

MANAWATŪ DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING : 21 FEBRUARY 2022

TIME : 7.00PM

LOCATION : VIRTUAL (TEAMS)

Present:

Zoe Lister	Chairperson	Shane Casey	MDC Councillor
Finn Macdonald	Deputy Chairperson	Eric Schuster	Support
Sadie Bruce	Member, Marketing/Media	Steph Skinner	Minutes Secretary
Amalie Allan	Member, H&S Officer		
Grace Boustridge	Member		
Kate Wasley	Member		
Sian Hardie	Member		
Grace Carman	Member		
Jesse Devonshire	Member		
Corbyn Dekker	Member		

ABSENT: Sarah Lockhart and Alex Short

1. MEETING OPENING / WELCOME:

Zoe Lister opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcome our guests, Allie Dunn from MDC, and Tatiana and Ellena from the Electoral Commission.

2. APOLOGIES:

The following apologies for Barbara Bowling, Molly Sheriden, and Cr Heather Gee- Taylor, and Kate Wasley for lateness, were noted.

3. NOTICE OF LATE ITEMS - There were no late items for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the 08 February 2022 Manawatū District Youth Council be approved as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Zoe Lister

SECONDED: Sian Hardie

CARRIED

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- **Youth Council Photos** – Those who have not sent in a photo please send in by Friday 25 February.
- **TOR's** - still pending review from General Manager – Community. Steph to follow up this week.
- **Calendar invites** - will be coming out from Steph for the year – this week

5. LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS - Presentation

Zoe welcomed Allie Dunn, MDC Governance Manager and from the Electoral Commission, Tatiana, Registrar of Electors and Ellena, Youth Advocate to talk about Local Body Elections and how YC can participate and work with council to engage with youth in our community.

- Tatiana said the Palmerston North Electoral office manages 5 electorates.
- Ellena, Youth Advocate has already talked to several youth councils. There are obvious connections with youth and her role, saying we can be experts in our field in being able to excite and instill passion about young adults voting in an election. Its about Education, Confidence and Trust.
- Why do young people not connect with Council? Councils can put out election advertising but it's very broad but when you have the topics and information yourself you can spend time with people to engage. Young people need to know what council does for them and understand they are voting for their council representatives, who will be our councillors for the next 3-year term.
- We need a diverse range of candidates to vote for, and youth is one area you can make a difference. LB elections have the worst turn out for youth voting. How can we support our Rangitāne to engage and stand for election? You need to be at the table. How we have a healthy democracy is having everyone engaged in the process.

Zoe thanked everyone for coming and said we need to Educate ourselves on how the local body elections operate so we can get involved. Collaborating with us at events will be a big start to reaching the Manawatū youth.

6. COLOUR RUN reporting back from sub-committee

Eric, Jesse, Kate, Amalie, Sadie and GraceB to report back on planning for this event in under green traffic light.

- Documents have been loaded into teams – the old plan will be put up.
- They will have a meeting this coming week.
- Contact Parks and Reserves at council to ensure we can use the same application.

7. MTFJ – SUB COMMITTEE PLAN - report back from sub-committee

Sadie, Amalie, Jesse discussed their plan – what traffic light system can we hold this.

- Came to a conclusion it's too hard to organise in COVID RED. Decision to host inside of school and go outside of school, these had pros and cons and the team had some good ideas for businesses to include.
- Sadie has spoken to Mr. Viles and no one on site at FHS until orange light.
- Local business may have their own COVID restrictions in place at their workplace.
- Sub committee solidify either idea. Split the groups up between them eg: Trades, Services, Professional, agricultural (eg: PGG Wrightsons, Farmlands, AG ITO etc.) for each team member to canvas and get their opinion.
- Get in touch with the career's advisers at school on who to approach.
- Look at numbers and restrictions in school

8. YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS THEME 2022

We selected a theme tonight so Steph can organise the Design team to come up with some options for us to use.

