



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 9 August 2022

**Time:** 5.30 pm

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

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**Membership:** YC Lisa Cruywagen  
YC Denise Pio  
YC Leymar Sali  
YC Sofie Kendrick  
YC Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana  
YC Paloma Janse  
YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle  
YC Emma Collings  
YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano  
YC Toby Haxell  
YC Isaac Grant  
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 Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Tuesday, 9 August 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 12 July 2022 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Youth Council Meeting - 12 July 2022

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 12 July 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.

# MINUTES

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1

## **UNCONFIRMED: YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 July 2022

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Taihape Area School  
26 Huia Street  
Taihape

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**Present**

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

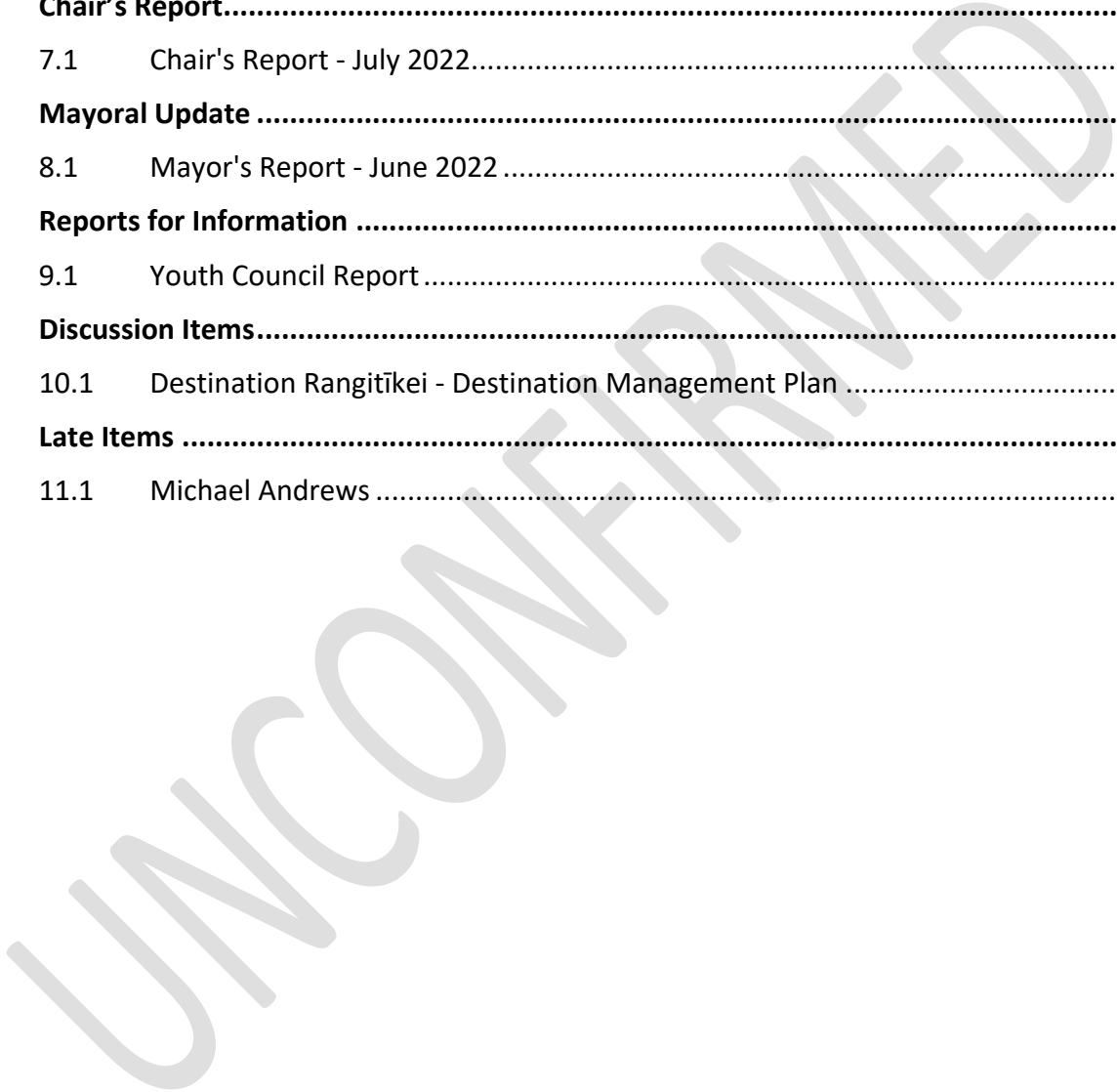
**In attendance**

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

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**ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1**



