



DATE OF MEETING: 06 DECEMBER 2021

MEETING STARTED: 6.07PM

Present:

Luca Luoni	Chairperson	Heather Gee-Taylor	MDC Liaison Councillor
Zoe Lister	Member	Shane Casey	MDC Councillor
Sadie Bruce	Member	Eric Schuster	Alumni
Jesse Devonshire	Member	Alex Short	Alumni
Meagan Karatea	Member	Barbara Bowling	Support
Kate Jopp	Member	Steph Skinner	MDC Youth Officer (temp)
Katelyn Anderson	Member		

Guests to Meeting:

Helen Worboys	MDC Mayor	Sian Hardie	Member Nominee
Grace Boustridge	Member Nominee	Grace Carman	Member Nominee
Finn Macdonald	Member Nominee	Amalie Allan	Member Nominee
Kate Wasley	Member Nominee	Molly Sheriden	Library – Youth Engagement

APOLOGIES: Sarah Lockhart, Deputy Chair

ABSENT: Corbyn Dekker, Member Nominee

MEETING NOTES:

The Chair, Luca Luoni opened the meeting welcoming guests and current Youth Council members and congratulated those who had been nominated as Youth Councillors for the 2022/23 term.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared for tonight's meeting.

4. NOTICE OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items for this meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the 15 November 2021 Manawatū Youth Council be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Zoe Lister

Carried

6. MANAWATU YOUTH COUNCIL – TERMS OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

That item 5.5 – Initial Establishment be reworded to make sure there is understanding of who the application panel are, and who to seek help from if Elected members are unavailable.

5.5 Initial Establishment

After having called for nominations and a given application period, the Youth Council Appointment Panel will meet and make a decision. The panel will consist of the current Chair and Deputy Chair, all Alumni/support members and YC Council Elected members. If Elected members are not available, members may be requested to attend from the Community Development Committee.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Katelyn Anderson

Committee were reminded any changes to the Terms of Reference are to be submitted through the Community Development Committee for approval by Council.

Carried

7. MDC ROLE DESCRIPTIONS – CHANGES / ADDITIONS

That the following items be updated to reflect the correct positions within the Youth Council.

Change of Heading for Item 2

Change from “Youth Council Chair and Deputy Chair” to “Youth Council Roles”

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Kate Jopp

Carried

And that two new roles be added under Item 2:

Marketing/Social Media Representative

The Marketing/Social Media Representative will report to the Youth Council on any matters relating to the Facebook page, Instagram profile or any Youth Council media; work alongside Manawatu District Council staff to develop posters, PowerPoints and advertisements for the Youth Council.

Health & Safety Officer

The Health & Safety Officer will work alongside Elected Members and Manawatū District Council Safety and Wellbeing Adviser, to assess all Health & Safety risks at Youth Council events; to complete all relevant paperwork relating to Health & Safety within the Youth Council.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Sadie Bruce

Carried

Changes made to Youth Council Role Descriptions can be made without going to Community Development Committee for approval.

8. COUNCIL BYLAWS SUBMISSION

Manawatu District Council are currently calling for public submissions to the proposed amendments to the Public Places Bylaw. This includes an extension to the Feilding CBD alcohol control area and new control areas include the Highfield Hill lookout, Kowhai Park and Timona Park. Steph Skinner noted the online submissions are still open for us to reply as a committee and it was agreed Luca Luoni would submit on behalf of the Youth Council.

- Youth Council members had a general discussion on the Alcohol bylaw changes, and all members agreed with all the listed alcohol ban areas being extended, hoping safety around the skate park would be improved with this change. They also asked if there would be increased police support by Patrols (Neighbourhood Support and Community Patrols etc.) to help effect this ban in the CBD area.

9. NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT MANAWATŪ YOUTH EXPO

There was general discussion about the postponement of events during 2021 and how much COVID had disrupted the Colour Run, impacted the Young Achievers Awards and now the Youth Expo was being postponed to 19 February 2022.

- Katelyn has been the liaison person with Neighbourhood Support, so Zoe will make contact to carry on the Youth Council involvement.

10. APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2022/2023

The Chairperson called for nominations for the following positions. In the situation where 2 or more nominees were received, a ballot vote would take place.

Chair and Deputy Chair:

Zoe Lister and Finn Macdonald both put their names forward for the Chairs position.

- After ballot vote, Zoe Lister was nominated Chair and Finn Macdonald was nominated Deputy Chair.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Sadie Bruce

Carried

Marketing/Social Media Representative:

Sadie Bruce was happy to reapply for this position. There was no opposition.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Zoe Lister

It was suggested that Sadie shoulder tap one of our new members to assist her, share the knowledge and shadow her in this position.

Carried

Health and Safety Officer:

Amalie Allan wished to be nominated for this position. There was no opposition.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Kate Jopp

Carried

11. MANAWATŪ YOUTH COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2020/2021

The Chair, Luca Luoni presented the Youth Council Performance Report for the 2020/21 term. This report will be forwarded to the Community Development Committee.

Luca Luoni moved that this Annual Performance Report be adopted and forwarded to the Community Development Committee as per the Youth Councils Terms of Reference.

Moved: Luca Luoni

Seconded: Zoe Lister

Carried

12. YOUTH WEEK 2022 – 7TH TO 15TH MAY

There was discussion on the two ideas for Mayors Task Force for Jobs funds which has been held over for us to use in 2022

- NZ Defence force @ Timona Park – Army/Navy and Airforce – floating this idea and exposing students to this idea.
- Tour around the Manawatu – looking at different jobs/careers/businesses/expo

The Military idea was most preferred – but basically it would come down to cost and making contact with the Defence Force collective to see their availability and options.

