

# ORDER PAPER

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021  
**Time:** 5.30 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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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 Saili  
Sofie Kendrick  
Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana  
Lily Bartlett  
Cr Gill Duncan  
HWTM 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 Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 10 August 2021 at 5.30 pm.**

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## AGENDA

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### 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**

### **6.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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

1.1 The minutes from the Youth Council meeting held on 13 July 2021 are attached.

#### **Attachments**

1. Youth Council Meeting - 13 July 2021

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 13 July 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, 13 July 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

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

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**Present:** Sophia Lewis  
Charly Ward Berry  
Atawhai McDowell  
Denise Pio  
Leymar Saili  
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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**ITEM 6.1  
ATTACHMENT 1**

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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.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RYC/013**

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 gage 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 15<sup>th</sup> August anytime or day after 3.30. All present have shown interest in attending.

Saili/Berry. Carried

### 8.4 Chair's Report – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> of July to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10 August 2021.**

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**Chairperson**

## **7 Chair's Report**

### **7.1 Chair's Report - August 2021**

**Author:** Sophia Lewis

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

- 1.1 The Chair will provide a verbal report.

#### **Recommendation**

That the verbal Chair's Report – August 2021 be received.

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - July 2021

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

#### Local Government New Zealand Conference 2021

I went, I saw, I thought, I report.....

Last week I spent time in Marlborough at the Local Government Conference where all the Mayors, Chief Executives and many Councillors gathered to discuss the issues of the day. I would like to congratulate the Mayor of Marlborough John Leggett and his team for the incredible way that they put the conference together. I also compliment John on how he seamlessly moved from running the major conference of the year in a small community to dealing with a significant weather event and widespread flooding.

Councillors Fi Dalgety, Tracey Hiroa and Gill Duncan, together with myself and the Chief Executive attended the conference. The advantage of attending the Local Government Conference is really about networking and understanding other authorities' positions, as well as the Government's direction. The conference also finished with an AGM where remits were discussed, including Local Government's position to the three waters aggregation Government is proposing. Local Government passed a motion by the narrowest of margins stating that the three waters should not be legislated by Government – that Councils should still have the opportunity to opt out of these reforms.

The issue of the day was always going to be the Three Waters discussion and updating people on the Government's decision. They came incredibly close to saying they will mandate the aggregation of the three waters changes. The Minister was asked directly whether opting out could still be an option and her response was "the conversation has moved on since then". Read into that statement what you may.

Government released a second tranche of money to Local Authorities and one must question whether that is a bribe. Our Council gets nearly \$14m to spend over the next couple of years. I had anticipated that this second tranche of funding would probably heavily favour Auckland and Christchurch, because without them being in the aggregated model one would have to question whether the efficiencies are there to be gained. The Government also released their decision on where the boundaries for the four entities would lie. Rangitikei is placed in Entity B along with 22 other Councils. This region includes everything north of us and to the south of Auckland including Taranaki. Notably this area does not include Wellington, Palmerston North or Manawatu as I had previously anticipated. I would have to say that my personal preference would be that we do end up in entity B rather than C. We know that Wellington City and Palmerston North City have a huge amount of money to be spent and would probably have the weight of numbers to say it may indicate that they will take first priority. The National Party spoke about "not taking the Local Government out of Local Government" while seemingly accepting that reform is necessary. Their position is about 'how' rather than a 'no'.

The Government has indicated that the timeframes for Councils to make a decision on the aggregation still remains, which limits the opportunity for discussion or consultation within our district.

I have asked for this Council meeting so that we can update Councillors on the three waters and to strategise how we can involve the community in this decision. To consult on the three waters we have to, in my opinion, understand the offer and the benefits of aggregation that may be brought, along with the risks, costs and lack of control. We have budgeted heavily in the Long Term Plan to make Council compliant and to solve water and wastewater issues. One of the many questions under the new regulations will be what is exactly required, in terms of future compliance and levels of service. I believe we must inform the community as widely as possible using media and probably letter drops to individual properties on the options we face. Undoubtedly the decision made by Council in October will be the biggest decision we have ever made and probably the biggest in Local Government since the 1989 amalgamations.

My apologies for not chairing this meeting. The Council meeting was not planned for and I am away on Council business attending the Institute of Directors course. I accepted this position in the knowledge that the Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham is well informed and has my absolute confidence to progress this matter.

Mayor Andy Watson

## Mayors Engagement

July 2021

1	Attended farewell for Katie Brosnahan MSD
6	Worked from Taihape Office Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended Future of Local Government workshop
8	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Council Meeting to adopt Long Term Plan Attended Representation Review Council Workshop Attended 2021 Rangitikei Youth Awards
9	Attended meeting with NZDF Director of Housing
12	Attended meeting with Ministry of Education re education pathway
13	Worked from Te Matapihi Office Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Rangitikei Youth Council meeting
14-17	Attended Local Government 2021 Conference & AGM in Blenheim Attended Mayor Task Force for Jobs AGM
20	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	Attended meeting re RMA Reforms with Opus staff Attended Marton Rail Hub – Project Board Meeting #7
22	Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Panel Discussion with Mayors from Whanganui and Ruapehu re regional housing issues
23	Attended new staff whakatau Visited Edale resident for 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration
25-30	Attended Institute of Directors course in Wellington

### Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – July 2021 be received.

## **9 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Festival for the Future Recap**

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

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

- 1.1 This report will be tabled at the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the tabled report 'Festival for the Future Recap' be received.

## **10 Discussion Items**

### **10.1 Lobby at Memorial Hall discussion**

**Author: Nardia Gower, Manager - Community Development**

**ITEM 10.1**

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

1.1 Nardia Gower will lead a discussion on this.

#### **Recommendation**

If required:



**10.2 Marton Market Day 2021****Author: Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor - District Promotions****1. Reason for report**

- 1.1 In June 2021 Marton Market days & Marton Harvest Festival lead organisers Project Marton disbanded.
- 1.2 Council is committed to the future of these events and has become the interim caretakers of Marton Market day while a new group forms.
- 1.3 Planning for Marton Market day is well under way by Council staff who are looking for more volunteers and support for the following:
  - On the day ambassador x2 – be a crucial welcoming part of the event and offer support to stall holders and visitors throughout the day.
  - Social Media assistance (could be a part of the ambassador’s role)
  - Entertainment coordinator x2 – help our entertainers on the day know where they need to be and ensure they know where the green room space is, keep the refreshments topped up and lease with the sound tech team
  - Circus/Vibrant Entertainers – this year, with budget restrictions we will not have the usual circus entertainers and are wanting to offer this role to youth who might like to get creative, make their own costumes and be a part of the vibrant activity within the day and other performances. Along with manage a space for kids to play with giant bubbles (like a circus zone), and giant games.
  - Morning and afternoon Marshalling

**Recommendation 1**

That the report ‘Marton Market Day 2021’ be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That the below are interested in volunteering (with the role they they’re interested in included in brackets):

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## **11 Next Meeting**

The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 5.30 pm, in Taihape.

## **12 Open Meeting**