
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

*Planned for Oxford Service Centre, but held online via Microsoft Teams
7.00pm TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2025*

1. Opening Karakia

2. PRESENT:

Attended via Microsoft Teams: Lauren Tilley Belton (WDC), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Oscar Bai, Esha-May McHugh, Hannah Wells, Niki Mealings (Councillor),

APOLOGIES: Dan Gordon (Mayor), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Charlotte Nihoniho, Aidan Haverkort, Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

3. Whakatauki

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 25th February 2025

Motion: that minutes be Approved **Moved: Zack** **Seconded: Esha-May - Carried**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Boccia Courts: positive updates, hopefully to council in April.
 - Many Applications received to join Youth Council.
 - Description for Administration Role - carry over.
 - Spoke with Sam about Social Media reels and info. Will leave with the new social media group to discuss once arranged.
 - Swannanoa Fair has been and Oxford Fair this Saturday.
 - Cheap skates' information received and decided to wait for nicer weather.
 - Lauren has been talking Alyssa about the alcohol and drug steering group. Advised there is interest to participate in some way, with age-appropriate consideration. There may be an option to do workshop later in the year, once steering group done a bit more work, await update from them.
 - Email sent on the update of the Youth Voice Canterbury Stakeholder Survey.
 - Advertising of Survey at universities: Lauren emailed Youth Council in Christchurch and have not heard back. Decided it is ok to put up posters with QR codes. Please put posters up at university or anywhere around schools and clubs etc. Lauren has emailed the poster including in digital format.
 - Social Media group will bring up in some of the project group meetings, Dudley Park Group and Enviro Group have met, still waiting on WaiYouth for new members.
 - Terms of Reference to be discuss at meeting with new members.
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6. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION – COUNCILLORS

- **Niki Mealings**
 - Organising the inspection & judging the Waimakariri Tree of the Year competition. 6 finalists to visit and judge.
 - High Street, Rangiora pipe burst and flooded part of the street. Utilities and Roding were in a council meeting and then dropped everything to go sort.
 - Working on District Plan reports. Received an extended deadline from government due to the stretch already placed on Council with the change in government, Resource Management Act amendments and new acts and changes with Canterbury Regional Statement & National Policy amendments.
 - Swannanoa Fair, Zack joined in at Council Table. AMP Show at Oxford this weekend.
 - Received good feedback for Accessibility training. Congratulation Zack
 - Lauren: Voice Cauty Survey update: Waimak 2 online and 48 physical surveys.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

7. Dudley Park - Lauren

- Discussed Youth Week (19-25 May) Events & may look at High School music night.
- How to appeal to older age? maybe sunset Yoga?
- Will apply to different youth week funding sources.
- Rata Application submitted, applied \$45,000 for mounted seating etc.

8. Enviro - Esha May

- Introduction & Training Day on 15th April. New people come for first hour, and then the rest come about 10.30 for icebreakers and other games. Guest speakers on different topics: rubbish, plants & animals. ECAN, Greenspace, Ashley Rakahuri River group. Plus, Governance training and team building and looking at long term.
- Lauren to send consent forms

9. WaiYouth - no meeting- no update

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Confirmation of Members** – new names circulated prior.
 - Unsure if Abbie McCurrie had resigned from Council at the end of last year and hasn't been at meetings this year. Lauren has tried to contact but she has not responded and therefore decided Abbie is no longer on the Youth Council.
 - Taylor Smith called to advise he was resigning from Youth Council as he now lives on the West Coast. Wished the group all the best.
 - 15 applications and & due to Taylor and Abbie no longer being on council selected 7 new members for Youth Council.

- Feel positive that there are a range of ages and activities, and enthusiasm from those selected.
- **Move** to accept new candidates: **Esha-May – Seconded: Zack – Carried**
- **Youth Week Update 19th to 25th May: Lauren**

Last Year had three different Skate Jam events, in Kaiapoi, Oxford and Rangiora. Do we want to do this again or would you like to do something different this year? Apparently, lot of little kids attended, so maybe something for an older group. Meeting coming up so please send any ideas to Lauren.
- **Youth Action Plan Advisory Group: Lauren**

First meeting held. Hannah and Zack sitting on group, good group, a lot of youth service providers and youth voices from the community represented. Define project and survey and on current youth strategy.

**** Agenda items - need quorum, so carried over for next meeting.**

ACTIONS:

- **Lauren/Zack/Simoné** – Carry over items for next meeting.
- **Lauren** – Consent Forms for Enviro Group
- **ALL:** any ideas for Youth Week, please send to Lauren

Closing Karakia – All

Meeting closed at **7.55pm**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 7.00pm
Council Chambers, Rangiora Service Centre, High Street, Rangiora

Signed

Date