

# MINUTES

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 October 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Town Hall  
Te Matapihi  
4 Criterion Street  
Bulls

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**Present**

Sophia Lewis  
Lisa Cruywagen  
Atawhai McDowell  
Denise Pio  
Leymar Sali  
Sofie Kendrick  
Lily Bartlett  
Cr Gill Duncan  
HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

**In attendance**

Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi  
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

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## **1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer**

## **2 Apologies**

Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana gave apology.

Leymar Sali (7.41pm) & Atawhai McDonnell (7.45pm) arrived late.

## **3 Public Forum**

No Public Forum.

## **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Confirmation of Youth Council Minutes**

No minutes were attached to the Order Paper. The previous minutes (13 July 2021) will be carried forward to the next meeting for approval.

## **7 Chair's Report**

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

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/015**

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

S Lewis/L Bartlett. Carried

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - September 2021

HWTM Andy Watson spoke to his report. Andy concentrated on sharing information on the Three Waters Reform. In a nutshell, Central Government have decided after the Havelock North disaster, that not enough consents and upgrades are being put into the waterways infrastructure. The Three Waters Reform would mean Local Govt are no longer responsible for delivering those services to their district, and our assets would be handed over to one of four entities/companies who would then be responsible for supplying those services to huge areas. This is the biggest change to local government in a long number of years. The chair asked "What is the significance of this decision to local council?" The Mayor answers; Currently Local Council receives funding and rates from ratepayers to deliver the waterways services. Wastewater, Infrastructure, water treatment jobs will all be lost. What will the role and function be of council when those things are no longer part of our delivery? How will this reform function? Ratepayer money will go to other entities to provide services. Our Council has asked for clarification on these points. Central Government are not answering these questions. Councils current stance would lean towards no because of the lack of clarity around functionality. The Chair asked "Can small communities continue to afford this when the systems need so much work?" The Mayor replied; Long Term Plan budgets have sufficient funds to sustain services. Lots of new residents helps affordability to all ratepayers.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/016**

That the Mayoral Update – September 2021 be received.

A McDowell/L Cruywagen. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050

Jen Britton spoke to her report. She asked the Youth Council what they want to see in their future in the next 25 years, what are their aspirations. Some of the following points were made.

- Rich culture of Māori on display. Emphasis on areas surrounding the Marae. Make it more inclusive /united, not just a 'Māori' area.
- Eco Tourism, especially around beautiful Taihape. Make people stop. They stop, they spend money, they create jobs.
- A place that's thriving, that people want to come to, feel like its such an awesome place they don't want to leave. Manhattan feel with dedicated spaces.
- Colourful streets, 'urban growth with rural charm.' Plants, trees, urban nature vibe. Positive impact on Community, combining different types of people building community connection.
- New entertainment spaces, destination places. For Example: playgrounds for all ages, arcades.
- Social housing/communes/ affordability. Segregation vs Inclusivity for developers.

Jen Britton to engage with schools in the coming weeks. Youth Council to support.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/017**

That the report 'Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050' be received.

A McDowell/D Pio. Carried

**9.2 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond**

Katrina Gray spoke to her report.

Her role within Council looks at the future land use of our district, setting a vision the work towards. If you can put it on a map, it's probably included. Our district is growing. Where will people live, work, socialise? What pipes/infrastructure do we need to accommodate the growth or is it sustainable how it is? What community facilities do we need, extra parks or upgrades. Ms Gray offered Youth Council the opportunity to have workshops around these topics, and be part of the planning process. Ms Gray asked Youth Council their thoughts about reaching more youth through community engagement. The following was suggested;

- Workshops with Geography/Social Study class & teacher engagement, making it interesting.
- Interactive activities/ Mapping Activity/ Building the town up model;
- Social Media (Instagram/TikTok);
- Food;

Role-models already in youth space to help facilitate.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/018**

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond' be received.

D Pio/S Lewis. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7.18 pm and re-convened at 7.43 pm.

**9.3 Festival for the Future Recap**

Strategic Advisor for Youth, Kelly Widdowson spoke to her report. She shared her experience of Festival for the Future and thanked all who attended for making the most of their time and sharing the experience with her. She asked the Youth Council to share their experiences and thoughts on their time at Festival for the Future. The following was their responses.

- Inspiring to see so much success coming from small starting places;
- They are all just people like us. How and what they did to make an impact, I can too;
- Learning about demographics that I'm not a part of was eye-opening;
- Success hadn't come easy;
- Inspiring to see people who are so proud of who they are;
- I learned I was holding myself back from achieving something. I was inspired to be a better person;
- Language was a barrier for me at times;
- Marketplace was too busy and loud;
- Touched learning about marginalised communities like Muslim;

- “When they tell you it runs in the family, you tell them, this is where it runs out”.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/019**

That the tabled report ‘Festival for the Future Recap’ be received.

L Bartlett/L Saili. Carried

**9.4 Youth Development Operational Report Aug-Sep 2021**

The Strategic Advisor for Youth, Kelly Widdowson, spoke to her report. Specifically thanking those who showed up to support the twilight netball competition each week. Noting it was very successful, community are keen for a summer draw. The third place team donated their prize money back to youth council to thank them for such an awesome initiative. Thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Resolved minute number 21/RYC/020**

That the report ‘Youth Development Update Aug-Sept 2021’ be received.

A McDowell/L Cruywagen. Carried

**10 Discussion Items**

**10.1 Placemaking**

The Youth Council would like the Strategic Advisor for Youth to re-commence their placemaking application for the Marton Library.

The Rangitikei Youth Council set their last meeting and end of year dinner for the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at The Rustic, Taihape. Time and Transport TBC.

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**

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

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**Chairperson**