

# MINUTES

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 June 2022

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

- YC Lisa Cruywagen
- YC Sofie Kendrick
- YC Paloma Janse
- YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle
- YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano
- YC Isaac Grant
- Cr Gill Duncan
- HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

**In attendance**

- Jareah – Taihape Area School
- Aidan O'Connor – Sports Whanganui
- Rihanna Flaherty – Welcoming Communities
- Kayla Hyland – Strategic Advisor Rangatahi
- Kelly Widdowson – Strategic Advisor Rangatahi

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## 1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer

Isaac read the Youth Council prayer.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/024**

Denise Pio, Leymar Sali, Emma Collings.

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC S Kendrick. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Aidan O'Connor from Sports Whanganui spoke about their Kaupapa and funding options available throughout the year. "Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa." He explained what Sports Whanganui do in the community, facilitation and administration of funds to community groups. He covered the target groups, who could apply, what could be funded. How could Youth Council utilise this fund? He left information for further reading or contact.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

None declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The chair adds a late item. Welcoming Communities which has been left off the agenda.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/025**

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 10 May 2022, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Chair's electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

YC S Kendrick/YC C Tuuta-Kyle. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

Madam Chair took her report as read and addressed the Council. She asked two questions based on her report. Answers and discussions recorded below.

1. Together, how can we immediately reduce the impact of climate change in Rangitīkei?

Cr Tuuta-Kyle suggests electric vehicles and infrastructure, moving to a more climate friendly way of living.

Cr Janse asks What is the Council currently doing to reduce our Co2 emissions?

Cr Duncan responds- Council has agreed to start developing a plan for how to combat that.

HWTM responds the focus is on effects of Co2 emissions rather than the cause. Weather events/destruction of our roads etc Carbon Credits Forrestry.

Cr Janse responds the greatest Co2 removal from the atmosphere is achieved by plants. Provide incentive to community to plant more trees.

Madam Chair suggests launching an initiative where tourist can purchase a tree that gets planted around the community, with a plaque to hold the family name on it for generations to come. Legacy planting.

HWTM talked about citizenship ceremonies, giving trees to families as gifts. A way for new citizens to buy into our region.

Cr Kendrick suggests easier pathways into town to reduce people using their cars.

2. What resources are needed to better prepare Rangitīkei for the effects of climate change?

Cr Janse asks "Is there a current process in place for council consents?"

HWTM responds the District Plan says what you can and where you can do it. It forces businesses to comply. Horizons Regional Council sets policy around emissions. Complaint process for community in regards to eg: Odour issues.

Cr Janse asks Does Council know the potential hazards of our area based on our geographical information?

HWTM responds yes. Future training equipment and natural disaster planning eg: A managed retreat in Dunedin with flooding. Local sea level rise map predictions. Council needs to be proactive in their decision making rather than reactive.

Madam Chair thanks everyone for their contribution to the discussion.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/026**

That the Chair's Report – June 2022 be received.

YC L Cruywagen/YC C Tuuta-Kyle. Carried

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

HWTM takes his report as read, and addresses council.

Has anyone been out to the Ratana Pa temple site. If not, he encourages everyone to visit.

He gives an update on the Mangaweka Bridge topic. This was a topic brought up at our first training day. Whether to open early without Iwi's agreeance or wait until the original opening date, going against Manawatu District Council's motion. The decision was made to open early, in agreeance with Iwi.

Local Body elections are coming up. His Worship encourages people to stand for their community.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/027**

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

YC S Kendrick/YC C Tuuta-Kyle. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Youth Development Update - Southern Ward

Miss Widdowson spoke to her report, asking for nominations for Bulls Community meeting attendance. Paloma, Lisa, Sofie, Charlotte & Isaac volunteered to attend the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/028**

That the Youth Development Update – Southern Ward be received.

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC I Grant. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/029**

That a nomination be made for a representative for Youth Council to attend the next Bulls Community Hui on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm at Te Matapihi.

YC P Janse/YC F Mefiposeta-Satano. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Destination Rangitikei - Destination Management Plan

Ms Britton has requested through Miss Widdowson, the floor at the next Youth Council meeting in July. She asks all councillors to read through the document and come ready with thoughts, ideas, feedback.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/030**

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

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC S Kendrick. Carried

### 10.2 Work Plan 2022

Paloma suggests adding a mental health day off to the work plan under focus point three 'mental health'. Isaac disagrees with this saying students would milk days off, gives them an excuse to be lazy.

Paloma responds there could be a limit on how many you could have.

Miss Widdowson suggests we add this to the work plan as a discussion point for further decision.

Cr Duncan suggests timeframes added to the timeline – in a months format. Councillors agreed.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/031**

That the Work Plan 2022 be received.

YC P Janse/YC F Mefiposeta-Satano. Carried

### 10.3 Youth Council Update

Miss Hyland spoke to her report. The following data was collected via Youth Council. Miss Hyland also gave a verbal update

Youth Council gave some feedback on Taihape Careers expo and how they found it and what they would change or add in.

- They would have liked to have seen more universities involved.
- They all really enjoyed the day and Paloma was given a tour of the school by a Taihape Area School student.
- Sofie felt like the age should be lifted for the career's expo as a lot of young children approached the Youth Council.
- Had feedback that the younger kids would love a movie night run out of the Lobby
- Councillor Duncan asked about the opening of the lobby and the positive engagements she had with our youth, a lot of the feedback she received was the wanting of the lobby space to be opened to provide a safe space. Councillor Duncan also advised that it would be good

to let the councillors and Mayor know what is happening in that area with some advertisement or communication.

**Resolved minute number 22/RYC/032**

That the report 'Youth Council Update' is received.

YC P Janse/YC S Kendrick. Carried

**10.4 Late Item - Welcoming Communities**

Rihanna Flaherty introduced the programme for welcoming communities. She asked what are youth aspiring to, what do they need from us as a community. Welcoming Communities is about making our spaces and places more welcoming to new immigrants. They are currently building more collaboration pathways with the community, improving what is already happening.

How can youth council be of benefit? Rihanna spoke of building an advisory board for youth and suggested youth councils involvement on the panel. Further discussions and information will be passed through email to those who have expressed an interest.

**The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022.**

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**Chairperson**