



MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2023	5:57 pm

Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 6 November 2023, which commenced at 5:57 pm in the Manawātū District Council Administration Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

- Members: Grace Carman Chair  
Jesse Devonshire Deputy Chair  
Sadie Bruce  
Alyssa Viner  
Shania McLaughlin  
Finn Macdonald  
Amalie Allan  
Sienna Jones  
Sophie McLaughlin
- Present: Joey Mckechnie Youth Engagement Officer  
Cr Lara Blackmore MDC Liaison Councillor  
Matt Pike-Daysh Strategy Administrator  
Barbara Bowling Community Support  
Eric Schuster Alumni  
Janine Hawthorn Council Support  
Adie Johansen Council Support

Apologies: Corbyn Dekker

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#### MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 5:57 pm.

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#### APOLOGIES

There was an apology from Corbyn Dekker.

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#### MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

The Youth councillors one-by-one introduced themselves to the new members that will be starting next year.

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#### NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

Grace Carman introduced the amended Terms of Reference, explained the purpose of the document and how it impacts both Members and Support team behaviours. Lara Blackmore ran through the amendments and enlightened the meeting on the process the document must go through for formal adoption at a Council Meeting.



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## WORKPLAN FOR 2024

Reflecting on the activities of the Youth Council for the year, Joey Mckechnie lead a presentation inviting Youth Council members to address each activity. Jesse Devonshire recapped the **Youth Market** and the success of the stalls that were present, highlighting the areas for improvement and the lessons learnt. Finn Macdonald spoke to the **Young Achievers Awards** and the difference of how it was run this time around in comparison to previous years. Amalie Allan ran through the **Youth Council Leadership Days** that involved a Master Chef challenge, an escape room, treasure hunt and a personality type quiz, gathering the skills of leadership, decision-making, teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving. **The Careers Expo** was attended by members earlier this year getting the word out about MDC's Youth Council, what we stand for, advocating for topics important to each individual member. Joey Mckechnie spoke to the **Events Mentoring** session members had with a professional experienced owner of an events company that taught the importance of hype, organisation, planning and other essential skills to develop and build events to make sure they are the best they can be and reach out to attract youth in the community. **Matariki** and **Festival for the Future** gave members the opportunity to be in a new environment with new people learning new skills.

Mayor Helen Worboys introduced herself to the new members and explained her involvement with the Youth Council, the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and CACTUS – organised groups for Youth in the District. She encouraged involvement from the Youth Council with events such as Citizenship Ceremonies and Community Honours, and advised that introducing a younger demographic to the fold is a direction Council are enthusiastic to explore. Mayor Helen also invited the Members to attend and be involved in the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Europeans first arrived in the Manawatū, coming up in 2024.

The below items are what was indicated by the members and new members to investigate the potential involvement of the Youth Council heading into 2024:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Youth Market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More roles within the YC</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martial Arts</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce MDC's Welcoming Communities Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work/meet with other Youth Councils</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-Youth Council debates/challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Youth Council role</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise an event for local Youth Councils to attend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sporting event</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Māori Women's development inc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Wiki o te Reo Māori events</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween event</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign Language week event</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More involvement with standing events</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can YC best support the Cancer Society?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toys/clothes/food drive – contribute to charities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Day with existing community groups – help/fundraising</li></ul>	

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#### GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no General Business raised.

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#### MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 7:03 pm

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 at 6:00 pm.