

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 04 MARCH 2024	6:02 pm



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 04 March 2024, which commenced at 6:02 pm in the Manawatū District Council Administration Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

Members:	Sadie Bruce	Chair	Corbyn Dekker
	Kaea Tahi-Martin	Deputy Chair	Maddie Lloyd
	Ella Bydder	Finance Officer	Ruth Doyle
	Briar Higgle	Marketing/Social Media	Annie Coogan
	Kahu Potaka	Marketing/Social Media	Sophie Monaghan
	Rylie Thomas	Marketing/Social Media	Finn Macdonald
	Brooke Wilson	Health and Safety Officer	Sienna Jones
	Abbey Grant	Alumni Liaison Officer	Maia Murphy
	Mackenzie Carman	Alumni Liaison Officer	Carlota Ramirez
Present:	Joey Mckechnie	Youth Engagement Officer	
	Cr Lara Blackmore	MDC Liaison Councillor	
	Matt Pike-Daysh	Governance Support	
	Barbara Bowling	Community Support	
	Eric Schuster	Alumni	

Apologies: Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere

YC 22-25/165

MEETING OPENING

Sadie Bruce opened the meeting at 6:02 pm with an ice breaker question: Going around the table, what was your highlight from the past two weeks?

YC 22-25/166

APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere.

YC 22-25/167

WHAT IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

Ash Garstang, the Governance and Assurance Manager from Manawatū District Council presented to the group discussing the roles and functions of council, the differences between Central and Local Government, the other local authorities we border as well as the shared functions of a Regional council. An exercise was carried out with the members that split into groups and on a list of items that you would find in a broken down average annual rates bill in Feilding, they were asked to match the associated costs. Members found this interesting and gained a general understanding of the role council plays in keeping the community connected and ticking, including the Legislative responsibilities Councils are required to work under, including the publication of Long-term Plans, Annual Plans and Annual Reports.

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COLOUR RUN 2024 DEBRIEF

Joey presented the video from the Colour Run Provided by professional photographer/videographer Aden Gray. There were around 730 attendees, more than initially expected and more than the years before – an indicator of the growing success of the Colour Run. The task was put to the group to think of feedback from their experience at the event as well as the preparation and planning leading up to the day, three questions asked were: What could we improve on?, What surprised you? and What went well? Some of the constructive feedback captured was; better signage, laminated sign-up forms, multiple eftpos machines, Master of Ceremonies or DJ to countdown to final colour dump, first aid tents with obvious signage, reach out to local businesses to sponsor prizes and advertising. There is to be a survey sent out to ensure that all feedback is captured.

YC 22-25/169

FESTIVAL FOR THE FUTURE

Joey explained the purpose of Festival for the Future, what previous members gained from attending and the development opportunities that come from this annual conference, as well as the amazing networking. There will be an opportunity for some members to attend this year and there will be more details presented to the members as planning gets underway. Manawatū District Youth Council's Finance Officer, Ella Bydder has been tasked to present a projected budget at the next meeting on the cost per member attending encapsulating the accommodation, transport, food and other associated costs.

YC 22-25/170

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Youth Market/Cultural event to take place on the 26th of May at the Feilding Civic Centre during National Youth Week, booking confirmed. Planning to come.

YC 22-25/171

MEETING CLOSURE

Sadie declared the meeting closed at 7:39pm.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on the 18th of March 2024 at 5:30 pm