

# **ORDER PAPER**

# YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

July 2022
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Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Taihape Area School 26 Huia Street Taihape

Membership:YC Lisa Cruywagen<br/>YC Denise Pio<br/>YC Leymar Saili<br/>YC Sofie Kendrick<br/>YC Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana<br/>YC Paloma Janse<br/>YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle<br/>YC Emma Collings<br/>YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano<br/>YC Toby Haxell<br/>YC Isaac Grant<br/>Cr Gill Duncan<br/>HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

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# Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Taihape Area School, 26 Huia Street, Taihape on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 at 5.30 pm.

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# AGENDA

# **1** Welcome / Youth Council Prayer

# 2 Apologies

#### Recommendation

That the apology for His Worship the Mayor be received.

# 3 Public Forum

No 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 Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from the Youth Council Meeting held on 14 June 2022 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Youth Council Meeting - 14 June 2022

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 14 June 2022 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.





# **UNCONFIRMED: YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

ATTACHMENT	Date: Time:	Tuesday, 14 June 2022 5.30 pm
<b>NENT 1</b>	Venue:	Council Chamber Rangitīkei District Council 46 High Street Marton
	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 Saili, 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 infastructure, 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 Rangitikei 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 bought 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.

#### 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

# 7 Chair's Report

#### 7.1 Chair's Report - July 2022

Author: Lisa Cruywagen, Chair

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 YC Cruywagen may table a report or provide a verbal update.

#### Recommendation

That the tabled or verbal [delete one] Chair's Report – July 2022 be received.

# 8 Mayoral Update

#### 8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2022

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

On 16 and 17 June Peter Beggs our Chief Executive and myself attended the LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting in Wellington with all other Mayors and Chief Executives in this sector. Firstly, it was great to meet face to face as opposed to Zoom - the questions and answers with Ministers seemed to carry much more weight.

The Three Waters presentation from Minister Mahuta and the National Party spokesperson Simon Watts was incredibly interesting. My read of the Labour presentation was that legislation will be presented with pace and while the Minister acknowledged changes made to the proposed acts/laws were as a result of Local Government Working Parties, in essence little has changed. The Water Services Bill has now proceeded to the Select Committee stage and is open for submission. This Bill allows establishment of the new water entities and transition groups to allow for the entities to be established in 2024. The Minister has however made recommendations on price harmonisation or the ability to put into law the principles of cross-subsidisation. This area will be referred to the Economic Regulator which is yet to be established and this need has always been a key focus for me. Tina Porou, the Iwi Representative and Planner based in Turangi, had earlier given a passionate iwi perspective on the Three Waters in which she suggested strongly the need for local input from Councils to continue. On that basis I asked the Minister directly if the water entities could contract as separate companies back to the Councils to deliver services. Her answer was to take this "under advisement" – in other words either this hadn't been considered or she didn't have an answer. Regardless as to whether Council supported the Minister, people acknowledged she was passionate and working hard towards a programme.

Simon Watts, the National Party spokesperson for Local Government, has a background in funding and finance and he gave a presentation at speed based around what people wanted to hear. "We will repeal the Three Waters legislation and we believe that the Government will act too slowly to give us the opportunity to allow this repeal". His key themes were –

- The scale and pace of the numerous reforms are too great and Local Government is under too much pressure, i.e. there is sector fatigue. He says that the reform agendas should be right size, one-size doesn't fit all and there needs to be local ownership retention.
- However, and this is my caution, he accepts the need for reform and the National Party will
  put up an alternative model, a model that has not yet been explained. When asked, he
  stressed that the model should be developed with Local Government. He suggests that
  funding and finance (presumably from Government) should be targeted to need without
  explaining that which in effect raises many more questions.

My read was that the address was high on wanting to please but low on specifics. He took the opportunity to make a series of other points around the National Party's vision including the need to fix immigration to allow for growth; to put in place 30 year infrastructural planning and acknowledging that rates are not a sustainable funding mechanism for Local Government.

Minister Parker spoke on the proposed RMA changes emphasising that they are needed because approvals/plan changes have become too expensive and take too long. <u>No arguments from me here</u>.

**ITEM 8.1** 

The Rail Hub is a classic example of this. When I asked Minister Parker directly on who will fund the new regional structure he said that this was still to be worked out.

