

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

YC Denise Pio
YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
YC Julius zuppich
YC Ella McPherson Downes
YC Eden Hera Aroha Rei
YC Savannah May
YC Inaya Sanjay (Zoom)
YC Telma J
YC La'ala'ai Simi
YC Chanel Hepi
YC Briar Bowsher
YC Anahera Bennett
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Jeff Wong
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Duncan opened the meeting at 5.32pm. Who will Chair the meeting until the swearing of in the new Chair. Cyria read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/RYC/001**

That the apologies be received from Animarie Harrison.

Cr G Duncan/HWTM A Watson. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Returned to item 6.1 Declaration by Members with YC Zuppich arrived at the meeting.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Declaration by Members

All members completed the declaration by members present at the meeting, including Ms Sanjay on zoom.

We returned to this item at 6.06pm after the Mayor's Report and Mr Zuppich read his declaration.

Resolved minute number **25/RYC/002**

That the report 'Declaration by Members' be received.

YC D Pio/YC A Bennett. Carried

6.2 Election of Chair

The report was taken as read. A call for nominations for Chair were called.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/003

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

YC A Bennett/YC D Pio. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/004

That Cyria Lowrie-Hetet be appointed as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2025.

YC Hepi/YC Bowsheer. Carried

6.3 Election of Deputy Chair

A call for nominations for Deputy Chair were called.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/005

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

YC Hepi/YC A Bennett. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/006

That Denise Pio be appointed as Deputy Chair for the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2025.

YC A Bennett/YC D Pio. Carried

6.4 Appointments of other positions in Youth Council

Miss Lowrie-Hetet moved to Chair the meeting.

Nominations were called for administrator, social media liaison and the Creative Communities Panel.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/007

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

YC Simi/YC D Pio. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/008

That Savanna May be appointed as Administrator for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2025.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC D Pio. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/009

That Anahera Bennett and Eden Hera Arhoa Rei be appointed as Social Media Liasion for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2025.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC May. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/010

That Julius Zuppich and Telma J be appointed to the Creative Communities Scheme panel.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Bennett. Carried

7 Reports for Information

7.1 Standing Orders

Youth Council moved to this item after declarations.

The Mayor spoke on this item about how the meeting is run, noting the moving of resolutions and the importance of the Chair. All Councils have unique standing orders across formal meetings.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/011

That the report 'Standing Orders' is received.

YC A Bennett/YC D Pio. Carried

7.2 Mayor's Report - February 2025

YC Zuppich arrived during this item at 6.00pm

The Mayor took Youth Council through his report.

The Mayor spoke of previous youth councillor Hunter who emailed to thank for the opportunity to be on youth council and the importance this has played in her work.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/012

That the Mayor's Report – 26 February 2025 be accepted.

YC D Pio/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

7.3 Youth Council Code of Conduct

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/013

That the report 'Code of Conduct' is received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Bennett. Carried

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Youth Council Project 2025

Youth Councillors discussed the podcast and the potential for a focus on cyber bullying and technology.

Youth Councillors will create an action plan and contact Ms Rowe to undertake work with the council comms team.

There were concerns with Youth Councillors approaching people in the public.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/014

That the Youth Council create an Action Plan online for the Youth Council Podcast.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC Simi. Carried

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

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

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Chairperson