Steph to update the timeline for 2022 and send first email out to schools advising them of the event date: 7 November 2022.

After voting, Kaitiaki is our theme for 2022 YAA.

MOVED: Zoe Lister

SECONDED: Grace Boustridge

CARRIED

9. NEW MEMBER TRAINING - held 14 Feb 2022

This was the first time we held new member training, so it is really helpful to have feedback from those who attended on their thoughts and experience on this session. Each new member gave feedback.

What worked? All found it really helpful - really informative, definitely a lot easier to follow the agenda and share ideas in a meeting now - Made me more confident to speak at the meetings - Excellent for people who have not been involved in anything like this before – The whole thing was really good to understand what we do - The lingo

What could we improve on? Having notes written down would be helpful - Easier to engage and ask questions in person, it was hard on screen.

- Steph to send new members the speakers notes.

Should we do this for future new members? Yes definitely

10. ELECTION ENGAGEMENT - Shelley Ashton MDC Communications

As part of the 2022 Council election campaign for Manawatu District Council, the Youth Council have been chosen as ambassadors to encourage people to register and vote, making a difference in our community. We need to be “influencers” of our friends and family/anyone we know.

The Council are exploring using TikTok as a channel to reach our community and want our thoughts:

- Do we think this is an innovative idea to reach young people? •Would we like to participate in this?
- Any thoughts on what we could do? - Feedback to be given to Shelley Ashton.

We agree this in principle – YC members to go away and tweet the medium that you want to work with and look at alternatives to Tik Tok.

- Grace - Creating our own Tik Tok account is a really good idea to engage with youth.
- Sian – we might not reach people old enough to vote and would need multiple ways of promoting it.
- Sadie - Tik Tok hard to get a lot of viewers & demographics for location reach
- Zoe – felt it probably wouldn't reach the target market.
- Amalie – try Instagram? Has Broader reach.

To do this we need to delve into something that is of interest for our age group.

- Steph Invite Shelley Ashton to next meeting.

11. MANAWATU YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CAMP

We need to decide on a location and possible date in order to book and proceed with trip planning.

•Awastone – Grace Carmen

- Cabin and glamping plus a rafting trip with a food café – two nights \$177 per person.
- Short rafting trip 1 night \$140 per person .
- Own tent, Self-catered food \$61 per person with short rafting.

- No dates specified

•**Highland Home** – Jesse

Highland home administrator is away – Jesse to get quotes through Wednesday – activities and team building initiatives.

•**Makoura Lodge:** Steph Skinner

- \$400 up to 12 people, Glenluce Homestead (\$35 extra persons)
- Archery is \$20 pp Axe throwing is \$12pp Mini Highland Games \$25pp
- Suggest: team's scavenger hunt
- self-cater: BBQ dinner / sort food to share, BYO breakfast and what you like to drink
- 9 April 2022 available - plan times closer to the date

Shane Casey said this was an excellent price for Makoura Lodge.

Steph to put out a message for confirmation on those waiting to attend, licence status for car pooling and ideas for evening??

Moved that we go with Makoura lodge for 9 April 2022 and get this booked.

MOVED: Zoe Lister

SECONDED: Sian Hardie

CARRIED

12. MYC TEE SHIRTS

Beauchamp's in Feilding have supplied us with screen printed shirts for the past two years.

Everyone is happy with the supplier, design and colour.

Zoe to organise sizing for members - Everyone send this to Zoe – remember to go up a size or two if you don't want it tight fitting.

Stay with Beacham's Feilding @ \$25.00 printing per tee-shirt and Zoe to purchase tee shirts from the warehouse.

