
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Waimakariri District Council Chambers

7pm on Tuesday 27 June 2023

PRESENT:

Emily Belton (WDC), Mayor Dan Gordon, Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor), Oliver Kelly, Zack Lappin, Zero Andrew, Lexie Mealings, Aaliyah Raja, Amelia Smith, Sophia Wiggins, Lucy Paterson, Hannah Wells, Jack Brownlees, Thalia Rae, Olivia Smith, Eris Le Compte (Minute Secretary).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Oscar Bai.

APOLOGIES: Ruby Wilson, Charlotte Nihoniho, Jason Goldsworthy,

Attendees were welcomed by Zack with a Karakia led by Aaliyah. Members were also pleased to welcome the return of Lexie.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 30 May 2023

Minutes were moved to be accepted (with amendment) by Zack Lappin and seconded by Thalia Rae. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Amendment to report by Zack Lappin.

*Should read under Member Reports: 'Zack attended a good **ITS** meeting' – **not RTS meeting.***

- Zack followed up with Emily re the Greater Christchurch Council.
- The Road Safety meeting was held on 21 June.
- Unfortunately, the political training event was postponed and now looking at the new date on **6 August**. Who is available to attend? Emily will send out information and please advise Emily if interested.
- The Treaty course form has been distributed and two responses received.
- Emily attended the Youth Voice Canterbury meeting – it was a short meeting.

1. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Dan Gordon said it was good to see so many new faces sitting around the table, and he welcomed them to Youth Council.

The Waimakariri Council budget has been settled for the year with a 6.24% rate rise, more than was anticipated due to rising inflation. Submissions have been received around road maintenance in the district, it is hoped to be able to keep up with ongoing maintenance.

A growing issue has surfaced over Voices of Freedom which is placing pressure on council staff and therefore adding to costs. There is some disruptive behaviour at council meetings around the country and conspiracy theories being distributed - Rangiora included.

The pilot programme, Mayors Task Force for Jobs is working well. Dan would like to acknowledge the work being undertaken by Elizabeth Trevathan who is doing an excellent job in this newly appointed position and more funding has been made available to enable council to continue with this project.

Mayor Dan has been asked to stand for the role of President of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). This has involved Dan spending some time touring around the country lobbying and visiting other councils in recent weeks. A vote will be taken on 26 July at the LGNZ conference.

Over 12,000 trees have been planted in the Kaiapoi in red zone. Honda New Zealand has donated over \$200,000 towards this project – known as the Honda Forest.

The Big Splash was held last Friday night at the Rangiora RSA and over \$13,000 was raised for the Rangiora Stroke Foundation – a great success.

Work is shortly to start on a review of the Long-Term Plan, it must be reviewed every three years.

Niki Mealings

Niki mentioned that Zack, Zero, Ruby, and Charlotte presented well to the Community Boards.

Niki has been talking with Wellbeing North Canterbury and Mana Ake who are interested to talk with Youth Council members at some time in the future.

A new footpath is to be installed at the Mandeville Sports Club and an area to be put aside for exercising dogs, subject to availability of no stock grazing on the patch. Signage will be erected.

Thoughts are welcomed on erecting bilingual traffic signs in the region. Waka Kotahi is asking councils to rethink some speed limits in their areas. Some proposals have already been suggested:

- Rural roads – 80km per hour
- Unsealed roads - 60km per hour
- Urban roads - 40km per hour
- School limits to be lower.

Niki would like more information from Waka Kotahi. Dan noted that the council have discussed lowering the speed limits around schools with further discussion to take place. A decision will be made in September around changing the speed limit on Main Street, Oxford. Due to the uncertainty of the up-coming general election being held in October, council would prefer to leave some decision making until after the election takes place. Dan is happy to co-chair to attend the workshops; Emily will contact the governance team. Zack offered to help Dan on 26 July for the LGNZ Conference.

2. DUDLEY PARK PROJECT

Project Group

The funding has been transferred for the cost of mural. The project group has started drafting the formal project plan.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Project Group

Work has been completed on the Arts competition. Starting the 14th August and finishing 22nd September. Work has also begun on a river clean-up either in August with Conservation Week or during the Clean Up NZ Week.

A planting day at Silverstream is being held on Tuesday 11 July, Emily will send out information.

4. CONSULTATIONS OPEN

New Zealand Government: Bilingual Traffic Signs Programme – closed 30 June

(<https://www.govt.nz/browse/engaging-with-government/consultations-have-your-say/consultations-listing/>)

Ministry for Primary Industries: Review of Sustainability Measures for Fisheries – closes 17 July

(<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-sustainability-measures-for-fisheries-october-2023-round/>)

New Zealand House of Representatives: Water Services Entities Amendment Bill – closes 5 July

(https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCGA_SCF_0075F255-C960-4AB6-A499-08DB6DF0CCA0/water-services-entities-amendment-bill)

Environment Canterbury: Te Kōrari, The Peoples Panel – Ongoing

(<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/te-korari>)

Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP): Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan – closes 23 July
(<https://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/urbangrowthprogramme/draft-greater-christchurch-spatial-plan/>)

Let's Talk Waimakariri: Housing, Rod Hawthorne (WDC) – closes 2 July
(<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/housing>)

Mayor Dan gave a brief outline of the proposed Three Waters Bill and the recent changes suggested by government changing from four entities to ten and how this would guarantee a representative from each council.

