
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

held at the Kaiapoi Library

7pm on Tuesday 28 February 2023

PRESENT:

Emily Belton (WDC), Jason Goldsworthy (WDC Councillor), Ruby Wilson, Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor – late arrival), Lexie Mealings, Oliver Kelly, Zack Lappin, Oscar Bai, Eris Le Compte (Minute Secretary).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Yulissa Louw

APOLOGIES: Mayor Dan Gordon, Thalia Rae, Niki Mealings – for late arrival.

GUESTS: Lesley Ottey - EcoEducate

Zack welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 31 January 2023

Minutes were moved to be accepted by Zack Lappin and seconded by Ruby Wilson. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Preparation of the Op Shop maps for Rangiora and Kaiapoi are ongoing.
Spelling correction: Lexie Mealings, **not** Lexia.

1. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Jason Goldsworthy

It has been a very busy time for council with much to be attended to. Civil Defence will be discussed at the next meeting.

New dog tags are being prepared ready for WDC dog registration.

There has been an increase in the number of noise complaints received by council, and this is being looked into.

A second parking warden has been employed in Rangiora. They will operate during business hours.

Some Community Team staff have been deployed to the North Island, both to Auckland and Hawkes Bay to help after Cyclone Gabrielle.

Due to a court ruling, there has been a slight hitch with the ongoing Three Waters programme. More details to come.

Niki Mealings

Niki is keen to stir up interest for making submissions for the proposed new smokefree legislation. Submissions close 15 March. Both Martin and Niki have met with a representative from Smokefree, whose opinion was inclined to think that vaping will stop people from smoking. Planning is for retail cigarette outlets to be cut drastically. The Dargaville council are very keen to get support for a limit on the number of vape shops allowed in areas as well as for cigarettes. Local Government New Zealand are supporting a remit to government and hope for enough support. Niki urges young people to have a say by putting in a submission. Emily will promote this on the Facebook page and should anyone need help with the submission, contact Emily for help.

Niki has attended a recreation meeting regarding supplying a disability beach mat. The Greenspace team have been looking at the feasibility of this. The mat would have to be rolled in/out every day.

Funding (\$2,000) is available for erecting street furniture outside the library.

2. LESLEY OTTEY - ECOEDUCATE

Lesley's role is funded by Waimakariri District Council. This position covers water, recycling, waste, rubbish, compost, reusable items, reduce food waste etc. She covers the 250 schools in the area and as far south as covering audits in Ashburton.

One of the main objectives is auditing the recycle bins that are put out for collection. It is surprising how items find their way into the wrong bin. For example, one of the worst offenders is the Rangiora High School which because of this, has had its recycle bins removed. Lesley is disappointed that the school refused help, as education is the answer here. She will be taking it to the media and would love to get the message out there, maybe to make a television programme? It works out cheaper for council to have the bins audited than to have to pay dollars to the transfer stations by having the trucks rejected for not separating the rubbish correctly. Wrongly recycled bins happen everywhere – not just in decile areas.

Packaging companies are gradually changing to recyclable plastics etc. This legislation has been in force since 2008. However, more banning of certain plastics is expected in the future.

Emily asked if there was anything Youth Council can do to help? Maybe talk later around the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Lesley was thanked for attending and for the interesting explanation all around rubbish. Emily to arrange a meeting with council.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Project Group/Lexie

The Rangiora/Kaiapoi Op Shop maps are ongoing with more configuration to be completed. Due to Lexie being absent for the following two months, is there anyone able to help during this time? Zack will organise a meeting with the Project Group.

A reminder that the Freemasons are accepting bread tags for recycling.

A suggestion that a tour around the Southbrook Transfer Station be arranged for up to 25 people. Any interest?

4. DUDLEY PARK PROJECT

Emily Belton

Emily announced that the deck was in place when she inspected the site yesterday. Next week, weather permitting, concrete will be poured. While there, members of the public who were passing stopped to converse. The mural report has gone through the MTO defining the mural and will be presented to the community board next week.

It is expected that the mural painting will take about one week to complete – subject to weather conditions.

When it is all approved, thoughts will have to turn to the marketing. Volunteers will be required to paint the woodwork.