- Mayor Helen Worboys said all military community involvement had been put on hold until late 2022, but she was happy to take this the next meeting she has with the Ohakea Commander with some Youth Council representatives.
- If we have the Business tour through the Manawatu, there would be bus costs, we will need to make contact with business to get on board, and it would need to be during school time.

Also do we want to have the Youth Carnival again this year in youth week? This needs planning now. Youth Committee members need to bring ideas back in February for planning.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairs leaving report – Luca Luoni presented his chairs report, which is attached to the minutes, and welcomed Zoe Lister into the Chairs role.

14. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items for discussion

15. NEXT MEETING

At this stage, the first meeting planned for 2022 will be Tuesday 8 February 2022, 5.30pm at Manawatu District Council. (Monday is the observed Waitangi day)

- A planning calendar will be published as soon as possible.

16. MEETING CLOSURE

Zoe Lister, Chair closed the meeting at 7.08pm

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES:

- **Manawatū Youth Council Performance Review 2020/2021**
- **Chairs Leaving Report**

- **New committee members** will be invited to join teams so watch for this in your emails
– if you have any problems logging into teams, please see Zoe, Jesse, Sadie or contact Steph. It is hoped to use this platform for our virtual meetings in 2022.

- *Disclaimer - Minutes above were taken from brief notes.*

Manawatu Youth Council Annual Report

- 2020-2021 Term



Over the past two years the Youth Council has transformed from the previously founded Manawatu Youth Ambassadors, and over this time we have achieved many goals. This has included a full revitalisation of the Youth Council as a Community Committee of the Manawatu District Council. This included the formalisation of agendas, minutes and meetings, all of which have been very successful in their implementation.

The Youth Council has worked alongside the Manawatu District Council on numerous occasions, including the very successful Youth Action plan, which was presented at a District Council meeting last year and was fortunately adopted for their Long Term Plan for the next 10 years. The skills that Youth Councillors have learnt through the planning and creating of this Action Plan will continue to benefit them in the future.

We have also run the immensely successful Colour Run, which was unfortunately cancelled for 2021 due to COVID-19, however we were expected to host over 1200 people, up from the 850 in 2020. We hope that this can happen next year, with more suitable circumstances. We spent \$4,544.00 on the colour powder, which we will use again in 2022. In doing so, we will be able to recoup some of the funds from ticket sales before the end of the financial year.

The Young Achievers Awards, we have held in the past two years have been more prosperous than previous years. With record school numbers in 2021, despite significant setbacks due to the COVID-19, the Youth Council did not want to disappoint and held a great night to celebrate the achievements of Manawatu's Young People. This year we had a total sponsorship of \$2,300.00, and expenses totalling \$3,769.60. This included our new award for Exceptional Leadership which has \$100.00 cash prize, and our live-streaming and YouTube recordings. Sponsorships were well received this year, and we thank our sponsors for their generous contribution.

We also held our inaugural Youth Festival, which we organised almost 100% ourselves. This was a good start to this event, and we hope that in the following years, the Youth Council continues with this and that other community organisations and businesses get involved!

The Youth Council has also submitted their opinions on Council activities, with topics ranging from Alcohol Bans in Public Spaces and the new Mangakino Skate Park.

Despite the last few years having consistent interruptions, we are happy with what we have achieved and will strive to do even better. We will always continue to advocate and be the voice of the Young People of the Manawatu on Council.

The Manawatu Youth Council Leadership Team

Chair - *Luca Luoni*

Deputy Chair - *Sarah Lockhart*

Elected Members - *Cr Heather Gee-Taylor, Cr Shane Casey*

Youth Co-Ordinator - *Steph Skinner*

- **Outgoing Chair**

My time on the Youth Council over the past two years has been full of opportunities, both within the bounds of leadership and in terms of personal growth. At my first meeting, I was a shy guy who didn't say much, except for the crazy idea that I wanted to throw myself into the deep end and become the first Chair. Now, I sit before you, a man who will regularly share his opinion without fear of judgement and will always "try" to have a laugh, even when it is at my own expense — thanks Heather.

I have gain immense amounts of Chairing experience, to which many have mentioned how beneficial this will be throughout the course of my life. I wish the next Chair all the best over their term with the initiatives the Youth Council plans to do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have helped me personally and the Youth Council as a whole. Councillor Gee-Taylor, you have always been there to lend a hand and hear me out, I believe that if every Youth Council had a Heather, New Zealand would have a bright future! Councillor Casey, thanks for always checking in on me and giving me tips on my Chairing , it is much appreciated.

To Sarah, thank you for putting up with my Chairing and so expertly taking down what everyone says in such good time. You have been a great addition to the Youth Council and they will miss you. Steph, I once again must say that your work for the Youth Council this year has been amazing and we are so grateful to have had you on board. To Alex, Barbara and Eric, the Youth Council is indebted to your knowledge and hopefully we are able to take the skills you have given us and pass them onto the next "generation" of Youth Councillors of the Manawatu.

The Youth Council of 2020/2021, I want to thank you for the work you have done for the Manawatu District's Young People. Your constant advocacy and guidance is what we have always strived to achieve as the young leaders of our district, so thank you for your continued effort. Although my time here in the Mayors chair has come to an end, I have enjoyed every minute of being a part of the Youth Council, and I will never forget the people I have met or the time I have spent here. The Manawatu Youth Council will always have a special space in my heart, and I will continue to follow what this great community does in the following years.

So with that I would like to resign as the inaugural Chairman of the Manawatu Youth Council. Thank you for your time, patience and encouragement over the past two years.