
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA
7.00pm TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2025

Opening Karakia - All

1. **PRESENT:** Lauren Tilley (WDC), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Fiona Xu, Esha-May McHugh, Charlotte Nihoniho, Hannah Wells, Dan Gordon (Mayor,) Niki Mealings (Councillor), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Nil

In attendance: Visitors (potential new WYC members here for observation)

APOLOGIES: Aidan Haverkort, Oscar Bai.

2. Whakatauki – Zack

Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi

As an old net withers, another is re-made.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 9th December 2024 and 25th January 2025

Moved: Zack Seconded: Simoné Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- ALL: think on the projects/activities that WYC could do in 2025 – *environmental group meet tomorrow and Dudley Park Thursday to review further.*
 - Tessa: to ask Grant re Boccia courts. *Carried over*
 - Zack: Send Lauren Dudley Park Re-Development plan - *completed.*
 - Lauren: Send information for Application to Youth Council – *completed.*
 - Lauren & Zack: connect re QR code on WYC application – *completed & on poster.*
 - Lauren: check if more information available about new roles: admin and social media – *made progress on Social media completed - Admin WIP*
 - Zack: to look at role description or blurb about the above roles.
 - Lauren: add Work Plan: 2025 – 2026 to February Agenda – *discussed/completed.*
 - Lauren: to send Untouched World Foundation information out – *completed.*
 - Zack & Tessa: Zack to email Tessa about reels info etc. to check with Sam. – *Sent to Sam, awaiting response – follow up with Zack & Lauren*
 - Lauren: Agenda March/April: social media, purpose, how & who manage this – *Added to Agenda and coming up in General Business.*
 - Lauren/Zack/Charlotte/Simoné: Rangiora High School Expo Stall – *completed – went well, few people came up and did survey, and some interested in joining WYC, and hopefully more applications.*
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5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Dan Gordon – Mayor

- Welcome to visitors, welcome Lauren, and great to see Simone in new role as co-chair.
- Ngā huia at Tuahiwi programme for young people that are not in current education. A wrap around service for learning new skills, then maybe lead to going into a trade or back into school or training. Could welcome a visit from Youth Council.
- Busy with Annual Plan, consultation opens in mid-March and welcome YC feedback.
- 3-Waters: been collaborating with neighbouring councils to develop options and how they could possibly support each other and will communicate position next week, then there will be consultation with the community.
- Health Hub at Rangiora: 2 current practices, to relocate to new site at Hospital. Extended or after-hours service. Proposed hours, 7am and 10pm, then St Johns. Council keen to see project proceed for benefit for district. Council and South Link Health have been in talks about council support of the development. Up for Council decision next week. Not uncommon for council to support medical centres (own one in Oxford). In addition, this would be a vital service for our community for access to services & unsure when there would be another opportunity. Already there: Health Hub, Maternity unit, and mobile surgical unit. Has public transport access & good parking.
- Citizenship Ceremonies tomorrow, to swear in new citizens.
- New Idea for a Forum for Head Students at high schools. Dan, starting to work on and talk to principals and work with Lauren.

b) Niki Mealings – WDC Councillor

- First Tuesday of the month is the full council meeting (all day) of the 4 standing committees: Utilities & Roading, Community & Recreation, District Planning and Regulation. Niki is on Utilities & Roading and Community & Recreation.
- Lauren and Lexie presented to council & received approval for the Youth Action Plan. Hannah is the YAP representative.
- Library Update: More than just books, Retro Summer events: Jenga, happy sack etc.
- New shelving going in at Trevor Inch Rangiora Library 16-30 March. Will refresh children's area. Also to make more accessible. There will be a Mobile Library Service with the community van. A new area called the Tinker Zone: digital/technology, 3D printer, robotics, iPad, garage band. To access this there will be an induction required. Soft launch in February after renovation, formal launch before School holidays. Castle going but will be getting a refresh.
- Oxford Pool – last day of the season is doggy day on 9th March, where pooch can come have a pool party with other dogs. \$5 entry.
- Volunteer Expo coming up on 7th, 15th and 21st March. Back to Basic Expo 22nd March.
- Swannanoa Fair: Sunday 9th March
- Oxford Show: Saturday 26th March

c) Jason Goldsworthy – WDC Councillor

- Portfolio: Civil Defence (CD) and Complaints & Environmental Service.
- Community Hubs ongoing with staff reaching out to schools and hopefully will have approx. 20 Hubs by end of July 2025.