Of interest to the Rangītikei, Mayor Craig Little from Wairoa presented on the court case they faced with the forestry sector due to the introduction of a differential rate to forestry. The costs that they faced were high for a small council and while the court ruled in their favour there is a substantial risk faced by way of possible appeal. There is no fighting fund within Local Government to support small councils who have been targeted because they are small, which is a pity. I would suggest that we consider at least a small donation to Wairoa of \$2,000 because they have essentially done a lot of the work that we will need to do to prepare for a better implementation of our proposed roading differential for forestry.

There were a number of other presentations including LGNZ and I am hoping that they will be summarised to be available online.

Last Sunday the Taxpayer's Union roadshow rolled into Marton, requesting support to stop the Three Waters legislation. About 80 people turned up and the Taxpayer's Union basically passed the microphone to myself in what became a Q&A process. The meeting was fine, people were prepared to listen and certainly appreciative that Councillors Ash, Dalgety, Duncan and myself attended.

Over the last few weeks we have suffered heavy rain right across the district. This has seen localised roading issues and a significant event for Scotts Ferry. As the Amon's drain flooded Scotts Ferry was essentially cut off by water one-metre deep across the road. Normally access would then be possible through forestry roads but because of high winds and a number of trees down, the forestry roads had to be closed. The flooding around Scotts Ferry was a combination of local surface water and ground water. With changes in farming personnel, people did not realise locally that the available pump could be hooked up to tractors very early in the process. Council has funding to automate the pump for the future and this is something we need to follow through on.

Over the last few weeks the Government, through the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) have cut the funding for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs available to our district. The Rangitīkei was one of four trial councils for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs – the success of the programme was astonishing and on that basis funding was rolled out to the now 29 councils. On the basis of the funding we have formed valuable relationships with iwi, we have based staff at Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, becoming a centre also for Louise McCoard to work from. We will continue to fight for re-instatement of that funding. With all of the changes that Government is putting into place, the future of Local Government may well rest with a social function role and having established these relationships it would be an incredible pity if we were forced to revise them under funding constraints.

Recently I attended the Bulls & District Community Trust AGM. This is a chance for Council to give recognition to a community volunteer group that has for years raised enormous sums of money for our district. They have provided events, supported us through the pandemic and are a cornerstone of the Bulls community. I thank in particular the Chair Helen Scully and the committee.

We recognised the Samoan Independence Day on 5 June at Memorial Hall which is an annual event. It was fantastic to see the Hall that has recently been refurbished with the best part of 200 people celebrating their independence. The Church Service and fono lasted for almost 6 hours. The gathering also served as an opportunity to provide a farewell for Rev. Farani Vaa one of our local Samoan Ministers. Farani is being recalled to Samoa where he will be told where his next appointment will be, which I understand will either be in Australia or America. Farani has taken such an active role in our community, he has supported not only the Samoan community but those in need over the last few years and will be sorely missed.

Winter time is planting time for a number of our groups. I attended a Planting Day on 18 June for the B and C dams where quite a number of people arrived with spades and got stuck in and planted 600 additional natives as part of the walkway. They are holding a second planting day on 2 July and anybody that could attend would be appreciated. It was pleasing to note that some of the people who came to help were regular weekly walkers of the reserves. Not to leave Taihape out, the Hautapu River Park Collective are holding a community planting day on Saturday 13 August where they will be looking for people to turn up with spades to plant a significant number of natives and I would encourage anybody to attend. You don't actually have to live in Taihape or Marton to attend these things.

Disappointingly under the recently released budget, funding wasn't provided for passenger rail to any great extent. This puts into doubt the continuation of not only the capital connector network Palmerston North to Wellington but also future rail use. This was an incredible surprise to the region's Mayors and myself because with the focus on climate change and the move to alternative transport being pointed to by Government we expected increased funding. I attach as part of that a letter that I have signed on behalf of Council to Ministers Robertson & Wood.

