

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Ohakea Room
Te Matapihi
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Present: Sophia Lewis
Charly Ward Berry
Atawhai McDowell
Denise Pio
Leymar Sali
Sofie Kendrick
Lily Bartlett
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi
Cr Brian Carter

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1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer

Meeting commenced 5.36pm. Madam Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and read the youth council prayer.

2 Apologies

Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana, Cr Gill Duncan, Jessie-Lee Ellery. His Worship the Mayor & Leymar Saili arrived late.

3 Public Forum

No public Forum items.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair changed the order of business to accommodate His Worship The Mayor's report presentation.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/RYC/012**

That the minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 08 June 2021, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Amendment: Charly Ward-Berry to be added as an apology.

McDowell/Kendrick. Carried

7 Mayoral Update

7.1 Mayoral Update - June 2021

His Worship the Mayor spoke on the following topics

Upcoming meetings with government. One of them being how to spend money on scholarships in school. In our district we currently have scholarships available through Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College, Nga Tawa does not because of its perception in the community as a private school' not needing any external help. Does this mean it is right, or should it change? Sometimes perception is not always accurate.

Addressed Youth Council to go back to their start of the year workplan. Look at what is and is not still

relevant after the first half of the year and amend it accordingly, and how RYC can continue to make headway on what they planned to do ie: Supplying personal items for young women in schools.

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That the 'Mayoral Update – June 2021' be received.

That the Youth Council action meetings with their own schools around scholarship and career guidance. Should council as local govt be supporting schools in this area. How? Where are the gaps in these areas? Kelly available to support RYC.

Kendrick/McDowell. Carried

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Youth Awards Debrief

Positives

- Décor looked amazing
- Prizes and certificates were awesome
- Early set up means it was all done, no stress
- Nominees/Sponsors sitting together was really cool
- Keen to adjust an award to celebrate personal growth and overcoming obstacles
- Lots of fun, cool event
- Excellent presentation on tables for sponsors/nominees
- Group performances. They were comfortable and really enjoyed performing.
- Put out survey to gather more opinions

Negatives

- Sound test before-hand. A few technical difficulties
- Kitchen help, extra hands, do dishes as we go
- Running out of space in the kitchen nowhere to prepare put things once the dishes started coming in
- How do we get more family support involved
- Attend to elders (Which comes down to man power)
- No press present
- Councillors could be more supportive
- Content of guest speaker perhaps was a bit off considering all the school students in attendance.
- His Worship the Mayor offered his personal congratulations on holding a very successful event which RYC can be really proud of. Things happen that can't be planned for (technical difficulties) But overall it was a really great event so not to lose sight of that.

We will run surveys amongst guests, sponsors to gauge how other people found the night and take learnings from our own experiences on the night.

8.2 Netball Support

Strategic Advisor for Youth shares update on twilight netball comp. So far, there has been two councillors supporting this initiative passed by the whole youth council. Youth Council have a responsibility to show up to support each other and their advisor in the running of new initiatives within the community. It shouldn't come down to one or two each time. Please make the effort to get down there, and represent RYC in this space, you have plenty of reminders each week.

Leymar/Denise & Charly committed to being there 5.30pm on Sunday.

8.3 Nga Wairiki O Ngati Apa meeting set up**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/014**

Strategic Advisor for youth will facilitate a meeting the week of the 15th August anytime or day after 3.30. All present have shown interest in attending.

Saili/Berry. Carried

8.4 Chair's Report – 13th July 2021

Kia Ora everyone, welcome to our fifth meeting for the year. I hope that everything's going well for you all at the moment. A huge thank you to all of you, for your hard work in making the youth awards what it was. It was a great night, and something we can all be proud of. Also, congratulations to everyone who was nominated or received an award, that's a huge accomplishment so I hope you can feel proud of all that you've achieved.

Coming up, we've got festival for the future which we'll be attending, so save the date – it's running from the 30th of July to 1st of August. And remember, if you're unable to attend, please organise someone to give your ticket to, as they have already been bought.

Thanks.

The Meeting closed at 6.36pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 12 Apr 22.

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Chairperson