MOVED: Zoe Lister

SECONDED: Finn MacDonald

CARRIED

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Other merchandise items

- Do we want a flag or banner to display at our events? Grace B to present banner idea
 - Grace will do a fabric banner for us, mock-up a design or two - maybe incorporate the Kaitiaki design
 - Commercial Teardrop Banner- Steph and Sadie to work on this and see if we can purchase through MDC at preferred supplier rate.
- Mr. Viles (Feilding High School) asked for a list of FAHS School students who are on the Manawatu Youth Council. This generated the question, do we want MYC pins for our councillors who are at school?
 - Sadie to follow up – YC members didn't see this as a necessity and not all members are at FHS

b) Photos – please send these through to Steph

14. **LATE ITEMS - There** were no late items.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7 March 2022 at 7.00pm via zoom

16. **The meeting closed at 8.39pm**



Banner
ideas

Different kind of banners

Banner pennant shape



Flag



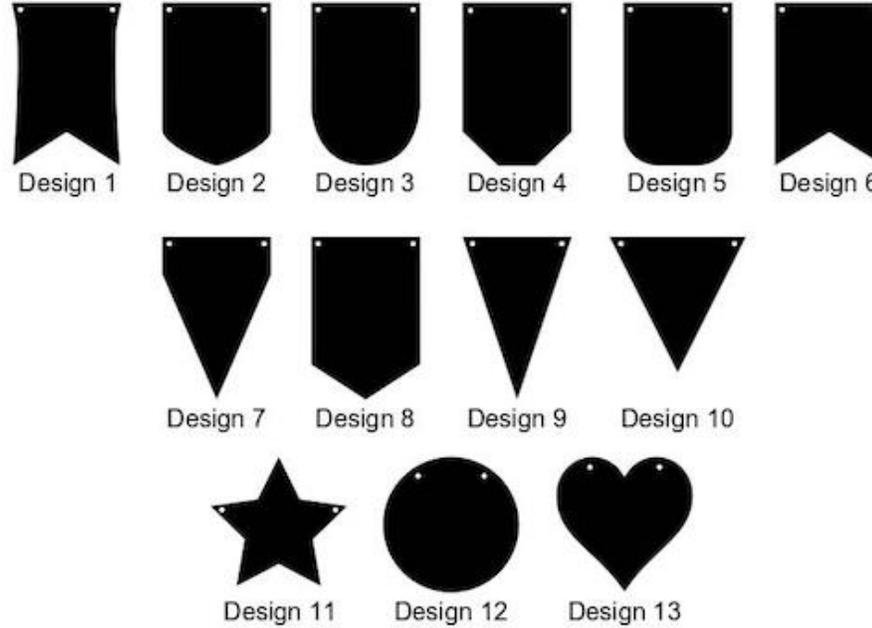
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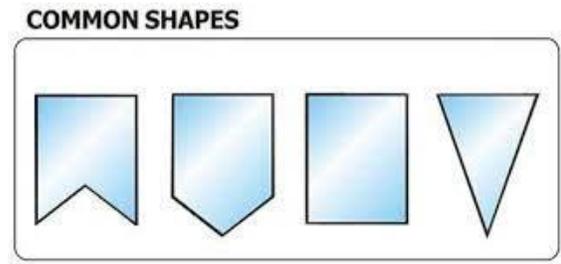
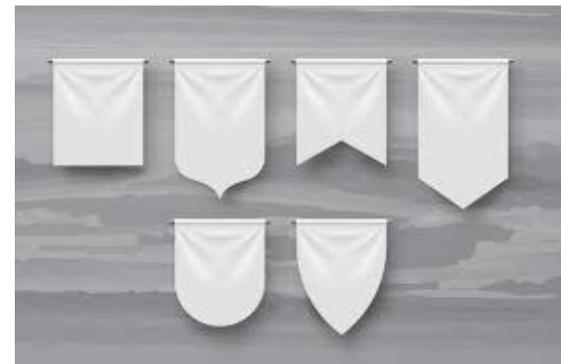
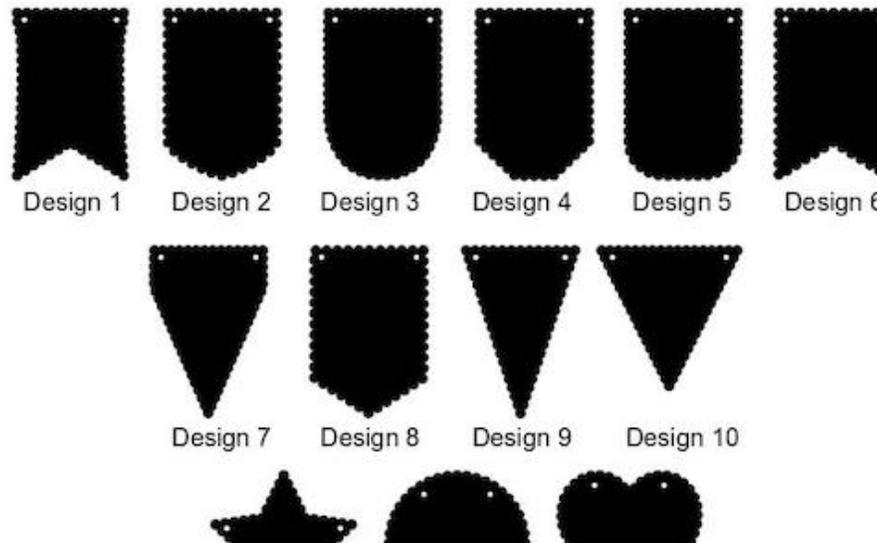
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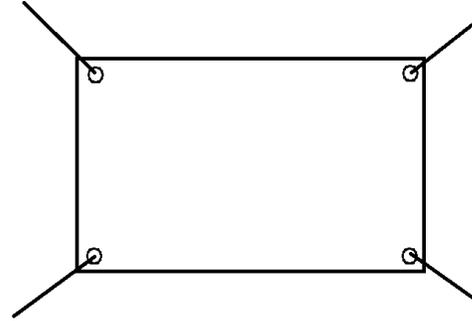
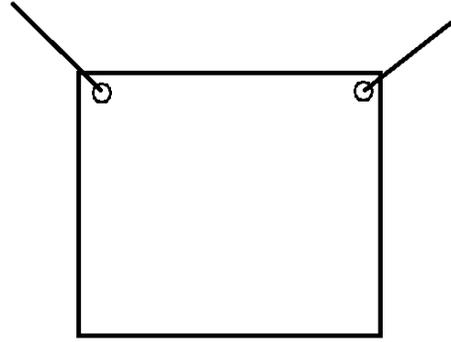
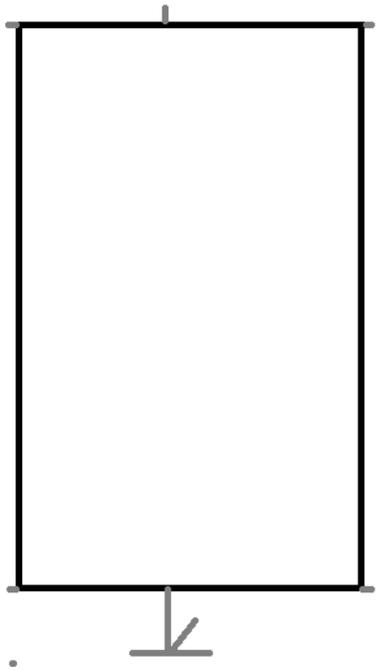
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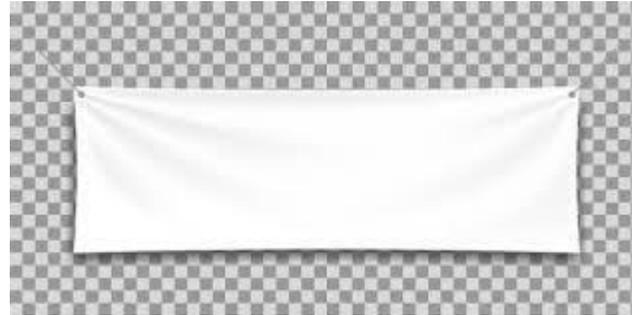




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