#### June 2022

1	Attended Monthly Q&A with ELT Team
	Met with St Joseph's School Principal re Rural Sport Fund
	Attended Special Zoom on 3W Rural Supplies Working Group Report
	Attending Watson Integrity – Office Opening
	Attended Breast Cancer Function at Te Matapihi
2	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended Creative NZ Committee Meeting
	Attended Zoom Meeting with Minister Carmel Sepuloni re MTFJ
	Attended Turakina Reserve Management Committee Meeting
	Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting
3	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development
	Attended St Matthews School – Samoan Language Week
5	Attended Samoan Independence Day Church Service
7	Attended EM Joint Standing Committee Meeting at Horizons
	Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting at Horizons
	Attended Regional Chief's Meeting at Horizons
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
	Attended Committee/Board Chair's meeting in Council Chambers
8	Attended Regional Relationship Discussion with Linda Stewart Waka Kotahi
	Attended LGNZ meeting in Wellington
	Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting
9	Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting
	Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting
	Attended Council Meeting – Annual Plan 2022/23 Deliberations
	Attended Reforms Update Zoom
10	Attended coffee catchup with Gloria Campbell MSD
	Attended Manawatu-Whanganui RLG review session in Palmerston North
	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Zoom
	Met with James Towers re MTFJ
	Met with District Monitor re 2022 elections
14	Attended meeting with Chief Executive re Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project
	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting
	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended Grey Power AGM (Guest Speaker)
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	Attended Unpacking Resource Management Reform Zoom#1
	Attended Ratana Community Board meeting
15	Attended Bulls & District Community Trust AGM
	Attended Hearings Committee – menacing dog classification
	Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
16	Attended Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington
17	Attended Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington
18	Attended planning day at B&C dams
19	Attended Taxpayer's Union Three Waters Roadshow outside Council offices
20	Attending monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
	Attended Community Workshop with Eastern Central Community Trust in Palmerston North
	Attended Marton Rail Hub update meeting with Chief Executive
21	Attended National Volunteers Week morning tea with volunteers at Marton Library
	Attended Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended staff farewell for Chrissie Pompey
	Attended Marton Rail Hub catchup meeting with Chief Executive and WSP Principal Planner
	Attended Matariki Concert at Te Matapihi
23	Attended RDC Stars of Council Awards Evening at Te Matapihi
24	Attended Blessing of new fire van at Marton Fire Station
27	Attended MRH 2022 Board Meeting #2
	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Co-Chair Briefing Zoom
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chief's zoom meeting
	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended DIA Planning Technical Advisory Group Zoom Hui #5
	Attended Defence Hub Meeting in Palmerston North
29	Attended quarterly meeting with GPCAT Rob Shearer at NZDF Base Ohakea
	Attended Exploring the Future for Local Government Zoom #1
30	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting
	To attend Council Workshop
	To attend Council Meeting

#### Attachments:

#### 1. Letter to Ministers Robertson and Wood re Budget 2022 🕹

#### Recommendation

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





#### By email

20 May 2022

File Ref: EXTR-9-1314

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Tēnā kōrua

#### Budget 2022: Regional trains for Lower North Island

We are writing to express our surprise and disappointment that the Government has chosen not to contribute funding for a fleet of hybrid electric trains in the lower North Island through Budget 2022.

As expressed in our November 2021 letter to you, we see this proposition as a key enabler to unlock access to affordable housing in our regions, while improving connectivity to employment, education, recreation, friends and whanau.

Further, this investment is completely aligned with Government policy on transport emissions and indeed your sentiment expressed in Budget 2022, "To Invest in the future and address the challenges of climate change".

Minister, we are encouraged by your retention of half price fares for public transport until 31 August. We endorse permanently retaining this arrangement for Community Services Card holders. It makes an enormous difference to people who rely on our rail network.



To make this a worthwhile investment, however, we need to provide reliable, low-emissions transport services for the increasing number of people living across the lower North Island. We have great confidence in our business case that proposes the purchase of hybrid electric trains, and we thank the Treasury and Waka Kotahi for their assistance in putting it together. We will continue to pursue a commitment from the government to contribute to the \$760 million investment our case recommends.

We are now working against the clock to replace our fleets of 50-year-old regional rail carriages, which will soon reach the end of their working lives. The tender process for new trains must continue unabated so we look forward to engaging with you on finding ways to unlock Waka Kotahi and other funding for procurement.

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Daran Ponter Chair, Greater Wellington

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# 9 Reports for Information

#### 9.1 Youth Council Report

Author: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 Ms Widdowson may table a report

#### Recommendation

That the tabled Youth Council Report be received.

### **10** Discussion Items

#### 10.1 Destination Rangitīkei - Destination Management Plan

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 At the Youth Council meeting 14 June 2022, Ms Britton advised that she will attend the meeting in order to discuss the youth councillors ideas around the Destination Management Plan.

#### Recommendation

If needed:

### **11 Next Meeting**

The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 09 August at 5.30 pm, in the Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi – Bulls.

# 12 Meeting Closed