

Rangitīkei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

Minutes-Tuesday 18 August 2020 - 5:30 PM

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- Present:Charly Skey Ward-Berry
Kathryn Fleming
Makayla Vaa
Lisa Cruywagen
Te Arawa Ratana
Sophia Lewis
Denzell Pei
His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson
- Also present: Atawhai and Parent, Morgan, Caryse Clark Taihape Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth Michael Andrews

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 5.40pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for attending.

2 Youth Council Prayer

Sophia Lewis read the Youth Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Korey O'Hara and Cr Cath Ash be received.

Sophia / Denzell. Carried

4 Public Forum

The Chair invites Mr Andrews to introduce the public attendees. The Chair welcomed the guests and invited them to partake in the meeting. Two accepted the invitation. Morgan and Atawhai.

5 Members conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 20/RYC/011 File Ref 3-CT-19-3

That the minutes of the Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting held on 21 July 2020 as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Makayla / Sophia. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed everyone to the third official meeting of the year and expressed gratitude that all were able to attend amid exams and conclusions of internals. The Chair wished everyone well with their exams.

The Chair spoke on COVID-19 and the announcement from Jacinda Ardern on the continuation of current imposed alert levels. The Chair shared an experience of frustration through the

COVID uncertainty, encouraging everyone to keep on setting the example by looking after each other and being kind, not only to fellow youth, but in our wider communities during this time.

The Chair expressed excited interest in upcoming events, Meet the Candidates and John Turkington Youth Awards, thanking everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm to date, encouraging everyone to keep it up.

The Chair ended her report with a quote from Finding Dory. We're doing well team, Just keep swimming.

Resolved minute number 20/RYC/012 File Ref

That the Chair's Report to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn / Denzell. Carried

9 Council decision on recommendations from the committee

Miss Widdowson spoke to this item.

Miss Widdowson advised this item is written documentation that an amendment was made to the Youth Council's original recommendation to Council. Further providing an update on the current state of "Bloomers", Miss Widdowson said that it is believed the current tenants are on a week to week contract, and this is an avenue that is still being explored as a viable option.

Resolved minute number 20/ RYC/013 File Ref

That the amendments to Rangitikei Youth Council's original recommendation to Council and the update on viability of Bloomers be received at the Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting on 21 July 2020.

Makayla / Awa. Carried

10 Council responses to queries realised at previous meeting

Mr Andrews introduced the guests Morgan and Atawhai, both from Taihape, who expressed their interest of joining Rangitikei Youth Council.

Miss Widdowson also spoke to this item, advising two people have been approached from Taihape in regards to joining Rangitikei Youth Council for the remainder of the year, waiting on responses.

Resolved minute number 20/RYC/014 File Ref

That the updates on further Rangitikei Youth Council members to the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting on 21 July 2020 be received.

Lisa / Denzell. Carried

11 Strategic Review of Rangitikei Youth Development

Miss Widdowson spoke to the memo, there were no questions. Youth Council as a whole agreed to put some thought into the document and feed back to Miss Widdowson within two weeks.

Resolved minute number 20/RYC/015 File Ref

That the 'Strategic Review of Rangitikei Youth Development' action to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Sophia / Lisa. Carried

12 Future Meetings for 2020

- 15 September Taihape
- 13 October Marton
- December Final Dinner (TBC)

Dates have been chosen to avoid School Holidays and NCEA end of year exams. As mock exam dates are announced the dates will be reviewed accordingly.

13 Late Items

Miss Widdowson advised that the John Turkington Rangitikei Youth Awards 2020 evening event will not be able to go ahead due to the current COVID-19 alert levels. Two options were posed. A very small ceremony, no guests, nominators or sponsors present, livestreamed on social media OR a trail event moving around each school and presenting winners and runners up, while publicly celebrating all nominees and winners on social media platforms with photos and videos.

Rangitikei Youth Council all voted for the trail event. A meeting is set for Tuesday 25 August in Chambers to deliberate on how and what to do to make this event a success.

Miss Widdowson then sought advice from Rangitikei Youth Council regarding Meet the Candidates event. With the current COVID-19 alert levels and the move of the election and campaign trail dates, Rangitikei Youth Council recommended to postpone the event.

His Worship the Mayor asked for the floor and proposed a mock election as an event Youth Council could run in the future.

Undertaking Subject

Miss Widdowson to liaise with Project Marton around postponement and new date for Meet the Candidates event.

Resolved minute number 20/RYC/016 File Ref

That the detailed late items to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Awa / Makayla. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 6.30pm

14 Next Meeting

15 September 2020 5pm workshop followed by the 5.30pm meeting, Taihape Area School, Taihape.

15 Meeting Closed

At 6.46 pm

Confirmed/Chair:

Date: