

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024	6:00 pm



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 19 August 2024, which commenced at 6:00 pm in the Manawatū District Council Administration Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

Present: Sadie Bruce (Chair) Finn Macdonald
 Ella Bydder (Finance Officer) Sienna Jones
 Kahupounamu Potaka (Marketing/Social Media) Madeleine Lloyd
 Rylie Thomas (Marketing/Social Media) Ruth Doyle
 Brooke Wilson (Health and Safety Officer) Annie Coogan
 Abbey Grant (Governance Officer) Sophie Monaghan
 Corbyn Dekker

Attended: Cr Lara Blackmore (MDC Liaison Councillor)
 Eric Schuster (Community Support)
 Barbara Bowling (Community Support)

Apologies: Kae Tahi-Martin, Brian Higgie, Maia Murphy, Mackenzie Carman, Joey Mckechnie, Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere, Carlota Ramirez

YC 22-25/250

MEETING OPENING

The meeting began at 6.00 pm.

YC 22-25/251

APOLOGIES

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YC 22-25/252

FEILDING CBD REFRESH

Ross Patching (Development Navigator) and Lyn Daly (General Manager – Community) spoke to the Youth Council.

Ross and Lynn talked about thoughts and ideas about the development of Feilding CBD.

Project Feilding Town Centre Refresh – bring new perspective.

The aim of the project is to make Feilding a place to connect the vibrant and enjoyable central place to live, work, play and grow.

About 24 years ago there was a refresh done such as clock tower, planter boxes, cobble stones.

The Council is wanting to update the town for a fresh look which is apart of their long term plan.

\$5 million dollars approved from Council to spend over 10 years.

Wanting to partner with other organisations to help develop the town.

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The first year is to focus on planning.

The cobblestones are where the main centre of town that the Council is wanting to update, this was the area that was previously updated about 24 years ago but the Council thinks it is time for a refresh and they have come to us to generate ideas as to what ideas we potentially have for the community.

At end of the presentation we are going to brainstorm some potential ideas that we think would be attractive and beneficial to the community of Feilding and Manawatu.

The Council is wanting the new plan to be active and engaging but also expand how Feilding can cater for a range of age groups in a more modern way.

The purple on the map that was brought to the Council meeting has been highlighted as an area which development plans are already happening. The Council want to connect/partner with these developers/owners of the development area to help update it.

Council's current ideas

MURALS

Wanting to brighten some areas potentially make these murals play areas.

Pavement art.

Lifting the town vibe.

PLANTING

Instead of just having annuals which die off during the year their idea is to get a mix of annuals and perennials so that there are plants all year round even though these plants are not as bright as the annuals there will be something. Annual trees/plants often mean that planter boxes are empty parts of the year due to the growth seasons. The idea of having native are also attractive as they are hearty and connect with New Zealand. They may also be bigger than the annuals that are usually in the planter boxes which can be a good change, but the council doesn't want all the trees to be the same.

Looking at the idea of replacing the maroon rubbish bins and potentially have recycling bins as well.

Maroon colour is out of style- what colour can we replace this with to become more vibrant?

FURGUSON STREET

Potentially turning this into a one-way street because the road is too narrow and it creates problems in this area of town.

Changing the traffic for one way flow to one way for a section of Fergusson and Goodbehere street.

Put in a big sign to show where the biggest attractions in Feilding are.

Manfeild park, makino pool, sale yards, library.

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FOUR QUADRANTS

Used on Friday market.

Looking at change to this area.

Trying to keep this modern and relevant.

Looking at having some concerts of some sort.

Seating is old and plain, designed in a way that isn't convenient.

What do we want this space to be/ look like in the future?

Youth Council's ideas

What do we want to see/have in the town centre?

Eat street in Rotorua.

Attracting tourists – local tourists.

People may tag the murals.

Lynn - murals hopefully wont get tagged as we haven't had any problems with this in the past, Council also seals all the murals so that if they do get tagged it is able to be removed.

What is the issue with these cafes? (wind/shelter).

Planting to be done as well as possible and well as lighting maybe.

Ideas from us to be for us to be able to use in the future for our generation.

Right price area - privately owned but the Council has minimal say in this.

ANOTHER MACCAS

Night club.

Attract people.

Opp shops – is this a big enough attraction?

Old new world? What is it getting turned into, accommodation.

Toilets- refresh cleaner.

4th quarter to turn into a space with shelter.

Friday markets attract the elderly, maybe make another day.

Night market.

Manawatu/Feilding sign.

Incorporating a connection with the field days.

Paknsave – foodstuff says no.

Funding for electric car chargers.

Manfeild- using the indoor part.

Paintball/Lazer tag.

The octagon.

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS UPDATE

Cr Lara Blackmore provided an update. Nominations have to the scoring panels. Joey Mckechnie, Sadie Bruce, Police rep and sponsors to choose the winners.

YC 22-25/254

COUNCIL MEETING 03 OCTOBER 2024

Cr Lara Blackmore is speaking with Mr Patterson in regards to organising a better day.

YC 22-25/255

GENERAL BUSINESS

Guest speakers:

Senior policy analyst - environmental management.

David Gurney - environmental, economic, social.

Lyn Daly – community.

Rep MP- Suze Redmayne and Māori PM Debby – to talk about how the public/youth interact with these MPs to voice the opinions of the youth.

Pose the same questions to all of these speakers.

Connection is key in this space.

Questions

Where is your place?

What's your background, what led you to where you are?

If you went out for dinner, what would you order?

Who inspired you?

What do you want in the future/ where do you see your self?

Ella Bydder asked how the youth council is being promoted to the youth for next year?

Talk about this closer to the time

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MEETING CLOSURE

Sadie Bruce closed the meeting at 7.33 pm.

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The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on **Monday 02 September 2024** at 6:00 pm.