

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 30 July 2025
Time: 5.00pm
Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion,
2 Kokako Street – Taihape

Present

YC Telma J TJ
YC La'ala'ai Simi
YC Inaya Sanjay
YC Ella McPherson Downes
YC Denise Pio
YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
YC Chanel Hepi
YC Briar Bowsher
YC Animārie Harrison
YC Anahera Bennett
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Gill Duncan

In attendance

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

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Inaya (Zoom) An Cyria opened and read the YC prayer at 5.07pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/RYC/015**

That the apologies are received from Julius Zuppich, Savannah May and Eden Hera Arhoa Rei

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Bennett. 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

Anahera completed her YC declaration at this time.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/RYC/016**

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 26 March 2025 **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 A Bennett. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - July 2025

This was moved to after the Mayor's report.

The Chair read her tabled report.

Discussion of Taihape having someone stand up and lead the work – this would support engagement. Action - Add Taihape students to the messenger chats.

Spokesperson from Taihape – Briar – however this responsibility does not sit fully with Briar.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/017

That the Chair's Report- July 2025 be received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Bennett. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2025

Moved to after the minutes -

YC Pio gave an update on going to the aspiring leaders – happening in Wellington lucky to get funding from Council to cover this. Formally taken to Council and was unanimously supported.

The Mayor highlighted the Youth Awards and the work from the Youth Council supporting this.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/018

That the Mayor's Report – June 2025 be received.

HWTM A Watson/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

8.2 Consultation Tracker - June

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/019

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - June' be received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Harrison. Carried

8.3 Staff Update Youth Council

Ms Rowe highlighted the Cultural Festival taking place on the 18th of October and if any youth councillors are interested in participating.

Ms Rowe noted the Fire and Emergency programme and that there are opportunities for Youth Councillors to support, connect and educate about this within the community.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/020

That the report Staff Update Youth Council be received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC D Pio. Carried

8.4 Creative Communities Scheme - Julius Zuppich

Cr Duncan spoke to this report and spoke positively about the comments/analysis YC Zuppich completed as part of the assessments.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/021

That the Creative Communities Scheme – Julius Zuppich report be received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC A Harrison. Carried

8.5 Youth Report - July

Youth Councillors highlighted the opening science lab at Winata Marae being the first in NZ.

The Youth Councillors discussed the intersection on Rauma Road and the dangers of this. The Mayor has received a letter from St Joesph advocating for reducing the speed limit. The Taihape youth councillors spoke of their experience with this intersection.

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/022

That the Youth Report – July be received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC D Pio. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RYC/023

That the Youth Council supports the reduction of the speed limit and recommend that Council endorses the letter from St Joesphs School.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC D Pio. Carried

8.6 Youth Council Podcast Presentation

Cr Duncan highlighted the Spring Fling in Taihape on the 13 September and that there will be a candidates night on the 16 September in Taihape.

Action:

That the Youth Council request fortnightly podcasting workshops

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

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

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Chairperson