
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE
7.00pm TUESDAY 24th JUNE 2025

1. Opening Karakia

2. **PRESENT:** Niki Mealings (Councillor), Lauren Tilley (WDC), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Fiona Xu, Renée Eleftheriou, Matilda Parish, Dylan LaValley, Aidan Haverkort, Felicite Antoniuk-Newall, Hannah Wells, Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Oscar

APOLOGIES: Oscar Bai, Issie Mullen Winiata, Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor),

3. Whakatauki - Renée

Nga te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With my food basket and your food basket, the people will thrive together

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Tuesday 3rd June 2025 (for May)

Moved: Zack

Seconded: Aidan - **Carried**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Some Consents forms received. If you haven't done this yet, please send to Lauren.
- Introduction post for social media – Hannah to action
- Foodbank drive info sent -
- Zack sent Youth Action Plan survey to Canterbury University Association
- Carry over – Tahlia to bring in Wai Youth merchandise.

6. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION - COUNCILLORS

a) Niki Mealing

- Red letter day today for an all boards meeting for councillors, this time on the District Plan, which has been adopted by council. An important planning document for district on what goes where and how, including things like housing, section sizes, protection of trees, signage etc. The process from panel to now has been 3 years, including submissions, 35 hearing days, over 900 pieces of evidence, 10,000's pages of information.
- Attended WasteMINZ conference. Key findings:
 - Waste contributes \$3.3billion to the New Zealand economy, but waste inefficiencies are costing \$228 million annually in avoidable disposal costs.

- NZs material productivity was just 59% of the average for OECD countries (despite NZ consuming more materials per capita).
- 40% of waste sent to landfill is divertible, so we have a great opportunity for improvement.
- Project:- South of High St (area behind farmers). Planning for potential strategic planning and guidance document. Owners of the land are interested in the future vision for this space, mixed use, commercial & residential.
- Project: Pegasus strategy review and renewal, to talk to stakeholders, including Youth Council.
- Annual Plan adopted 17th June.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

7. Dudley Park

- Men shed confirmed the gap for wheelchair access needs to be 75cm. They are looking to start building the picnic table this week.
- Awaiting confirmation from the Council Greenspace team on the result of the annual plan as there should be an allowance for 2 wheelchair accessible parks going in at Dudley Park.
- Running Club: 'Dudley Dashers', starting Tuesday 15th July for weekly session. Aimed at youth, rather than adults and to be promoted through the Youth Instagram page. To run once a week with more events when weather gets warmer.

8. Enviro

- Met with Lesley Ottey from Repurpose Pals. Work to get to get re-used weighted stuff toys into all schools. Once the toys are collected, they will run a workshop on how to make the weighted sensory toys.
- Silverstream planting –Sunday 3rd August, 10am to 12 noon, food provided. Establishing promotional material.

9. WaiYouth

- 3 members are not affiliated to Youth Council. Currently organising the life Skills, with a cooking class. Tuesday 22nd July from 3.30-5.30, being held at the John Knox Community Centre kitchen. Possibly making pasta & cupcakes. Set up from 2.30. Renee to do poster and QR code. Currently looking to find someone to lead the class, Aidan to check with high school teacher. Niki may also have another option.

10. Consultations Open - Zack

- Driver licence submission sent

11. WYC Member Report

a) Zack

- Inclusive Sport Festival Friday 4th July at Mainpower Stadium 10am-1pm. Sausage sizzle for attendees. Volunteers needed, let Zack know.

- Aspiring leader's forum in Wellington 21-24 August. Zacks application has been approved. Zack will run a workshop on learnings back with this group.
- Sport Canterbury Youth activation presented and went well.
- Exciting conversation with Youth Voice Canterbury, where they can work collaboratively to support developing public transport.
- Zack has a Compass FM session to promote the Sports Festival

b) Lauren

- Approval received for Youth Council to host local election Q&A with candidates.
 - This cannot be led by council at all, but Youth Council can. The group were all interested in this so will add to agenda to progress.
 - Location: it can't be held at council premises to try high schools, halls etc.
 - Will need to get questions in advance to get these checked and approved. Suggested that we could get questions from the Youth Action Plan or previous survey.
 - In the past the candidates are on a panel and allowed 2–3-minute speech, then Q&A from the floor.
 - This would need to be moderated and run independently. Sarah Nichols can assist with checking scheduling.
- Email sent around for Te Tiriti training, Renée to attend 9am-4pm at Environment Canterbury led by Youth Voice Canterbury, anyone else interested let Lauren know.
- Youth Service Awards: added to Community Services Awards event Sept 9th (5pm onwards) all Youth Council members will be invited to attend.
 - To recognise good contribution and volunteering in the district.
 - The nominated person can't be an active member of youth Council.
 - Award nominations open 15 July to 4th August, Lauren to send out info.
 - We will need to organise a time with Simoné and Zack (co-chairs) to review nominations with Mayor.

c) Youth Action Plan Advisory Group – Hannah

- Survey has been sent out, with approximately 900 submissions already and closes 13th July, please check in with your schools if this has not come out yet.
- Need engagement from university aged students, Lincoln, Canterbury and Ara. Please promote – Thalia to organise to promote at Ara.
- So far, the submissions are skewed towards those living in urban areas, and it would be ideal for more submissions from rural districts, to provide details on the issues to be solved.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS - Nil

- **Closing Karakia - All**

ACTIONS:

- **Lauren** - send Youth Community awards information.
- **Hannah** – Introduction post for social media.
- **Thalia** – to bring Wai Youth merchandise to the next meeting.
- **Thalia** – to organise the Youth Action Plan survey for Ara.
- **Renée** – WaiYouth Cooking, QR code and promotional information
- **Aidan** – To ask cooking teacher if they can help on 22nd July.
- **Lauren** – Add to agenda – Local Council candidate Q&A

Meeting closed at **8.04pm**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 7.00pm -

Signed

Date