

MINUTES

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 23 March 2026

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

YC Aania Paranihi
YC La'ala'ai Simi (Zoom)
YC Sharnah Watene – Governor
YC Maryanne Imakulaka Pio
YC Ella McPherson Downes
YC Sophie Jacques
YC Alice Marie Stanbra
YC Animārie Harrison
YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
YC Heemi Ihaka – Candy
YC Briar Bowsher (Zoom)
Cr Coral Raukawa
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Cr Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council
Ms Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/RYC/001**

That the apologies be received from Cr Sandra Field.

HWTM A Watson/Cr C Raukawa. 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

There were no changes to the order of business

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Declaration by Members

All members completed the declaration by members present at the meeting, including those attending by zoom.

6.2 Election of Chair

The Mayor highlighted the process for election of Chair.

Nominations received:

- YC Alice Marie Stanbra
- YC Animārie Harrison
- YC Sharnah Watene – Governor

Resolved minute number **26/RYC/002**

That the report for Election of Chair be received.

YC McPherson Downes/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/003

That YC Animārie Harrison be appointed as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2026.

YC McPherson Downes/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

6.3 Election of Deputy Chair

The report was taken as read.

Committee Recommendation

That the report Election for Deputy Chairperson be received.

YC M Imakulaka Pio/YC McPherson Downes.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/004

That YC Sharnah Watene – Governor be appointed as Deputy Chair for the Rangitikei Youth Council for the duration of 2026.

YC M Imakulaka Pio/YC McPherson Downes. Carried

6.4 Appointments of other positions in Youth Council

YC Lowrie- Hetet highlighted the commitment required for the social media liaison positions.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/005

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

YC A Harrison/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/006

That YC Heemi Ihaka – Candy be appointed as Governance Officer for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2026.

YC A Harrison/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/007

That YC Sophie Jacques, YC La'ala'ai Simi and YC Maryanne Imakulaka Pio be appointed as Social Media Liasion for the Rangitikei Youth Council for 2026.

HWTM A Watson/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/008

That YC Aania Paranihi be appointed to the Creative Communities Scheme panel.

YC M Imakulaka Pio/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

6 Reports for Information

7.1 Standing Orders

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/009

That the report 'Standing Orders' is received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC M Imakulaka Pio. Carried

7.2 Youth Council Code of Conduct

Ms Rowe highlighted the code of conduct.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/010

That the report Code of Conduct is received.

YC Lowrie-Hetet/YC McPherson Downes. Carried

7.3 Mayor's Report - March 2026

HWTM spoke about the Annual Plan and the consultation process.

Resolved minute number 26/RYC/011

That the Mayor's Report – March 2026 be received.

YC A Harrison/YC W Watene - Governor. Carried

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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

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Chairperson