The launch is expected around the end of March/early April, or perhaps during the school holidays. Emily said that around four weeks' notice is usually required when inviting dignitaries to attend functions. Emily will arrange a meeting with the Dudley Park group for a get together sometime next week. She will be away from 22 March until early April.

5. CONSULTATIONS OPEN

- **ECAN Annual Plan – Christchurch NZ MY Destination – Waimakariri Comment Board:**
<https://ccc.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/waiakariri/ideas#>
- **Pegasus Community Centre – closes 15 March.**
<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/pegasus-community-centre>
- **ECAN Annual Plan – closes 3 April.**
<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/annual-plan-2023-24>
- **ECAN People's Panel – ongoing.**
<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/te-korari>
- **Proposals for the Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime – closes 15 March.**
<https://consult.health.govt.nz/tobacco-control/propsals-for-the-smoked-tobacco-regulato/>
- **Hauora Māori Strategy Consultation – closes 15 March.**
<https://consult.health.govt.nz/maori-health/hauoramaoriconsultation>
- **Kaiapoi High School – Amendment to Enrolment Scheme – closes 17 March.**

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/kaiapoi-high-school-enrolment-scheme-amendment/>

- **Rangiora High School – Amendment to Enrolment Scheme – closes 17 March.**
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WYC MEMBER REPORTS

Southbrook Road Reference Group/Sports Participation

Zack Lappin

Nothing to report this month. The installation of the new traffic lights at the corners of Southbrook Road and Torlesse Street are well underway.

Zack has been asked to speak at the Waimakariri Access Group meeting on 9 March.

Public Transport Meeting

Emily Belton

Emily attempted to attend the public transport meeting held today. She reconfirmed the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct documents. Various bus routes were discussed for 2023/24. Would be good to have a Youth Council representative attend these meetings, but the timing is awkward with the meetings being held during daytime.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Youth Voice Canterbury Engagement Document

Ruby

A few things still to be clarified on the Engagement Document.

Youth Voice Canterbury Training Recap

Yulissa

Looked at communicating with other groups - online or face to face.

The survey was interesting. Emily will collate and bring back to a future meeting. Will set up a template and involve Youth Voice Canterbury.

Greater Christchurch Partnership Meeting and Workshop

Emily

On 15 March a Greater Christchurch Partnership meeting/workshop will be held between 6 – 7 pm. Who is available to attend? Emily can arrange transport if required. Emily has sent out details.

Integrated Transport Strategy Representative

Emily

A half day workshop to be held the following day at Canterbury University to collate details from the meetings. Help with travel costs is available. Anyone available from Youth Council?

Message of Support for Hawkes Bay

Emily

Would Youth Council be interested in putting a video together to send to Youth Councils in Hawkes Bay?

Youth Development Grant**Emily**

No applications to date.

Youth Voice Canterbury Survey**Emily**

Emily will send out the Youth Voice Canterbury survey.

Dudley Community Pantry**Emily**

Local community board member Grant Stephens will discuss this at a Dudley Park meeting.

Waimakariri District Council Integrated Transport**Emily**

Meetings for the above are to be held as follows:

- Wednesday 8 March – 9 am – 12 noon
- Wednesday 10 May – 9 am – 12 noon

Recruitment

Closing date Sunday 5 March. If anyone knows of anyone interested, please contact Emily.

Girl Guide Offer

Girl Guides have offered to volunteer at the orienteering on 23 March between 3 – 5 pm and 6 – 8 pm.

Free Period Products

Emily has made arrangement through the Ministry of Education for free period products to be distributed to schools and food banks within the Waimakariri region.

North Canterbury Pride Picnic

A North Canterbury Pride picnic will be held on Sunday 12 March at Victoria Park between 11 am and 3 pm.

A meeting group photo was taken to end the meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Emily to promote Smokefree submission on Facebook page.
- Emily to arrange meeting of Dudley Park group next week.
- Greater Christchurch Partnership Meeting and Workshop 15 March. Who is available to attend. Contact Emily and transport can be arranged if required.
- Integrated Transport Strategy Representative half day workshop at Canterbury University.
- Emily to distribute Youth Voice Canterbury survey.

Meeting closed at **8.57 pm.**

Next meeting is on **28 March 2023 7pm, Council Chambers TBC**

Signed

Date