

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024	6:03 pm



*Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 18 March 2024, which commenced at 6:03 pm in the Manawatū District Council Administration Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.*

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

YC 22-25/172

### MEETING OPENING

Kaea opened the meeting at 6:03pm with a karakia. Sadie put the question to the group “What would you want to become later in life?”

YC 22-25/173

### APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Carlota Ramirez, Ruth Doyle, Abbey Grant, Maia Murphy, Briar Higgie, and Joey Mckechnie.

YC 22-25/174

### MĀORI PARTNERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT

Manawatū District Council’s Kaitohu Aporei – Māori (Principal Advisor – Māori) Jerald Twomey introduced the history of the Manawatū and spoke of the first Māori leaders and how the names of places around the District came to be. Jerald then led an interactive activity with the members locating the marae in the district, followed by a presentation explaining the history and the individual personalities of each marae.

YC 22-25/175

### A SPACE FOR YOUTH

Manawatū District Council’s Community Services Manager Adie Johansen spoke of the new facility in Feilding currently under construction that is going to be the Community Hub, with the name Te Āhuru Mōwai gifted to council by local Iwi Ngāti Kauwhata.

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Adie then explained the meanings of the symbolism incorporated throughout the building and impressing how crucial it is for council to have a relationship with Iwi.

The members broke off into groups to brainstorm what they want to see in the “Space for Youth” that lies empty within Te Āhuru Mōwai, in what ways can council transform this space to make it appealing for Youth in the District to be able to have a safe space to go to relax. Members provided a set of Values that those entering the space need to abide by to make sure those using the space feel safe and comfortable.

YC 22-25/176

### **CULTURAL DAY**

Lara asked the members what they want people that attend the Cultural Day/Youth Market on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 to do, know, think and feel. The potential to fundraise to and get Youth Council uniforms was raised. The remainder of this item has been deferred due to lack of time.

YC 22-25/177

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Finance Officer Ella Bydder presented her forecasted costs for the Festival for the Future costs: Expected to be roughly \$500 per person including ticket price, accommodation, transport and food.

Health and Safety Officer Brooke Wilson updated the group on Feilding High School’s intention to do Shave for a Cure raising funds for the Cancer Society and called for support from the Youth Council. There was a suggestion to advertise this within the Council building to bring attention to the public, as well as any other community noticeboards.

YC 22-25/178

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

Kaea closed the meeting at 8:03 pm with karakia.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024** at 5:30 pm