

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 05 AUGUST 2024	6:00 pm



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 05 August 2024, which commenced at 6:00 pm in the Manawatū District Council Administration Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

Present:

Sadie Bruce	(Chair)	Finn Macdonald
Kaea Tahi-Martin	(Deputy Chair)	Madeleine Lloyd
Kahupounamu Potaka	(Marketing/Social Media)	Ruth Doyle
Briar Higgie	(Marketing/Social Media)	Annie Coogan
Brooke Wilson	(Health and Safety Officer)	Sophie Monaghan
Mackenzie Carman	(Alumni Liaison Officer)	Corbyn Dekker
Maia Murphy	(Governance Support)	Carlota Ramirez
		Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere

Attended:

Joey Mckechnie	(Youth Engagement Co-ordinator)
Cr Lara Blackmore	(MDC Liaison Councillor)
Ash Garstang	(Staff Governance Support)
Eric Schuster	(Community Support)
Barbara Bowling	(Community Support)

Apologies: Sienna Jones, Riley Thomas, Ella Bydder

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MEETING OPENING

Kahu Potaka and Kaea Tahi-Martin opened with a karakia along with an icebreaker lead by Sadie Bruce.

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APOLOGIES

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SPORT MANAWATŪ

Sam Davis (active recreation advisor) was present to speak to the Youth Council about Sport Manawatū. He said that physical activity that isn't a high-level sport and at a community level is their focus. They aim to make communities better to give kids a chance to be active. He talked about goals for Rangatahi; co-design, Sport Manawatū's vision and he asked the Youth Council to share their experiences with physical activity and reflect on the interest and needs of youth.

Sport Manawatū can help with funding, such as for people needing sporting equipment for 'have a go day'. Adults applying to the fund sometimes make the mistake of assuming what young people like. Sam Davis's advice was for applicants to survey youth before applying to their fund. He invited the Youth Council to consider in the future if they wish to apply for funding for an initiative or project.

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2024 UPDATE

Joey Mckechnie and Ash Garstang provided an update on planning for the Young Achievers Awards 2024. Highlights included:

- 122 nominations have been received, which will soon go to a scoring panel for blind assessment (they will not see student names) against a scoring criteria list.
- There are 7 sponsors, and they are matched up against awards as below:
 - Te Tohu Manukura Leadership Award – Third Bearing Ltd
 - Te Tohu Iho Pumanawa Whakamana – Evolve Fitness
 - Te Tohu Raukura Inclusion Award – Sport Manawatū
 - Te Tohu Taiao Commitment to the Environment Award – PGG Wrightsons
 - Te Tohu Auaha Innovation Award – Agri HQ
 - Te Tohu Tuao Volunteer Award – Feilding Rotary
 - Unassigned – Collective Intelligence (Lara Blackmore)
- The Youth Council will need to consider what video they want to play at the half time break during the Young Achievers Awards.

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FESTIVAL FOR THE FUTURE

Sadie Bruce spoke about the Festival for the Future event that took place in Wellington. Highlights included:

- Good bonding experience, inspirational speakers, connection with other youth councils.
- Two sides to the festival – there were keynote speakers and workshops to further learning.
- “As youth we are not the voices of tomorrow, we are the voices of today”.

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COUNCIL MEETING 03 OCTOBER 2024

Cr Lara Blackmore led a discussion on the proposal to match Youth Councillors with a MDC Councillor in order to shadow them at the 03 October 2024 Council meeting. She explained the differences between the formal open meeting, public excluded session (e.g., for commercial items) and workshops.

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The Chair and Deputy Chair will need to do a presentation to this Council meeting on the Youth Council's activities throughout the year.

Cr Lara Blackmore will liaise with the Feilding High School Principal around students possibly being able to attend during school time.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- Fidget toys – members send Joey Mckechnie what they want.
- Sizes for t-shirts – Sadie Bruce will put a message in the group chat – this is important for the Young Achievers Awards.
- Cr Lara Blackmore and Joey Mckechnie will contact Sarah Deveau about a presentation for a future Youth Council meeting.
- Members had mixed feedback on the new Community Hub venue. The next meeting will be in the normal Council building.

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MEETING CLOSURE

Sadie Bruce closed the meeting at 7.23 pm.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on **Monday 19 August 2024** at 6:00 pm.