



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDER PAPER

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 20 April 2026
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: YC Animārie Harrison

Deputy Chair: YC Sharnah Watene - Governor

Membership: YC Ella McPherson Downes
YC La'ala'ai Simi
YC Briar Bowsher
YC Aania Paranihi
YC Maryanne Imakulaka Pio
YC Sophie Jacques
YC Cyria Lowrie-Hetet
YC Alice Stanbra
YC Heemi Ihaka-Candy
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Sandra Field (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson (Ex-Officio)

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Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Monday, 20 April 2026 at 5.30pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Youth Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Youth Council Meeting - 23 March 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026 [**as amended/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.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: 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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Unconfirmed

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 Rangitīkei 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 Rangitīkei 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 Rangitīkei 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 Liaison for the Rangitīkei Youth Council for 2026.

HWTM A Watson/YC Lowrie-Hetet. Carried

ITEM 6.1
ATTACHMENT 1

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

7 Reports for Information

7.1 Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council

- 1.1 Verbal update on her work and sharing her perspective on governance as a young, elected member.

Recommendation

That the verbal update from Bridget Bell, Manawatu District Council be received.

7.2 Katarina Kinloch, Healthy Active Learning Community Connector - Rangitikei**Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer****ITEM 7.2****1. Katarina Kinloch, Healthy active learning community connector - Rangitikei from Sport Whanganui**

- 1.1 A verbal report on her work, highlighting opportunities for the Youth Council to contribute feedback on youth-focused initiatives specifically sport within schools. More information will be supplied before or at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the verbal update from Katarina Kinloch, Healthy Active Learning Community Connector – Rangitikei be received.

7.3 Youth Wellbeing Forum

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A verbal report from YC Sharnah Watene – Governor and Ms Justine Rowe on the Youth Wellbeing Forum.

Recommendation

That the verbal report Youth Wellbeing Forum be received.

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Youth Week

Author: Justine Rowe, Tamariki Rangatahi- Youth Engagement Officer

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Items to discuss: Youth Week May 18th-24th May 2026

2. Youth Week

2.1 Aotearoa is a better place because of young people! Youth Week is a nationwide campaign, running from 18th - 24th May 2026, that celebrates this! It brings us all together to recognise the value, awesomeness, and impact of rangatahi, and to champion a society that supports young people to thrive.

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 8.1

9 Meeting Closed.