



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Ohakea Room  
Te Matapihi  
4 Criterion Street  
Bulls

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**Chair:** Sophia Lewis  
**Deputy Chair:** Charly Ward Berry  
**Membership:** Lisa Cruywagen  
Atawhai McDowell  
Jessie Lee Ellery  
Denise Pio  
Zoe Hayward  
Leymar Sali  
Sofie Kendrick  
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Lily Bartlett  
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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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**Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 5.30 pm.**

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## AGENDA

### 1 Welcome

### 2 Apologies

### 3 Public Forum

### 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### 5 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, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

### 6 Confirmation of Minutes

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 08 June 2021 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 June 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Taihape Area School  
26 Huia Street  
Taihape

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**Present:** Sophia Lewis  
Lisa Cruywagen  
Atawhai McDowell  
Jessie Lee Ellery  
Denise Pio  
Zoe Hayward  
Sofie Kendrick  
Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana  
Cr Gill Duncan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi  
Michael Andrews

**Order of Business**

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## 9 Late Items

### 9.1 Chair's Report

Madam Chair requested everyone continue to promote Youth Awards with only a month away.

There was discussion around organising a group trip to parliament during FFTF. Michael is going to look at organising a tour for RYC. Those particularly interested in this were Waiatatia, Denise, Atawhai, Lisa and Sofie.

Andy also named the exhibition the secret keeper as an item of particular recommendation.

### 9.2 Library Placemaking

Kelly spoke to this item. Some left over funding for 2020. Potential to create a space outside the Marton library to replace the hedges and make a more inviting space to sit, read, connect in community.

His Worship the Mayor suggested just because there is money does not mean it has to be spent. RYC questioned whether the money would roll over to the next years for the same development outside the library. The answer was no, there was no guarantee of the money rolling over to the next year.

RYC asked several good questions, what was involved, what the process was, pros and cons.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RYC/011**

That the placemaking application be put through before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Cruywagen/Kendrick. Carried

### 9.3 Expressions Hub

Sofie spoke to this item. She is leading Expressions hub. A poetry club to extend to art. Open to ages 12-17 years, every second Monday 7-8pm starting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. She aims for this to be a cool place to hang out, an easy place to make friends with likeminded people in a supportive environment with activities based around poetry. She aims to promote through school and homeschool groups. Pride month could be a great focus idea. Each month will be a featured poem, framed and promoted not just in the lobby but on public forum as well, to showcase the groups work. Support is needed from RYC to help run this. Waiatatia, Lisa and Denise are all willing to help and be present.

The next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm Ohakea Room Bulls.

**ITEM 6 ATTACHMENT 1**

The Meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 13 July 2021.

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Chairperson

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## 7 Mayoral Update

### 7.1 Mayoral Update - June 2021

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June the Mayors and Chief Executives from the Rural and Provincial Councils met in Wellington. These are regular meetings, include most Councils in New Zealand and are well supported. The dominant discussion this time was always going to be around the Three Waters options facing Councils. Each Council needs to decide this year as to whether to pass their waste water and drinking water assets to a new aggregated entity. In other words, Councils would no longer deliver these services - they would be delivered and charged by a publicly owned entity. During the course of the two days we had presentations from LGNZ (Local Government) on the Reforms, Ray McMillan the new head of Taumata Arowai (the water regulator), Allan Pragnell from DIA (Department of Internal Affairs) and we also heard case studies from Australia on their experience of water reforms. My interpretation of the information and the mood of the meetings can be summarised as –

1. Councils are split at this stage between opting in and opting out with many saying they are waiting on the release of specific individual financial information before coming to a decision. Some of the Councils are very emotive around their particular perspective.
2. Several regions such as Kaipara and South Island Councils were saying that there will be no benefit to them if the large metro areas surrounding them opt out, and because this is a real possibility, they are asking how they can make a decision not knowing if this will be the case.
3. LGNZ spent time reporting back to the meeting on how the figures and assumptions put out by DIA have been independently verified. This information was well received.
4. Allan Pragnell from the DIA was in a difficult position as cabinet is currently going through a series of decisions on how the country may be split up into the new aggregated suppliers. Allan is also having to operate under several different levels of confidentiality which in itself raises questions for members.
5. The elephant in the room is will Government go back on their word and regulate or mandate change? Local Government has always promised that it would be an opt out or opt in decision. The feeling now is that this may not be the case.
6. Several times it was said that no Council would be worse off by opting in. However, each ratepayer connected to supply will pay more largely due to the need to improve the level of service. There will always be a subsidisation from one authority to another, that is a given, with the metros expected to subsidise rural Councils.
7. Government and DIA will shortly start a public information drive through various media channels. The question on many mayors' minds is whether it will be heavily biased to a Government position.

8. Overall, my feeling is that the mindset of Councils may have swung slightly in favour but let's see the release of the Government figures and decisions. There is still no clear-cut way forward at this stage.
9. With all of the decisions around Three Waters there is still the unanswered question around what is the future of Local Government especially if the delivery of the Three Waters is lost. So, the two days also had several speakers and forums around the future of Local Government and included such things as our responsibility in terms of housing etc.

Other subjects dealt with at the conference were around the next census rollout and how it can be improved and the Covid rollout current occurring throughout the country.

