



Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 13 October 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Kathryn Fleming
Charly Ward-Berry
Sophia Lewis
Korey Ohara
Denzell Pei
Atawhai McDowell
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Nardia Gower
Michael Andrews
Kelly Widdowson

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 5.42 pm. The chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting

2 Youth Council Prayer

Sophia read the Youth Council Prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the late arrival of Atawhai, Lisa and Kelly be received.

Makayla / Korey. Carried

4 Public Forum

Michael Andrews displayed and spoke to the framed documents he presented: Te Whakaputanga - Declaration of Independence and Treaty of Waitangi #8 Sheet (Cook Strait Sheet)

His Worship the Mayor thanked Michael for his presentation and for further gifting copies of the documents for Council to hang in Marton Chambers with the official unveiling during Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting 10 November 2020.

Youth Council Members noted how little they are taught about the New Zealand history in schools and welcome the change coming the education system that will address this for future generations. Noted the benefit that we can all gain from knowing our history.

5 Members conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest in respect of the items in the agenda.

6 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting,

Idea's for Marton Lobby

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held 15 September 2020 are attached.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/21** **File Ref** **3-CT-19-3**

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 15 September 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Sophia / Charly. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair read her verbal report, welcomed everyone to the 6th and final youth council meeting.

Wished Rangitikei College well with mock exams, grades do not define you as a person.

Makayla noted that the opening of the Bulls Community Centre – Te Matapihi was good.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/22** **File Ref** **3-CT-19-3**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the 13 October 2020 Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn / Makayla. Carried

Atawhai arrived at 6pm.

9 Council decision on recommendations from the committee

There were no recommendations from the committee to Council.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting for council comment.

11 Update on Community Engagement Involvement

Ms Gower read the letter from Carol Gordon.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/23** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-8**

That the letter 'Update on Community Engagement Involvement' to the 13 October 2020 Youth Council meeting be received.

Denzell / Awa. Carried

12 Meet the Candidates

Who attended Meet the Candidates event and how did it go, what was the most interesting aspects, have their political views changed?

Charly, Makayla, Awa, Denzell and Lisa supported the Marton Meet the Candidates event.

Interesting different tactics

Jacinda and Judith debate was watched by some councillors

<https://votecompass.tvnz.co.nz/>

<https://newzealand.isidewith.com/political-quiz>

Mayor Andy sought the committee's thoughts on legalisation of Marijuana

- Some councillors admitted they couldn't make a decision as they haven't done enough research on the topic.
- Some councillors have done a lot of research and had clear views which were supportive of the decriminalisation, noting the racial and health statistics with Maori.

Lisa arrived at 6.19pm

13 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his update with the following comments

- Thanked Youth Council for their support on the opening night of Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre, where Nanaia Mahuta opened, and gave a spine tingling waiata.
- Mention was made of the community activity shown by youth council members including assisting with Meet the Candidates and the opening of the Tutaenui Reservoir walkway
- Bio forestry and other industries will be looking for staff in the future needing skilled labour and maybe willing to train. There will be plenty of opportunities for the districts young people.
- Government considering taking Storm water, Wastewater and drinking water off councils and privatising the service.
- Long Term Plan engagement has started and this process allows one chance every three years to make a shift or investment in services that Council deliver. Youth Council have the opportunity over the next 6 months to tell council what they want.
- Good luck with exams.
- Look forward to seeing those who return next year.
- Appreciate that this has been a difficult cycle for Youth Council members with COVID and the extra school pressures that brought.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/24**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 13 October 2020 meeting of the Rangitikei Youth Council be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Denzell. Carried

14 Upcoming events

Ms Gower and His Worship the Mayor spoke to the Tutaenui Reservoir walkway with following comments.

Kelly arrived at 6.34 pm

15 Late Items

Idea for Marton Lobby. Nardia spoke to the item.

The youth have said they want an inclusive space closer to the skate park, out of the centre of town, addressing the fact the current youth space is not being utilised. Nardia presented the idea of a removable/transportable container space placed against the back fence of the currently unused turf space beside the skatepark. A visual aid booklet was presented to Youth Council with ideas on what it could look like.

The youth expressed positive comments on the idea, saying the location was perfect.

Nardia also brought up the point of "how do we keep younger children out of the space meant for 13-24 year olds?" Kat suggested it be something that can be looked forward to for the younger children using the surrounding areas. Kelly suggested one day a week being open to everybody so the younger kids aren't necessarily missing out, but the other days of the week are aimed at the older age bracket.

Nardia also posed the idea of utilizing the roof area of the container space, as a platform for a flying fox heading east down one edge of the area.

Youth Council expressed a real keen interest in investigating more and have asked Kelly to do a bit more research on costings to present to council.

Andy added there is a local man who created a yellow submarine tiny house who may be a great asset to a project like this if Youth Council chose to utilize him. He also pointed out these things do not happen immediately and they are not cheap. He would imagine it could cost anywhere up to \$50,000. He suggested it be presented to council as part of the long term plan.

16 Next Meeting

Overnight stay River Valley Lodge, 12-13 December 2020. Kelly Will be in touch with permission slips and paper work.

17 Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 7.08 pm