

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 20 March 2023

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- YC Maia Cross
- YC Denise Pio
- YC Kjetil Twomey
- YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle
- YC Emma Collings
- YC Anahera Bennett
- YC Brylee Coley
- YC Paloma Janse
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Jeff Wong (Alternate)
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Kelly Widdowson
- Katrina Gray

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor welcomed new and returning members to Youth Council and Elected Members.

Maia read Karakia in Te Reo Māori.

Andy initiated round table introductions.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/001

Fuatai-Rose Satano and Kayla Hyland gave apologies.

Cr G Duncan/YC P Janse. Carried

3 Public Forum

There is no public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

His Worship the Mayor explained the definition and process of conflict of interest.

There are no declared conflict of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Declaration by Members

Each Councillor was individually sworn in, and signed their own declaration.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/002

That the report 'Declaration by Members' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

6.2 Election of Chair

Charlotte and Paloma are nominated.

Mr Chair calls for a vote.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/003

That the report for 'Election of Chair' be received.

That Paloma Janse be appointed as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2023.

HWTM A Watson/YC D Pio. Carried

6.3 Election of Deputy Chair

Madam Chair opens the floor for nominations.

Emma, Charlotte, Denise, Brylee are nominated.

Madam Chair calls for a vote.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/004

That the report 'Election for Deputy Chairperson' be received.

YC P Janse/YC D Pio. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/005

That Denise Pio be appointed as Deputy Chair for the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2023.

YC P Janse/YC B Coley. Carried

6.4 Appointments of other positions in Youth Council

Madam Chair opens the floor for nominations for Administrator.

Charlotte, Kjetil and Brylee are nominated.

Madam Chair Calls for a vote. Votes are tallied & drawn 3 ways.

Madam Chair calls for another vote, with preferred nomination in numerical order.

Madam Chair opens the floor for nominations for Social Media Liasion.

Maia, Anahera & Charlotte are nominated.

Madam chair makes a motion to include more than one appointment to Social Media Liasion, advises standing orders be put aside and opens the floor for discussion on the idea with the committee. Committee agrees on selecting more than one Liasion to lead the committee in Social Media presence.

HWTM suggests nominations be made for a duo that the committee see would work well together.

Madam Chair re-opens the floor to nominations for a pair. Maia and Anahera are nominated and appointed.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/006

That the report 'Appointments of other positions for Youth Council' be received.

Cr G Duncan/YC B Coley. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/007

That Brylee Coley be appointed as Administrator for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2023.

YC M Cross/YC K Twomey. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/008

That Maia-Jade Cross & Anahera Bennett be appointed as Social Media Liasion for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2023.

YC B Coley/YC K Twomey. Carried

6.5 Submission to Central Government Opportunities

Miss Widdowson spoke to her report.

Mr Watson initiated a conversation around the voting age inconsistency and what that means.

What does 'declaration of inconsistency' mean?

The minimum voting age of 18 years is inconsistent with the Bill of Rights Act 1990, to be free from discrimination on the basis of age. A discussion takes place with the committee around what you are legally able to do at 16.

Cr Wong spoke from a legal perspective.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/009

That the report 'Submission to Central Government Opportunities' be received.

YC D Pio/YC B Coley. Carried

Recommendation 2

That Rangitikei Youth Council review all information and make a collective submission to one or both submission opportunities from a Youth perspective. NOT RELEVANT as submissions are closed.

6.6 Mayor's Report - February 2023

Mr Watson takes his report as read and calls for any questions.

Mr Watson explains the process of rates as total cost of running Council, and who will pay it.

Mr Watson explains the submissions process, asking the public their opinions on the rates increase of 9.01% and how to make submissions. Ultimately elected members make the final decision.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/010

That the Mayor's Report – February 2023 be received.

YC A Bennett/YC D Pio. Carried

7 Reports for Information

7.1 Community Consultation - Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, draft Community Spatial Plan

Miss Gray speaks to her report.

Miss Gray encourages Youth Council as make submissions on the Spatial Plan out for consultation, and gives a copy of the draft plan to each councillor.

Miss Gray calls for any questions to her report.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/011

That report 'Community Consultation - Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, draft Community Spatial Plan' be received.

YC A Bennett/YC D Pio. Carried

Breaking for Dinner at 7.23pm

Commence at 8.04pm

7.2 Standing Orders

Miss Widdowson takes her report as read.

In addition, explains the importance of familiarity with Standing Orders in formal meeting etiquette.

There were no questions.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/012

That the report 'Standing Orders' is received.

YC P Janse/YC B Coley. Carried

7.3 Meeting Dates for 2023

Miss Widdowson took her report as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/013

That the report 'Meeting Dates for 2023' is received.

YC P Janse/YC K Twomey. Carried

7.4 Youth Council Code of Conduct

Miss Widdowson spoke to her report.

Miss Widdowson explains the importance of understanding the Code of Conduct for Youth Council as this is what is expected of you over the year.

There were no questions.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/014

That the report 'Code of Conduct' is received.

YC P Janse/YC B Coley. Carried

7.5 Upcoming Events

Miss Widdowson spoke to her report and gathered a tally of councillors available to take part to represent Youth Council.

A conflict of interest is declared on judging the scarecrow competition by HWTM, Madam Chair and Charlotte as they have vested interest in their own scarecrows entered in the competition.

Brylee, Fuatai and Denise will judge the scarecrow competition.

Youth Council will be represented at Spotlight by Maia-Jade, Fuatai, Anahera, Denise, Paloma, Emma and Charlotte. Kjetil will potentially find work cover to attend.

Youth Council will be represented at Harvest Festival, manning the dunk tank by Anahera, Maia-Jade, Kjetil, Brylee, Charlotte and Denise after lunch.

Miss Widdowson to send schedule to Councillors.

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/015

That the report 'Upcoming Events' be received.

YC P Janse/YC M Cross. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RYC/016

That a tally is taken of definite attendees to Scarecrow Judging, Spotlight and Harvest Festival so roles can be established.

YC D Pio/YC M Cross. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 17 April 2023.

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Chairperson