Council has completed the deliberations around the Long Term Plan and I thank Council staff for the concise manner in which the reports were presented for decisions. I also thank the very large number of submitters that engaged in the process. We are still waiting on final audit opinions before adoption however it looks like the average rate increase will be fractionally over 7%. Compared to other Councils this is a reasonable position. Of real concern to me is the reduction of our roading budget in the areas of resealing programmes and maintenance. This position has been forced on us by Waka Kotahi with their partnership funding cost reductions. To be fair to Waka Kotahi they have no choice, having failed to get favourable budgetary support from Central Government. The long term effects of not maintaining our roads or the state highway networks will be disastrous in the future.

Council, during deliberations, were able to favourably fund a number of local initiatives, such as providing funding for the Taihape Park and agreeing to support the refurbishment and strengthening of the Grandstand at Taihape. This is great as we are here as Councillors to listen to the concerns of communities and try and support them wherever possible.

I would like to congratulate Jen Harris who organised the recent Pride in our Land rural meetings with guest speaker Matt Chisholm. Matt spoke throughout our district and the wider region very frankly of his own particular journey with alcohol and depression.

On Tuesday 15 June most of the Councillors and senior staff did a road trip to look at the historic landfill at Putorino and the remediation work being undertaken. This is where an old landfill on the side of the Rangitikei River was exposed and was in risk of contaminating a pristine waterway. The consenting process and work has been a long journey, engaging with Horizons and Iwi at the forefront. What has been nice is to find there has been no hazardous material discovered in the landfill – it is largely comprised of old steel and concrete with a fair amount of plastic rubbish bags. I am hopeful that the cost will come in under budget. We still have to sort through all the material that was removed, screen it and reinstate the riverbank. The visit to the Putorino site was also to learn first-hand the health and safety processes that are required with an operation of this nature. The road trip then moved on to Mangaweka where we had similar explanations around health and safety and a site visit to the new Mangaweka bridge build. What I found particularly interesting was that the steel work, which is a very special grade of steel, is polished and then deliberately exposed to water to form a protective patina. For those of us like me who are uninformed, the bridge will look like a rusty bridge as a new bridge. The beauty of this process means it will not require routine painting maintenance which will always provide risk in terms of river contamination. I would like to thank Emmetts for their explanation of processes and the time taken with us.

Lastly, I would like to inform Council that I have been registered as Presiding Member for the Rangitikei District Council at the upcoming LGNZ Annual General Meeting being held on Saturday 17 July 2021 in Blenheim. Chief Executive Peter Beggs is my back-up position.

## Mayors Engagement

June 2021

1	<p>Attended EM Joint Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting</p>
2	<p>Worked from Taihape Office</p>
3	<p>Attended Creative NZ Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended monthly RDC/Police meeting</p> <p>Attended Turakina Reserve Management Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting</p>
4	<p>Attended First Aid Training</p> <p>Attended Huntley School Official Dormitory Opening</p>
8	<p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop of Rates Remission Policy</p> <p>Attended Youth Council Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Council Deliberations on Long Term Plan</p> <p>Attended Pride in our Land Gala Dinner and Fundraiser</p>
10	<p>Attended Rural &amp; Provincial Sectors Meeting – Day 1</p>
11	<p>Attended Rural &amp; Provincial Sectors Meeting – Day 2</p> <p>Attended Pride in our Land – Northern Rangitikei Event (Moawhango)</p>
12	<p>Attended Whanganui Chamber of Commerce Mid Winter Xmas Party</p>
14	<p>Attended meeting with Yr 1&amp;2 students from Marton Junction School</p>
15	<p>Attended Construction Site Visit with Elected Members and ELT to Mangaweka</p> <p>Met with Linda Stewart Director Regional Relationships NZTA to discuss Rangitikei Regional Relationships</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee Public Meeting – membership opportunities</p> <p>Attended Marton Development Group Meeting</p>

## ITEM 7.1

16	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #6 Attended Door of Hope Rangitikei Charitable Trust Meeting
17	Attended Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Core Group Meeting (Wellington) Attended Taihape Amenities Building Update Meeting
18	Attended Tradies Breakfast at Te Matapihi Attended First Aid Course (Taihape Town Hall)
21	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Youth Vocational Road Trip Introduction and Welcome Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting
22	Attended Bulls & District Community Trust AGM Attended Marton Community Committee Public Meeting – membership opportunities
23	Attended Kanoa Meeting re Marton Rail Hub
24	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended Three Waters Zoom Update
25	To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive To attend meeting with Guy Simpson Director NZDF Estate Tenure - Housing Update
27	To attend Rotary Changeover
29	To attend Regional Transport Matters / Regional Chiefs' Session (Zoom) To attend field trip – landlocked land (Taihape) with Judge Wainwright
30	To attend mediation day – landlocked land (Taihape) all day

**Recommendation**

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

## **8 Discussion Items**

### **8.1 Youth Awards Debrief**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Item for discussion.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

### **8.2 Netball Support**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Item for discussion.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

### **8.3 Nga Wairiki O Ngati Apa meeting set up**

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 Item for discussion.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

## **9 Next Meeting**

The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 10 August 2021 at 5.30 pm, at Council Chambers, Marton.

## **10 Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at [time].