
- Attended a conference by Waste Minimise NZ. Looking into the waste minimisation field, including compost, social enterprise dumps, recycling, gadgets, return schemes etc. Great initiative where clothing textiles that are too damaged to give away, can be put into roading material & the additive makes them last longer. Plus, new 'Collectors Anonymous' APP. Plots all the local Op-shops. Would the Youth group be keen to get the guy in to talk about this?
- There is a waste minimisation levy in all waste that is dumped at the refuse station. It may be possible to use this to fund this.

8. PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

Dudley Park: Aidan

Currently writing Funding application to Rātā Foundation to request financial support towards the mounded seating. Still waiting on quote and for a response from Rātā on the pre-submission short quiz.

Enviro: Taylor and Abby

- Planning underway using the Kia Rite Hoea checklists.
- Volunteered at Coastal Park plantings. Opportunity for us to get involved in planting and clean up.
- Art Competition: Wanted a different perspective to the art competition so there was a future feature, such as making art out of driftwood, or art out of something physical, rather than a posted. We may need to link to another event to draw people in, and get them to do artwork as well, such as a clean-up or planting to provide multiple connection points around environment. Perhaps send supplies to schools as well if they couldn't find in their own environment. Sculpture out of rubbish etc. and what is representing and the impact. Not decided and see how it progresses.
- Community Plantings are a great as it has many rewards, the legacy for the future, connecting with other people in our community, get involved in our environment and the community. Mingle with others. To have a list from Mike Kwant on all those sessions that are coming up & sharing the greenspace and planting days to the Youth social media.

WaiYouth: Simoné

- Learn to cook was run afterschool in Rangiora and went well. Everyone enjoyed themselves.
- The group is planning a survey to see what the community want next and will then decide on the next project/activity.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Welcoming Communities – Aimee Claassens

- Aimee works in the Community Team; part of her role is to create and roll out the new Welcoming Communities project.
- Funding from Immigration NZ for a National Programme for Welcoming newcomers to the community. Councils and community groups to work together to make Waimakariri more welcoming for everyone, support newcomers in the district and ensure planning for the future sustainability.
- Waimakariri has a lot of community groups, so this is to shine a light on them and support them to improve the welcoming lens. Aimee is attending all the community groups as you are experts in Waimakariri & your perspective important. If anyone on Youth Council is keen to be involved or would like to share their experience of moving into Waimakariri let Aimee know.
- There are 8 Elements of Welcoming Communities Standard: Inclusive Leadership, Welcoming Communications, Equitable Access, Safe, Connected & Inclusive communities, Economic Development, Education and Employment, Civic Leadership, Participation and Engagement, Welcoming Public Spaces, Culture, and Identity.

- Currently looking at surveys to ascertain where Waimakariri is what it is like for newcomer, with and a focus group in August. Will collect information, setting up advisory group and make plans.
- Next two years, roll out plan, set up initiatives, adapt where necessary and make sustainable.

Contact Aimee: aimee.claassens@wmk.govt.nz

Resignation to Youth Council – Tahlia Rae

Tahlia has emailed as she needs to step away from WaiYouth and Youth Council. She has been with the group for 4-5 years approximately.

Emily will organise a Thank you and wish her all the best for the future.

Access to Microsoft TEAMS for meetings - Emily

The WDC IT Team would like to meet with Youth to sort out TEAMS, so all can't attend a meeting in person you can join online. Arrange a time with Emily or Tessa, possibly in school holidays for those that can attend or may have to run at another time. This needs to be in business hours.

Chocolate Fish for mystery word - Emily

March & April winner was Taylor.

May – Mageirocophobia – extreme fear of cooking, winner Zack.

Boccia courts, through LTP or already approved? - Zack

Apparently the Waimakariri Access Group (WAG) meeting notes, Brent said the WDC is interested in running trials for Boccia in seeing how it would work.

NC Inclusive Sports Festival – Zack

Festival date is Friday 4th October

Meeting on Thursday 27th June 3.30-4.30pm in Rakahuri room, welcome to join.

Reference Group Allocations

Thank you to those that completed the form with preferences (assumption that if you didn't respond you don't have capacity):

- Youth Voice Canterbury: Charlotte and Simone
- Creative Community: Charlotte and Taylor
- ECan Public Youth Transport: Taylor

No one signed up for the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory group, WDC Road Safety, Southbrook Road steering group & Sport Canty Youth Panel (which isn't open now anyway). Emily will reach out to governance for those agendas to see if there is anything Youth related or if we need to send a representative as a once off.

Emily will send confirmations and information for you all. If something else comes up and you are unable to attend, please let Emily know. Someone may be available to go instead. It is OK if you haven't signed up for one of the groups. It is important that you only take this on if you have capacity and ability to be an active member.

Festival for the Future:

Emily is unable to attend, and Elizabeth Trevathan (MTFJ Facilitator) will be going instead, along with:

- Hannah Wells

- Simoné Bisschoff

Leaving 16 July and back 18 July. Hannah and Simone will need to report back to Youth Council with what they participated in, learning and resources. They will be presenting at the July Youth Council meeting so no need for a guest speaker.

Invite Councillors and Community Board Members to a Youth Council meeting.

Good to meet and interact with these groups, networking, share ideas, get to know each other activities. This has occurred in the past and started with introduction activities and they stayed in for the rest of the meeting. Councillor recess is 26 to 30 August so it may be good to invite Council and Community board members to the September or October meeting.

WAG Training Day

WAG has confirmed that they are able to arrange a training day for Youth Council. The purpose is to learn and share experiences with a different lens, e.g. a session to partially experience what it is like with a disability. To help understand someone else's perspective.

Recognition of Zacks achievement: Bronze at Oceania Athletic Championships

Zack had the opportunity to compete in Fiji at the Oceania Athletic Championships. Unfortunately they had terrible conditions, hotel no running water, food poisoning and struggling with heat with no cooling.

Competed in the Discus and held the Championship record for 5 rounds only to be beaten on the last round (to the previous holder). Awarded a Bronze medal. Next event in January 2025, plus there are international events in Perth in 2026 and aiming for Oceania Champs in 2026

Emily is away from 10th to 29th July, next meeting will be facilitated by Tessa.

ACTIONS:

- 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 & book for August meeting.
- Emily: to contact Alyssa about Sport Integrity about possible resources for AODHP.
- Zack & Emily: connect about educator in youth alcohol harm prevention.
- Emily: Certificate and Chocolate & thank you for Tahlia.
- Emily: Invite to community board members and councillors to Sept/Oct Meeting
- Emily: Contact WAG to organise a training for youth council.
- Emily: Planting session dates with Mike Kwant. Look at adding to social media page.
- Emily: Contact Governance to get agendas for meetings that Youth are not attending.

Meeting closed at **8.52pm**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at Council Chambers, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

Signed

Date