Niki Mealings noted of looking to future transport planning. The Waimakariri district does need more and better quality transport than what it has at the moment. Dan said Transport Minister Michael Wood visited the region recently and was receptive to what is required but since then he now no longer is holding the transport portfolio and because of the looming election in a few months, it is unlikely that another representative will visit the region in the near future.

Dan also mentioned the provision of social housing in the district; Kaiapoi/Rangiora and Woodend. Council is looking at the proposals of an Abbeyfield in Waimakariri (housing for people over age 65) and is searching for available land on which to build. One of the roles council holds is to try to help people out.

5. WYC MEMBER REPORTS

Zack Lappin

A press release for the Inclusive Sport Festival being held at Mainpower Stadium on 29 September, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm has gone out. Zack is hosting the next sports meeting on 12 July, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Emily Belton – Public Transport Steering Group

There was no public transport meeting in June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Festival for the Future Recap

Emily Belton

Ruby and Charlotte accompanied Emily to Wellington for this festival 7 – 9 June. The festival is held to provide young people with knowledge and connections that will benefit their lives and work in their communities. By chance, Mayor Dan happened to be in Wellington at the same time so met up with the Youth Council at the Mayoral lunch hosted by the Wellington Mayor, Tory Whanau. There were around 22 mayors from various NZ councils at the lunch, so it was a great opportunity for the Youth Council members to connect with other councils. Emily showed a power point of discussions that took place – she will forward this on to members. The political debate was an interesting discussion covering lowering of the voting age, mental health, and the rising cost of living. Emily would like Youth Council to consider the Impact Challenge; there is an opportunity to apply for funding (\$1,000) for environmental support.

Youth Council Member for July Whakatauki

It was decided on Lucy Paterson for the July meeting.

Impact Challenge

Emily encouraged members to take bookmarks and hand around to people they know.

Community Board Members

Emily has been in contact with Thomas Robson (Oxford-Ohoka) and Bruce McLaren (Rangiora-Ashley), who have both given praise and support to Youth Council for their presentation at the June All Boards meeting.

Thomas has offered support for Youth Council if they wish to hear about Thomas' journey in becoming a community board member. Bruce has asked if there would be an opportunity to speak with Youth Council about the Rangiora Museum, specifically finding volunteers.

Youth Council was supportive of hearing from Thomas and supporting Bruce in finding volunteers.

Woodstock Quarry and Landfill – Oxford

Emily Belton

Information has been distributed re application to council to renew 10-year operating consent regarding the application by the Woodstock Quarry and Landfill Resource Consent. The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board have opposed the resource consent and there is an opportunity for Youth Council to add to it with a statement.

The question was asked, would Youth Council be supportive of a statement sent to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board in support of the opposition?

A show of hands was in agreement to support the Oxford Community Board. Carried.

The statement "The Waimakariri Youth Council support the conclusions, regarding the Woodstock Quarries Ltd Resource Consent application, made by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board. That focus on the proposed landfill and the negative environmental and social impacts that this would have on the community."

The next Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting is on Wednesday 5 July, if anyone would like to attend.

Terms of Reference

Emily Belton

This will be carried over until the July meeting.

North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo 2023 video.

This is available to be used as promotional material and open for anyone or organisation who is interested in exhibiting in the future.

WaiYouth

Thalia Rae

WaiYouth will be looking to organise a series of events at our libraries during the October School holidays. Each evening there will be a quiz event and a movie following.

The disco rave at Rangiora High will now be fundraising for Youthline and is now expected to take place on Friday 11th August.

Second Mural at Dudley Park – Decision required by WYC

A local mural artist has recently won a national competition for her design. Emily met with Grant Stephen and Grant MacLeod (Greenspace) and Mel Eaton (Mural Artist) last Monday regarding the placing of the mural.

The design has been approved by Waimakariri Public Arts Trust, but approval is still required by the Rangiora Ashley Community Board. Youth Council have been asked by Greenspace if they support and approve the mural and its location on the Dudley Park Toilets. **A show of hands all agreed for the approval.**

Team Photograph and a short game took place.

A team photograph was then taken before the closing Karakia.

ACTIONS:

- Emily to send out information re the political neutrality training event rescheduled for 6 August.
- Emily to distribute information re the planting day at Silverstream on 11 July.
- Emily to email out the powerpoint presentation for the Festival for the Future.
- Let Emily know if interested in attending the Oxford/Ohoka Community Board meeting.

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Meeting closed at **8.47 pm.**

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Next meeting is on 25 July 2023 7pm, to be held at the Rangiora Service Centre.

Whakatauki – Lucy Paterson

Signed

Date