
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA
7:00pm TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2025

1. Opening Karakia

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. **PRESENT:** Lauren Tilley (WDC), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Aidan Haverkort, Oscar Bai, Niki Mealings (Councillor), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Issie Mullen Winiata, Reneé Eleftheriou, Matilda Parish, Thalia Rae, Dylan LaValley, Felicite Antoniuk-Newall, Aled Gjellstad

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Hannah Wells

APOLOGIES: Dan Gordon (Mayor), Fiona Xu, Esha-May McHugh

4. Whakatauki – Aidan

Tangata ako ana i te kaenga, te turanga ki te marae, tai ana

A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 25th March 2025

Moved: Simoné **Seconded:** Zack - Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Terms of Reference – see general business.
- Consent Forms for Enviro Group– sent out.
- Any ideas for Youth Week, completed, but open for more ideas.

7. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION - COUNCILLORS

a) Jason Goldsworthy

- ANZAC services, all councillors attend services across the community
- Financial assistance for community groups, Oxford Gym extension, Assisting the new medical facility in Rangiora.
- Council weather watch for this weekend and preparation for heavy rainfall that is anticipated.
- Hikurangi Subduction Zone Roadshow.
- Coming up: Annual plan hearings.

b) Niki Mealings

- Storm Approaching and preparation is underway

- Annual Plan hearings next month (setting the detailed plan for the year, based on the Council and Community ten-year Long Term Plan goals).
- Portfolios: Climate Change and Sustainability – any ideas let Niki know.
- Workshop today on proposed changes to speed limits around schools.
- Submission on Driver Licences, not something the Council will provide feedback on, but it could be good for Youth Council to do a submission.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

8. Dudley Park - Aidan

- Meet: Thursday 3:30 – 4:30pm fortnightly (meets this Thursday)
- Summary: Youth Council plan is to make Dudley Park a more family friendly place & useable park. Youth Council recently organised and added: Mural, Activation Platform Deck with plans to install mounted seating, picnic tables and to run activation events to make it more family friendly.
- Members: Fiona, Zack, Aidan & Felicite

9. Environment - Oscar

- Meet: Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30pm fortnightly (meets tomorrow)
- Summary: Working on local events for the environment, including: planting days, rubbish clean up, spreading awareness, such as nature themed art competitions.
- Planning day 2 weeks ago, with representatives from: ECan, Ashley-Rakahuri River Group, Lesley Ottey from Eco-Educate, Silverstream, Tuhaitara Trust, Waimakariri Bio-Diversity Trust to discuss what they do and what we can work on for the future.
- Members: Oscar, Esha-May, Dylan, Aled & Issie

10. WaiYouth - Simone

- Meet: Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm fortnightly
- Summary: helps organise events for the youth event in the community, such as socials, raising money for Youth-Line. Helped with sausage sizzles, how to get youth active in the community.
- Wanting to discuss what it can work on in the future
- Still have the T-Shirts
- Members: Simoné, Tahlia, Matilda, Renee & Charlotte.

Hannah is on the Youth Action Plan Group.

11. Consultations Open – Zack - nil

12. WYC Member Report

a) Zack

- Inclusive Sport Festival. Started with Martin Pugh from WDC & first run in 2023 at Mainpower Stadium. Opportunity for youth to try different para-sports.
- Grant MacLeod from WDC Community & Recreation finalising details Boccia Court lines.

b) Simoné

- Relay for Life with Cancer Society, raised about approx. \$105,000 (goal \$80,000). It went really well and no major incidents. Held every two years.
- A member of the organisation UN Youth, for high school students, across NZ and Australia. Attended the conference and completed the Aotearoa Youth Declaration for Youth Voices on different issues, such as Oranga Tamariki and Housing. Coming up is the regional meeting, would be great to get involved in.
- Youth MP Representative for Waimakariri 2025 in Youth Parliament. The purpose to get ideas and opportunities from Youth & what you want to see in community.
- Current Project: Youth Opportunities and Accessibility to these. One of the topics is Bus Routes and that they don't reach much of Waimakariri and the time it takes to get into Christchurch. Would like feedback from this group, please let Simoné know.

c) Lauren

- Preparation for Youth week on May 19-25th May. Different events and initiatives to celebrate Youth.
- Working on Youth Action Plan group, on early engagement, review of the council Youth Strategy, which has a youth advisory group (Hannah is the WYC representative) to review strategy and create an action plan for 2026-2029.
- Funding for Inclusive Sport Festival with Zack
- Driver Licencing: Ministry of Transport have opened a consultation, on driver licence systems for options to make it cheaper and easier to obtain your licence while supporting drivers to get the skills to drive safely. Council is not making a submission but want to support Youth Council to make submission, by peer reviewing submission. (Submission is feedback on any proposed legislation or policy). Workshop to be looked at for next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

13. Terms of Reference – handout to review

- a)** Points mentioned & discussed: Purpose, Role of Waimakariri District Council, Renewal (attendance requirements) & Baseline commitment to attend meetings etc. Meeting Protocols. Representation. Politically Neutral group (entitled to own political opinion, however when representing Youth Council must remain neutral). Termination details. Last reviewed 2023 – this is the current review.

Clarification on situation if you live outside Waimakariri but work in District.

Also move 'Visibility Section' best moved to 'Other Representation'.

Move that the updated terms of reference be adopted.

Moved: Zack **Seconded:** Simoné - Carried

- b)** Approximately a week prior to monthly meeting Zack or Simoné will send agenda & documents via email. Please Confirm Attendance or Apologies by responding to this.

14. Youth Council Values

"That we the Waimakariri Youth Council on Tuesday 29th April 2025 Agree to these values." Document signed by members

15) Youth Council Expectations

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16) Youth Action Plan – Hannah

Her role is to report back to Youth Council on what is happening in the Action Group. Last meeting went over the Terms of Reference and guidelines, going forward and how we will engage with the community and creating a plan that is representative of what youth of the community actually want. Change a lot of current action plan, to better represent Youth now, as the last one was 2018 and a lot of the plan seemed recreational, whereas now focusing on bigger issues such as Climate Change. Role is to collect information from this group and feedback to Action Group to feed into the Plan.

17) Youth Week 19th – 25th May – Lauren

Schedule of events extending out from 18th to 28th May

It would be great to have a WYC at each event:

- Kaiapoi Skate Jam – Sunday 18th May 1-4pm – Kaiapoi Skate Park – Thalia/Aidan
- Oxford Skate Jam – Sunday 25th May 1-4pm - Oxford Skate Park - Aidan
- DIY Home Spa 1 – Wednesday 21st May 3:30-5:00pm – Kaiapoi Library - Charlotte
- DIY Home Spa 2 – Thursday 22nd May 3:30-5:00pm – Rangiora Library - Matilda
- High School Music Night – Friday 23rd May 4-6pm – Dudley Park – Renee/Felicite/Aidan/Dylan
- Sunset Yoga – Wednesday 28th May 4-5pm – Dudley Park- Charlotte/Simone/Hannah

18) SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Messenger Chat Group: don't have to join, but good forum to connect

Youth Council Social Media

We will circulate a document to current and new Members. It's 2-3 Questions about yourself for the blurb & photo etc. To do in the next 2-3 weeks to share on Youth Week.

ACTIONS:

- **ALL:** Driver Licence – ideas for Workshop & Submission
- **Simoné** – to meet with Niki on Transport Project- send google form
- **ALL:** promote youth week events, in particular reach network for attendees
- **Zack:** add people to messenger group

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

Next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7:00pm at – Council Chambers Rangiora

Signed

Date