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| MEETING MINUTES | |
| YOUTH COUNCIL | |
| MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2025 | 6.01 pm |



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 03 February 2025, which commenced at 6.01 pm, Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Pātiki Tahuaroa room.

Present: Kahupounamu Potaka Kyle England
 Finn Macdonald Rose Jeffery
 Ruth Doyle Aislinn Kuriger
 Sam McLean Wiremu Bray
 Lavara Makutu

Attended: Cr Lara Blackmore (MDC Liaison Councillor)
 Cr Alison Short (MDC Councillor)
 Tori Short (Staff Governance Support)
 Ash Garstang (Governance and Assurance Manager)
 Jerald Twomey (Kaitohu Aporei – Māori)
 Eric Schuster (Community Support)
 Barbara Bowling (Community Support)
 Janine Hawthorn (Community Wellbeing Manager)

Apologies: Joey Mekechnie, Carlota Ramirez, Briar Higgle, Mackenzie Carman, Kaea Tahi-Marti

YC 22-25/292

MEETING OPENING

Kahu opened the meeting with karakia.

YC 22-25/293

APOLOGIES

Joey Mekechnie, Carlota Ramirez, Briar Higgle, Mackenzie Carman, Kaea Tahi-Martin were apologies.

YC 22-25/294

INTRODUCTIONS

The group split into four teams. We all talked within our teams to try find three things we have in common with each other.

YC 22-25/295

MANA WHENUA

Jerald spoke about the history of all the Maraes in our area. We split into two groups to complete an exercise which involved using cards to work out where we thought the Maraes are located on a district map.

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YC 22-25/296

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ash discussed what council and local government are to the group. He spoke about all the different roles and contractors that are involved within MDC.

YC 22-25/297

GOVERNANCE AT THE MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Lara and Alison talked about what's involved with being a councillor. Alison talked about committees, meetings, focus groups, legislation and up and coming events for council.

YC 22-25/298

YOUTH COUNCIL

Lara discussed the roles for youth council. Those who would like to express their interest can contact Joey, Tori or Lara.

YC 22-25/299

WORKPLAN OVERVIEW

Janine spoke on behalf of Joey regarding the broad overview and workplan for YC this year.

YC 22-25/300

GENERAL BUSINESS

Finn spoke about Youth parliament.

Tori asked those who haven't returned their membership forms to please do this.

Alison spoke about membership grants.

YC 22-25/301

MEETING CLOSURE

Kahu closed the meeting at 7.28 pm with karakia.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at Te Āhuru Mōwai (Manawatu Community Hub Libraries), the Pātiki Tahuaroa room, on **Monday 17th February 2025** at 6:00 pm.