- CD Roadshow for Rangiora and Kaiapoi in the future with Regional and local CD providing a public introduction into effects of AF8 Alpine Fault EQ & Hikurangi Event (North Island ocean trench). Looking at what we can expect and on how we can prepare as a district.
- Noise complaints are the biggest complaint, predominantly in urban area.
- Sunday Funday to be run by Rangiora Promotion @ AMP Show Grounds: 30th March, ticketed event with Kid zone and Teen zone.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

6. Dudley Park - Zack

- Discussed events at Dudley Park and how to activate this space.
- Having discussions with schools to run concerts or similar.
- Need to find a MC, – Lauren may have volunteer from Rangiora High School.
- Potential activation later in year: looking at working with Sport and Recreation Trust or local fitness provider or run club to look at potential activities.
- Looking for groups that can start with support from WYC then they can manage on their own to run regular events.
- Working on Rata Foundation Application, to be submitted this week. Funding is to pay for the next stage of works, the introduction of mounted seating
- Letter sent to YDot.
- Fiona to find Cheapskates/Skate Jam email to send to Lauren
- Next meeting Thursday.

7. Enviro – Simoné

- no meeting last week, not enough members, meeting tomorrow online.

8. WaiYouth - Simoné

- No meeting today, not enough members, so will have update at next meeting.

9. Consultations Open - Zack

- District Council: Consultation on Parking and Mobility parking. Access availability.
- ECan People's Panel

10. WYC Member Report

a) Zack

- Boccia Courts: productive meeting with Mainpower Stadium, Greenspace, Martin Pugh (WDC Community Facilitator) and Boccia NZ. Agreement to actively work to get courts in on temporary or permanent basis. Report to go to Community and Recreation group.
- Speaking at the Access Group Training Day for elected officials and WDC Staff.
- Will look at running another an access training session for Youth Council once we have new members.

b) Simoné

- Cancer Society Relay for Life: Saturday 5th April, at Kaiapoi Rugby & Football Club. Youth Council to enter a team.

- Still have WYC applications open to 2nd March to 5pm please encourage others to apply.

c) Lauren

- Youth Action Plan, next step is to invite people to be part of the advisory group. Hannah is the WYC Representative.
- Alcohol and Drug Steering Group are doing a refresh of the Action Plan for the reduction of harm in the community. How would Youth Council like to be involved? Workshops could be a good idea. Also consider the appropriateness of the age of the group. Lauren to talk to Alyssa about options.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Moved: Simoné Seconded: Charlotte Carried

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Recruitment and Interview involvement - Lauren

- 11 applications, good range over all of district and different schools.
- Interview March 10th to 13th March afterschool to 7pm, normally Co-chair, but let Lauren know if you want to be involved: Fiona, Charlotte, and Esha-May.

b) Terms of Reference – carried over

c) Youth Takeover Survey - Lauren

- Youth Voice Canterbury organises all the Youth Council in Canterbury to get surveys completed in their area. Results/Data is used as a guide for what Youth Council works on in the future. Previous results were used in the LTP submission, projects, etc.
- Lauren visited Rangiora High School (approx. 25 surveys completed). Paper and online version, Lauren is trying to arrange school visits. Fiona to talk to Mr Reid at Kaiapoi High School.
- Want to open for ideas/brainstorm from group on ways to get the survey completed: advertise at Dudley Park and Schools. Runs and Relays happening. Swannanoa Fair (even a youth council stall). Libraries. Target Schools. Also need to get 18–24-year age group = Universities (Lauren to check universities have posters up). Having the Wheel/Prizes was a good engagement tool.

d) Youth Voice Canterbury Update – Lauren – to email update.

e) Social Media Planning - Charlotte

- Group held meeting: what platforms we want to reach and how? Tik Tok and Instagram etc. How do we keep up to date with the different project groups? Idea was to have a Social Media group with one person from each project group, so there is a spread of information.
- Next step is to pick a representative from each of the project group then have a meeting, to see what it will look like. Possibly a couple of posts per month depending on what is going on.

- Let Lauren know if interested in being on the social media group. Yes: Fiona

f) The new Youth Action Planning Representative – Hannah Wells

g) Further Member Update Zack

- Had a briefing with Shane Binder around local businesses and what is happening on High Street Rangiora. Along ram-raider protection and bollards & accessibility on footpaths.

ACTIONS:

- **Tessa:** to ask Grant re Boccia courts.
- **Lauren & Zack:** WYC application: Bulletin at Dudley Park
- **Lauren & Zack:** to look at Admin role description.
- **Lauren & Zack:** to follow up with Sam to ask about social media reels info etc.
- **Niki and Lauren:** for Swannanoa and Oxford Fair: YC members attend and get people to complete Survey.
- **Fiona:** to find Cheapskates/Skate Jam email and send to Lauren.
- **Lauren:** to talk to Alyssa about Alcohol and Drug Steering Group options.
- **Lauren:** to email update on Youth Voice Canterbury.
- **Niki & Lauren:** to look at options for Youth Voice Survey at Swannanoa Fair.
- **Lauren:** to check if universities have the survey fliers up.
- **Fiona:** to approach Mr Reid for Youth Voice Survey Opportunities.
- **ALL:** Let Lauren know if you want to be part of the Social Media group.
- **Lauren:** add Terms of Reference to the March Meeting Agenda

Closing Karakia - All

Meeting closed at **8.28**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7:00pm

Signed

Date