
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Woodend Community Centre

7pm on Tuesday 2 May 2023

PRESENT:

Emily Belton (WDC), Jason Goldsworthy (WDC Councillor), Ruby Wilson, Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor), Oliver Kelly, Zack Lappin, Thalia Rae, Zero Andrew, Aaliyah Raja, Lucy Paterson, Hannah Wells, Olivia Smith, Sophia Wiggins, Charlotte Nihoniho, Eris Le Compte (Minute Secretary).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Amelia Smith.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Dan Gordon, Lexie Mealings, Oscar Bai, Yulissa Louw, Jack Brownlees.

IN ATTENDANCE: Heike Downie – WDC Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS).

Zack welcomed everyone to the meeting and a Karakia was undertaken by Oliver Kelly.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 28 March 2023

Minutes were moved to be accepted by Zack Lappin and seconded by Oliver Kelly.
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Emily will follow up with Lexie when she returns re the map.

1. INTERGRATED TRANSPORT DISCUSSION

Heike Downie

Heike came to the meeting to discuss thoughts/suggestions with Youth Council on the future of transport activities and uses in the Waimakariri region. Heike has been with the council for 12/13 years and the information she obtains is used as a guide by council for future funding and planning. This covers some of the areas listed below:

- Rural areas and rural towns as well as integrating with the Greater Christchurch region.
- Public transport and rideshare opportunities.
- Active transport modes.
- Freight movements and the associated expected increase.
- Road network operations.
- Parking availability, in particularly Rangiora and Kaiapoi.
- Travel demands and management.

Many of those listed above are already in place but council are keen to hear input from youth and their considered priorities. It was brought to Heike's notice of the problem around local bus services in Rangiora; the lack of bus stops in certain areas and that there is no app available at present which would be of a great help to younger bus patrons. This can be very confusing at times in regard to timetables when attending events, especially after school. It was suggested that Google maps are a better option. It was also pointed out that there is nowhere to secure bicycles at Mainpower Stadium in Rangiora.

Another conversation was had regarding the supply of future parking in Rangiora. With the Rangiora township being the shopping centre for such a wide rural area, there needs to be parking available as the only way to get to Rangiora for many, is to drive their own vehicle. Nicki Mealings said that a future car park building is being looked at by council for some time in the future. And the law has changed in that there is no longer a requirement for developers to provide car parks when developing new commercial buildings.

Emily thanked Heike for coming to talk to the Youth Council and encouraged members, if possible, to attend a meeting being held at Mainpower Stadium on Thursday 11 May between 9 am and 12 noon.

2. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Nicki Mealings

Utilities and Roading department are looking into linking the Passchendaele to Rangiora cycleway, and hopefully this will happen soon. Also hoping to link the Waikuku to Kaiapoi.

There is a lot to be sorted and talked through regarding Three Waters. Such as some issues around land ownership, this will be an ongoing issue. Jason and Nicki are on a Waimakariri District Council review panel looking at the possibility of lowering the voting age for the 2026 general election.

Jason Goldsworthy

An open day is to be held by the Civil Defence team. And looking into a 'one stop shop' for youth health.

WDC has applied for certification for the Rangiora Airfield. There are presently around 50,000 air movements per annum at Rangiora Airfield and it is expected that this number will increase in future years. Any airport that reaches over 90,000 annual movements, is by this time required to erect a control tower.

3. DUDLEY PARK PROJECT

The Arts Trust has got back requesting clarification on a few points regarding the mural. Emily will liaise with Mark Larsen on these points. Meantime, the Loburn School has offered to volunteer in one way or the other at Dudley Park.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Emily Belton

Emily has heard from E Can in that they are keen to offer support for river clean-ups.

5. CONSULTATIONS OPEN

E Can Te Korari – The Peoples Panel – ongoing.

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

Ministry of Justice – Service gaps for family and sexual violence – closes 29 May.

<https://consultations.justice.govt.nz/te-puna-aonui/service-gaps-for-violence-and-sexual-violence/>

Ministry of Transport – Changing our future – closes 11 May.

<https://consult.transport.govt.nz/policy/changin-our-future/>

Ministry for the Environment – Consenting improvements for renewable generation and transmission – closes 1 June.

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/renewable-electricity/>

NZ Parliament – (Social Services and Community Sub-Committee) Integrity Sports and Recreation Bill – closes 3 May.

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCSS_SCF_F7296IF6-E08F-4703-BD3E-08DB2FIA2ID8/integrity-sport-and-recreation-bill#RelatedAnchor

6. WYC MEMBER REPORTS

Zack Lappin

Nothing to report this month.

Ruby Wilson

Ruby emailed the Road and Safety group in April, and they have agreed to receive a member from Youth Council at their meetings in future, depending on who is available to attend due to the time schedules.

Emily Belton – Public Transport Steering Group

There have been no consultations to date. However, seeing that the meetings are held in Christchurch, there appears to be no rural voice at these meetings. Emily will keep Youth Council in the loop when more info comes to hand.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Karakia and Whakatauki

Ruby Wilson

Youth Council would like to introduce a Karakia to their meetings, and this will be open for anyone to take part in. Waimakariri Council do have specific wordings to follow. It was agreed that Jason Goldsworthy will take the Karakia at next month's meeting on 30 May.

North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo

Ruby Wilson

This will be held at the Rangiora High School on 24 May between 3.30 – 8.30 pm. Some volunteers will be required as navigators and general helpers. Forty stallholders have currently registered to date, and it was agreed that Youth Council assemble their own stall for which volunteers will be required.

Membership Update

Emily/Ruby

The membership information did not come through. Bailey will advise when this is available.

Community Facility Project

Emily Belton

How to engage young people and to gain their interest:

- Offer something free of charge.
- Offer a community prize.
- Secure interesting people as speakers.
- Introduce to friends.
- Secure meeting spaces from council facilities.

Festival for the Future update**Ruby Wilson**

Two applications have been received and it was asked if it was a barrier to making an application due to only two places being available. Quite a number of hands were shown so it was decided to make more funding applications next year to hopefully give more members a chance of attending.

General Communications**Emily Melton**

Emily asked if there were any concerns around receiving emails, if so, please let Emily know. Emily will send out the options available.

Inclusive Sports Day in Rangiora**Zack Lappin**

Plans are underway for this to be held later this year – around September. Thalia is interested in receiving more information so Zack will forward on to her.

Youth Voice Canterbury and Other Youth Councils**Emily Belton**

Regarding collaboration between Youth Voice Canterbury and other youth councils in the Canterbury region. One hundred and fifty responses were received from a recent survey of which 13 responses were received from the Waimakariri area. Youth Week takes place between 15-21 May. More events are yet to be confirmed but all information to date is on the Youth Voice Canterbury website – www.arataioho.org.nz. Maybe WYC could look at this for next year.

Photo Consents and Team Photograph

Copies of a photograph consent form were handed out to new members for them to sign after which a team photograph was taken.

ACTIONS:

- **Emily to follow up with Lexie when she returns re town maps.**
- **Emily to liaise with Mark Larsen re Dudley Park mural.**
- **Volunteers required for the North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo at Rangiora High School on 24 May.**
- **Let Emily know if having problems with emails.**
- **Zack to forward info re Inclusive Sports Day to Thalia.**

Meeting closed at **9.05 pm.**

Next meeting is on 30 May 2023 7pm, being held at the Oxford Town Hall, A & P Room.

Signed

Date