

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025	6.02pm



*Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which commenced at 6.02pm, Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Pātiki Tahuaroa room.*

**Present:** Kahupounamu Potaka (Chair) Wiremu Bray  
Kaea Tahi-Martin (Deputy Chair) Sam McLean  
Ruth Doyle (Finance Officer) Lavara Makutu  
Mackenzie Carman (Marketing/Social Media) Carlota Ramirez  
Aislinn Kuriger (Alumni Liaison Officer) Finn Macdonald  
Kyle England (Health and Safety Officer) Maarire Komene

**Attended:** Joey Mckechnie (Youth Engagement Co-ordinator)  
Cr Bridget Bell (MDC Liaison Councillor)  
Tori Short (Staff Governance Support)  
Eric Schuster (Community Support)  
Barbara Bowling (Community Support)  
Janine Hawthorn

**Apologies:** Rose Jeffery, Darren Wijerathna, Lara Blackmore

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### MEETING OPENING

Kahu opened the meeting with karakia.

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### APOLOGIES

Rose Jeffery, Darren Wijerathna, Lara Blackmore

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### YOUTH MARKET

The group discussed what progress they have made on the roles they have put their hands up for.

Everyone has vaguely looked into things, but no one has made huge progress yet.

Sam will take photos on the day.

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### YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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- Theme – ‘Youth of today, leaders of tomorrow’
- Award categories – We have 6 different categories that will hopefully align with the schools in our area.
- Plants – We have decided on a Fern and a big shield made in the Makerspace. Kaea is coming up with 3 ideas to have drawn on the shield.
- Guest speaker – Cr Bridget Bell is happy to do this. Being a young councillor it ties in with our theme.
- MC – Chris and a potential YC member co-host.

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### GENERAL BUSINESS

Joey spoke about an opportunity to Christchurch that is coming up. It will be open to all youth in the community to apply for. Flights, accommodation, food and the event ticket will be paid for.

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### MEETING CLOSURE

Kahu closed the meeting at 6.59pm with karakia.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at Te Āhuru Mōwai (Manawatu Community Hub Libraries), the Pātiki Tahuaroa room, on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025** at 6:00 pm.