

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	TIME
TUESDAY 07 AUGUST 2023	6:00 PM

Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Tuesday 20 June 2023, which commenced at 6.00 pm in the Manawātū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Grace Carmen Chairperson  
Jesse Devonshire  
Sadie Bruce  
Corbyn Dekker  
Alyssa Viner  
Shania McLaughlin  
Finn Macdonald  
Amalie Allan  
Sienna Jones  
Sophie McLaughlin  
Cr Lara Blackmore MDC Liaison Councillor

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Bowling  
Eric Schuster  
Janine Hawthorn  
Marie Willis  
Ash Garstang

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MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm.

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APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*The minutes of the Youth Council meeting held 17 July 2023 were noted.*

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Joey Mckechnie took the youth councillors through his report.

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## COLOUR RUN

Marie Willis (Library Programmes Leader) led a discussion on the upcoming colour run event. Three phases for planning; pre-event, the event itself and post-event. The venue is confirmed, but the Harriers need to be contacted to make sure that they can assist with the event.

The paint is currently being planned, pending confirmation of the budget. It is likely to cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,500. The cost of entry was minimal last year and could be increased so that the event breaks even. Around 900 people attended last year's event.

Need to order more wristbands, or an alternative option is to use stamps (may be cheaper). The Rural Fire Brigade usually provides water. They have been contacted and are keen to support this year's event. Need to source a new photographer. Need to buy more cups. Volunteers can be sourced via friends from school. To think about how the event may be made more accessible for those with disabilities.

Loudspeaker – only required for the area where tickets are bought, and other attendees have their own speakers at different stations. A live band may be able to attend although they would need access to power. The Council has a key for access to water and electricity at the site. Marie Willis will pass on the chair contact for the soccer club – the field is used for water slide.

The Crafted and Co. may be a good food option. And drinks could be sold provided that there were enough volunteers.

Need to look into an EFTPOS payment option, alongside a cashflow. The sale lines for paint and tickets should be separate.

Book trestle tables. Need a few people to hang around after the event to help clean the slide and pack it up.

Need to advertise, both physical posters and posts online. And at key sites around town. Put it on EventFinda, Eventbrite and make a Facebook event. Finn Macdonald will bring a trailer to help transport things around.

Last year the first 100 ticket purchases received free paint. Could be a good idea to consider how paint might be distributed prior to the event, to help alleviate pressure on the day. Need to publish some anti-dog posters for the day – Kelly Cording in the Comms team at Council may be able to help with making a post on the Council's Facebook page.

Maybe a good idea to have a dog run held separately after the main run.

Could hold a competition to encourage people to share posts about the event with others (e.g., free tickets as prizes).

Last year parts of the event were live streamed. Rural Lifestyle real estate provided a caravan last year.

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Post-event: need bins for rubbish. There are toilets up where the water slides are and some close to the start. Post “thank you” messages on the Facebook page to supporters and volunteers. Need around 30 volunteers – from schools, the Dude of Edinburgh scheme etc. Need hi-vis vests for volunteers. Joey Mckechnie can MC.

Reach out to St John cadets to get some first-aid qualified people on site for the event.

The Air Cadets may be able to provide items to create an obstacle course.

Amalie Allan will take the lead for planning the event and allocating tasks.

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#### YOUNG ACHIEVERS – GENERAL UPDATE

Joey Mckechnie provided an update on the Young Achievers awards. 105 nominations have been received, and so will be in the stadium and all in one ceremony. It will finish by 7.30 pm. Victoria Sharpe from the Comms team is assisting with the yearbook and photos. Massey Print is the supplier – the yearbook was \$646.20 and the certificates \$62.50.

Joey Mckechnie will delegate the Youth Councillors to the awards.

Joey Mckechnie will invite the Feilding kapa haka to see if they will open the event and do a performance. Need to get confirmation of plants from the Nursery.

Joey Mckechnie will work with Haimona Searancke to record his pronunciations of the award categories and post this in the Teams portal.

Joey Mckechnie, Grace Carmen and several other sponsors / representatives will form a panel to go through and select the award winners.

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#### LEADERSHIP WEEKEND 12 & 19 AUGUST 2023

The Leadership dates are 13 and 19 August. Lara Blackmore advised that there are six youth councillors for each day so far.

Sunday, 13 August – starts at 10.00 am here at Council, and there will be a couple hours of content around personality and teamwork. Also cover personal values. The afternoon will be an escape room activity in Palmerston North, to end by 4.00 pm.

Saturday, 19 August – starts at 10.00 am here at Council, with a couple hours of content in the morning which will be based around a self-reflection of the year so far (as part of the Youth Council) and general review of the events that were held in 2023. The afternoon will be a social activity (to be confirmed) and will end at 4.00 pm.

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#### YOUTH MARKET DEBRIEF

Joey Mckechnie thanked everyone for their support, noting that the event was well attended by the Youth Councillors. There was some feedback around the timing of the

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event – it may have suited better to run the event earlier (e.g., start at 3.00 pm instead of 5.00 pm).

Over 500 people attended, and all stall holders arrived to the event. The stall holders had positive feedback and there were comments around wanting the event to be held more regularly. The Civic Centre was a good location. Next year, we may be able to consider other locations such as Feilding High School. The stall at the front by the band speaker was a little loud, so may need to review the layout for future years. The Civic Centre provided some negative feedback around the unauthorised use of the chambers – the Civic Centre’s soundboard was slightly damaged, which will cost the Youth Council around \$300.

A lot of positive feedback around the bands and kapa haka. There may have been less of a need for as many volunteers as there were, although it could suit better for next year to have everyone assemble prior to the event to help allocate tasks. Could be good to have tables and chairs available as well for people to sit.

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#### ASK THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Joey Mckechnie advised that three new Youth Councillors will be needed for next year. Interviews with the panel will be held end of September, and in early October the applicants will be advised. Joey will upload the timeline to the Teams chat.

Lara Blackmore advised that a regional transport review is being run by the Horizons Regional Council and she has been asked if the Youth Council would be interested in providing a submission. A staff member to come to the 21 August meeting to discuss this in more details.

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#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Amalie Allan, Sadie Bruce and Jesse Devonshire have met with Hannah Hills from the Feilding Health Centre and are coordinating with her on behalf of the Youth Council to create “Door 6”. There is a good budget for it and the services will include both sexual health and mental health, to be opened by 06 February 2024.

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#### MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 7.48 pm.