

# MINUTES

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Monday, 19 June 2023

**Time:** 5.40pm

**Venue:** Te Matapihi  
Ohakea Room  
Bulls

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Present

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

In attendance

- Kayla Hyland (RDC)
- Kelly Widdowson (RDC)
- Joanne Manuel (RDC)
- Bonnie Brown (RDC)
- Lara Blackmore (Manawatu District Council)
- Joseph McKechnie (Manawatu District Council)
- Manawatu Youth Council
- Ann Deane (RDC)
- Carolyn Bates (MCC)

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Welcome to Manawatu Youth Council.

Maia read the Youth Council prayer.

## 2 Apologies

Fuatai- Rose Satano, Denise Pio, Cr Fi Dalgety.

## 3 Public Forum

Carolyn Bates from the Marton Community Committee.

Addresses Youth Council about possibility of running 'Meet the Candidates' for General Elections.

Suggested for Youth Council to run event this event as they had run meet the candidates for local elections.

Youth Council decided to discuss and reply to Miss Bates outside of the meeting.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There are no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/024**

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 15 May 2023 **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 C Tuuta-Kyle/YC M Cross. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - June 2023

Madam Chair speaks of Nga Tawa and Rangitikei College joint Soiree and how successful it was. How passions bring people together. Looking for more opportunities to expand with other schools.

A special mention to those who couldn't be here with us tonight. And to those who are joining us from Manawatu Youth Council. Thank you for making the trip to join us for this meeting and our workshop following.

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/025**

That the verbal Chair's Report – June 2023 be received.

YC A Bennett/YC E Collings. Carried

## 8 Reports for Decision

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2023

Peter Beggs resignation-August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Looking for a new Chief Ex is a long process, recruitment agency to shortlist. Realistically, that position will not be filled until early next year.

Key decisions were made by Council with our annual and spatial plan. Interesting to mention Manawatu District Council decided to not create an annual plan because their long term plan was sufficient, and they are tracking well with their goals for delivery.

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/026**

That the Mayor's Report – May 2023 be received

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC A Bennett. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Te Tiriti O Waitangi Equity vs Equality

Equality means people of difference are given the same amount no matter what their circumstances.

Equity means people of difference if one has a certain privilege that the other also be given the chance for that same privilege.

With this in mind, an exercise game was played, where we found out our own privileges and our own disadvantages we have since birth or picked up along the way. A lot of these privileges had nothing to do with us in particular, but to the circumstance we are individually born into. This makes us aware of what being a leader is about. And it also shows us, some people have a lot harder to work to get to the same place.

We also realised between us, the resilience that is built in through that work.

Round table introductions.

Presentation by Bonnie Brown looked at different pieces of legislation that fed into the unequitable treatment of Māori peoples.

Tōhunga Suppression Act 1907 was intended to stop people using traditional Māori healing practices which had a supernatural or spiritual element.

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/027**

That the report 'Te Tiriti O Waitangi Equity vs Equality' is received.

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC A Bennett. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/028**

That the Rangitīkei Youth Council feedback their biggest learnings and takeaway points to Council.

YC A Bennett/YC E Collings. Carried

## **9.2 Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori**

Jasmine from Te Taurawhiri NZ has asked for feedback and ideas from Youth Council on how to reach Youth during te wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori language week).

She would also like Youth Council feedback on art forms and how we can wider spread this throughout our communities.

Some ideas suggested were:

- Rock painting and hiding through the community competition. Find the rock, hit social media for a prize. Could write phrases or words on the rocks in Te Reo.
- Asking for a hot drink in Te Reo Māori, receiving it for free

Youth Council gave feedback on merch ideas and preference.

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/029**

That the report 'Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori' be received.

YC C Tuuta-Kyle/YC A Bennett. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RYC/030**

That the Rangitīkei Youth Council collate feedback to Te Taurawhiri Te Reo – Māori Language Commission.

YC A Bennett/YC E Collings. Carried

**The meeting closed at 6.47pm.**

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

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**Chairperson**