## 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

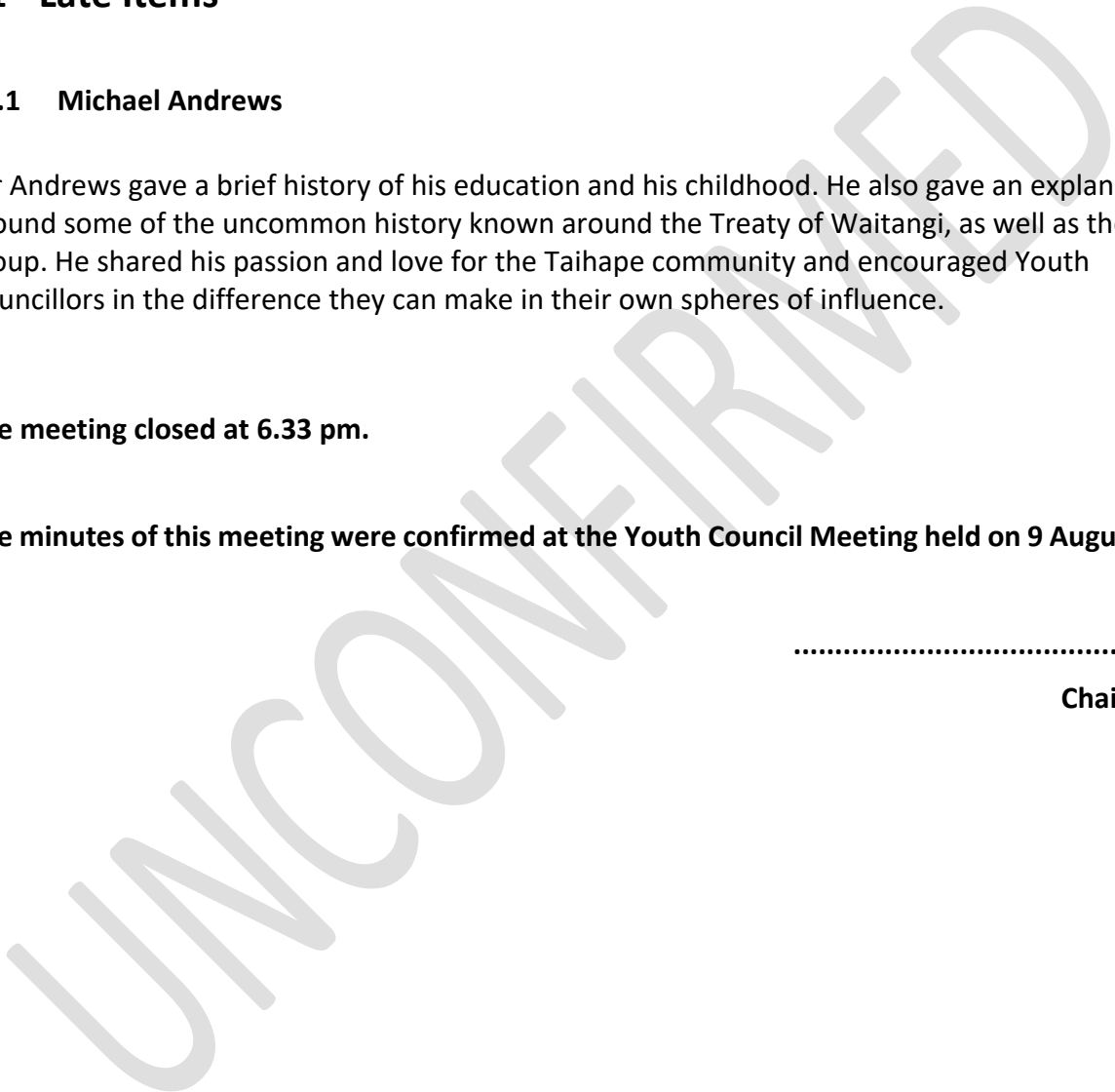
### 11.1 Michael Andrews

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



## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - August 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 – August 2022 be received.

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - July 2022

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

Good afternoon,

I am able, for a change, to bring to the table some really neat things that have happened in our district - it's lovely to be able to celebrate our wins.

The first is not a Council win but rather an acknowledgement to two different groups -

I attended the Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards on 7 July and Rangitīkei cleaned up. There is a new award that was given to the Upper Moawhango Catchment Group (under the umbrella of Rangitīkei Rivers Catchment Collective) presented to Mark Chrystall and Roger Dalrymple who are the architects of not only the Moawhango Catchment but also the Rangitīkei-wide river improvement groups. The major award of the night, the Regional Supreme Award went to Richard and Suze Redmayne for their farm, Tunnel Hill out in the sand country at Turakina. They rightly deserved the award having a very fine understanding of their farm, the plantings for the environment and nutrient studies etc. Richard and Suze's entrepreneurship in Coastal Spring Lamb is widely known and respected.

The Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs has recently been given an increased budget for what is called the Mahi Tahī Employment Programme. This was an initiative started by four rural Councils including the Rangitīkei where over a year ago we were given \$500,000 per annum to find jobs for people. With that funding we were able to employ James Towers and start a collaborative relationship with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, MSD (through Louise McCoard - workplace broker) and Mōkai Pātea. The Government have looked to reduce that annual funding down to \$30,000 and we have argued strongly around the success of the programme. The end result is that we have been granted the right to apply for up to \$450,000 of funding for the next year and 29 rural Councils will be part of the programme – as I said we should celebrate our wins when we get them.

On 13 July I attended a presentation given by Minister Nash in Levin where he announced two pools of funding for our district. The first one was \$2m awarded to Plentyful for the co-funding of a coatings machine in Kensington Road. This is the next stage of our journey to take waste streams from forestry and milk processing to create bio-degradable plastics. Finally we will start to see construction. The second amount of funding went to Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa for the Harakeke Farm at Kaitoke where they received \$1.6m for their new strawberry hydroponic operation. Technically this is not in our district but we will be employing a huge number of our people so congratulations are also due there.

Finally we have been able to gain some wins around my concerns regarding road maintenance budgets which are set by Waka Kotahi. As earlier reported we have had \$10m over 3 years stripped from our road maintenance budgets and I, together with other Councils, have long argued that the withdrawal or lowering of maintenance budgets will inevitably see significant reductions in our road performance. Recently there's been a ministerial announcement that they will review the funding for roading maintenance and we need to be in there, boots and all, in progressing these conversations.

I have a further couple of acknowledgements to make. I recently attended the Vocational Expo held at Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa on Hendersons Line. This was a chance for secondary students at our

combined schools to look at what vocational careers are available to them. I was particularly taken by the construction and building programme with a near completed building and the chance to be shown around it by young people who were incredibly proud of what they had achieved. There were a huge number of other trades and occupations also being highlighted, ranging from cooking through to hairdressing/beauty.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that Francie Elgar has done at Mt View Cemetery. I was able to spend time recently with Francie where she showed me how she has undertaken the cleaning of graves and the installation of little poppies on headstones for all of those who have served in our armed forces. This is a classic case of someone seeing a need and just getting on and doing it. We are indebted to Francie for the work she has undertaken over a number of years.

Three Waters – I would ask people to please refer to the Council website which gives our Council’s response to the Three Waters legislation.

## Mayors Engagement

July 2022

1	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs fortnightly Zoom meeting
2	Attended Planting Day B&C Dams
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
6	Attended Q&A at monthly ELT meeting Worked from Taihape for day Attended Taihape Network Meeting
7	Attended Reforms Zoom Update for Mayors, Chairs & CEs Attended Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards
8	Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Workforce Plan Launch
11	Met with Francie Elgar at Mt View Cemetery re veterans’ graves Attended pre-workshop Co-Chairs Briefing – DIA Planning Technical Working Group
12	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Workshop
13	Attended event in Levin where Minister announced co-funding for Plentyful Kensington Rd Attended opening of Harakeke Strawberry Farm (Ngati Apa venture) in Whanganui Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
14	Attended Council Workshop Attended MTFJ Rural Community Resilience Programme Contract Zoom for Mayors Attended Special Reforms update for Mayors, Chairs & CE’s Attended Property Brokers Function in Marton
15	Attended Fortnightly discussion on Economic Development with CE & Staff Attended Fortnightly discussion on Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond with CE & Staff

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17	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae
18	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Exploring FFLG Zoom
19	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended Fuso NZ Seminar
20	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North Attended Joint Forestry Meeting
21	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
22	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
25	Attended Update on Housing Progress Meeting with CE & Staff Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
26	Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting – Draft Spatial Plan Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
27	Attended BA5 in Bulls Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting
28	Attended LGNZ 2022 Zoom AGM Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Honours Night

**Recommendation**

That the Mayoral Update – July 2022 be received.

## **9 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Youth Council Report**

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

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

- 1.1 Ms Widdowson will table a report

#### **Recommendation**

That the tabled Youth Council Report be received.

## **10 Discussion Items**

### **10.1 Destination Rangitikei - 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 councillor's ideas around the Destination Management Plan.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

## **11 Next Meeting**

The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 13 September at 5.30 pm, at the Taihape Area School (26 Huia Street – Taihape).

## **12 Meeting Closed**