

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 12 July 2022

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Taihape Area School
26 Huia Street
Taihape

Present YC Lisa Cruywagen
YC Denise Pio
YC Leymar Sali
YC Sofie Kendrick
YC Emma Collings
Cr Gill Duncan

In attendance Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Rangatahi
Ms Kayla Hyland, Strategic Advisor – Rangatahi
Jareah Herewini-Dygas – Taihape Area School
Michael Andrews

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 5.31 pm. YC Pio read the Youth Council Prayer.

2 Apologies

Isaac Grant, Fautai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano, Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle, Paloma Janse, Waiatatia Ratana Karehana, His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Resolved minute number 22/RYC/033

That all apologies be received.

YC S Kendrick/YC D Pio. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Late agenda item added.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RYC/034

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 14 June 2022, 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.

YC D Pio/YC S Kendrick. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - July 2022

Lisa read her report, briefly saying how the Marton Careers Expo went and how it was a success. There was also a discussion around lowering the voting age to 16, which then led onto a discussion about vaping in schools and amongst youth.

There was a mock vote held by show of hands as to who would lower the voting age, keep it the same or raise it. The general consensus was to keep it the same.

Resolved minute number 22/RYC/035

That the verbal Chair's Report – July 2022 be received.

YC S Kendrick/YC D Pio. Carried

8 Mayoral Update

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2022

Cr Lambert also attended the Taxpayer's Union, mentioned in paragraph 4, page 15 of the order papers

A discussion developed on the Rangitikei Rail-hub progress, in response to a highlighted letter in the Mayor's June report. This sparked interest from Youth Councillors in why Central Government is now not in support of the initiative, despite the numerous sustainability goals it meets, the benefit it would be for many of the communities it would pass through, including ours, and the jobs it would create going forward.

Youth Council were also particularly interested in seeing that several Councils from around New Zealand had all joined together in signing the letter petitioned to Central Government. In response to this, Youth Council decided to put forward an invitation to other Youth Council's around New Zealand to meet, discuss matters such as the Rail-Hub, sustainability goals and mental health, creating a forum where a larger collective youth voice could be heard, moving through the process of making joint submissions to Central Government from a youth perspective, as leaders of the future. This initiative is supported by the Strategic Advisors for Youth and Councillor Gill Duncan.

Resolution & Direction – That Strategic Advisors for Youth would reach out to other youth councils around New Zealand and organise a meet and discussion around the RailHub and other worthy topics which could collaboratively be lobbied to Central Government. This will be feedback into the next meeting.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Youth Council Report

No report was given for this meeting.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Destination Rangitikei - Destination Management Plan

To be discussed at the next meeting. Strategic Advisor for District Promotions Jen Britton was sick today so will present at the next meeting.

11 Late Items

11.1 Michael Andrews

Mr Andrews gave a brief history of his education and his childhood. He also gave an explanation around some of the uncommon history known around the Treaty of Waitangi, as well as the MAD group. He shared his passion and love for the Taihape community and encouraged Youth Councillors in the difference they can make in their own spheres of influence.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 9 August 2022.

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Chairperson