
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Waimakariri District Council Chambers

7pm on Tuesday 25 July 2023

PRESENT:

Emily Belton (WDC), Jason Goldsworthy (WDC Councillor), Oliver Kelly, Zero Andrew, Aaliyah Raja, Amelia Smith, Sophia Wiggins, Lucy Paterson, Hannah Wells, Thalia Rae (left early), Olivia Smith, Eris Le Compte (Minute Secretary).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Oscar Bai, Lexie Mealings, Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor),

APOLOGIES: Ruby Wilson, Mayor Dan Gordon, Zack Lappin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kris Heslin – Community Dental Services Youth Engagement
Emma Woods – Alcohol and Drug Discussion
Both attendees departed after their presentations.

Everyone present were welcomed with an opening Karakia by Oliver Kelly. Lucy Paterson then presented a Whakatauki. The Whakatauki presenter for the August meeting will be Thalia Rae.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 27 June 2023

Minutes were moved to be accepted by Oliver Kelly and seconded by Zero Andrew.
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Emily has sent out the information relating to the political neutrality training event.
 - Planting day 11 July was carried out. More checks to come for this coming Sunday.
 - Festival for the Future power point still to be finalised.
 - Ruby attended the Oxford/Ohoka Community Board meeting.
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1. COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Kris Heslin

Kris is the regional coordinator for this service which was set up July 2022. Kris has a background in working with youth.

Free dental care is offered up until age 18, unfortunately not every young person or their family is aware of this. Each year adolescents are able to have an annual free check-up and treatment up until their 18th birthday. Kris is wanting more information to be available to the community about the services available to under 18 year olds. Information is available on the website; <https://www.cdhb.health.nz/health-services/community-dental-service/> Kris would like you to spread the word and tell your friends as from year 8, pupils should be having an annual check-up at a clinic.

A session of questions and answers followed, and Emily will post the information on social media.

2. ALCOHOL AND DRUG HARM DISCUSSION

Emma Woods

Emily introduced Emma who works with the Waimakariri Council Community Team, currently as an intern. She is gathering information on drug and alcohol use in the Waimakariri district which will be collated and reported back to council. Emma stressed that the youth voice is very important to council and suggested that two groups be formed to gather their thoughts on the subject. When the report is completed within the next month, results will be shared with Youth Council.

3. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Councillors

3.a. Niki Mealings

Niki joined in the planting day at Silverstream, and many trees were planted by an energetic group, apparently the plant suppliers were having trouble keeping up with the planters!

Some surface flooding around the district due to the recent rainfall but not as bad as last year's flooding.

Work on the District Plan continues, and this has been broken down into 10 or 11 hearing streams which will take the best part of one to one and half years to get through.

The Local Government New Zealand conference is taking place in Christchurch this week and Mayor Dan Gordon is running for the position of president which will be voted on at the conference. Other programmes lined up at the conference are political debates and workshops.

3.b. Jason Goldsworthy

Jason was involved with Civil Defence over the wet weekend in which two centres within the district were set up to take residents if required. Eight people made use of this service and overall, everything worked well.

Jason has been sightseeing around the district in relation to the provision of dog shelters.

The housing policy hearing has now been completed.

4. DUDLEY PARK PROJECT

Dates to start painting the mural from the 1st through to the 18th of August. Times are flexible, but afterschool would be preferred.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

The Environmental Art Awareness competition notification is being sent out to schools etc on Monday 14th August. Judging will take place towards the end of September. Another river clean-up being organised for the 24th of September.

6. CONSULTATIONS OPEN

Environment Canterbury: Te Kōrari, The Peoples Panel – Ongoing
<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/te-korari>

Regarding the WDC spatial plan. Youth Council would like the opportunity to speak at a meeting in October and Emily suggested that a small group be put together to have a prior discussion before presenting to council. This would be good for public speaking experience and knowing how to get information across. Anyone interested in being part of this group, please contact Emily.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

7.a. Youth Services Award Update

Emily Belton

This award is to highlight the volunteering activities that younger people do in the community. Please share with your networks about this upcoming award. Watch this space as more details to come. When applications close, the winner will be decided by two co-chairs and Mayor Dan Gordon.

7.b. Inviting Councillors and Community Boards members to August Meeting

Waimakariri District Councillors and Community Board members will be invited to the next Youth Council meeting 29 August. As Emily will be away from 21 August until 18 September, either Tessa Sturley or Martin Pugh will be in attendance.

7.c. Social media

Ruby will update the social media pages with profiles on each of the Youth Council members. Email Ruby if you have not completed the survey forms.

7.d. Student Council

In what way is Youth Council connecting with Student Councils? This could be of some benefit to Youth Council. Further discussions to follow at a later date.

7.e. Update of Terms of Reference

Emily Belton

Terms of Reference to be updated. Emily will edit and prepare a draft which she will bring to next meeting for approval. E.g., How do community members engage with Youth Council? Emily will tidy up some loose ends.

7.f. Transport to and from Meetings

Emily Belton

Emily brought up the timing regarding drivers/parents being notified of when to pick members up. For health and safety considerations, Emily would prefer not to have members waiting outside, in the cold and dark winter months, for pick up. Suggested that phone calls/texts be made around 15 minutes before the meeting concludes.

8. Team Photograph and a short game took place.

A team photograph was then taken before Oliver closed the meeting with a Karakia. This was followed by an 'icebreaker'.

ACTIONS:

- Emily to post details of the free dental service on social media.
- If anyone would like to be part of a small group to speak on the Spatial Plan in October, please contact Emily.
- Ruby to update social media.

Meeting closed at **8.45 pm.**

**Next meeting is on 29 August 2023 7pm, to be held in the Waimakariri Council
Chambers, Rangiora.**

Whakatauki – Thalia Rae

Signed

Date