



# Manawatu Youth Ambassadors

○ MINUTES ○

November 25<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm-7.00pm



**Chair/Minutes** – Alex Short

**Present** – Eric Schuster, Cameron Casey, Alex Short, Barbara Bowling, Cr Shane Casey, Olivia Bishop-Matthews, Tegan Hardie, Kahu Pomare, Kiwa Pomare, Keilani Gray, Cr Heather Gee-Taylor

**Apologies** – Jacob Hercock, Kate Wasley, Meg Varney

## **Correspondence**

- Just a few follow ups from Young Achievers mainly through Facebook (wanting citations) – Eric has dealt with these

## **Council Update**

- Last week council heard the verbal submissions from community groups around the district for community funding
- There has been recent revaluations done on all properties in the district
- Council is still in the induction phase as councillors are assigned roles etc.

## **Youth Health Survey - Shane**

- Results are back for the Youth Health Survey conducted earlier this year. This was completed by 550 youth. Results were broken down by gender, location, ethnics etc. It is hoped that this could be accomplished annually focussing on a different subject each time. Next time we would run a peer review through the likes of Manchester House, so as we don't miss anything vital. There was nothing too surprising in the results, however these can now be used to help identify services needed in our district and suitable locations.

## **Skatepark Update - Shane**

- The organising committee for the skatepark have been recommended a well suited contractor for the new skatepark from Auckland who is one of the only contractors in NZ who specialises in these projects. They must start by February to get it done before their next projects. Building consent is being run through MDC at the moment to try get things started by then – otherwise we will have to wait for another year!

## Introduction to Youth Strategies

- MDC will be creating a Youth Strategy as a result of the Community Development Plan. We will look around further at youth strategies used elsewhere in the country and will also go through the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa. In early 2020 we will hold a workshop to discuss this further and hopefully invite Rebecca Bell (MDC Strategy manager) to assist us. Some ideas for the strategy discussed were:
  - Sustainability
    - Environment
    - Community
  - Access
    - Education
    - Healthcare
    - Community Facilities
      - Library
      - Pools
    - Employment
    - Leadership opportunities
    - Green Space
      - Parks
      - Playing fields
      - Beaches
      - Bush walks
      - Rivers
  - Active Youth Participation
    - Democratic process
    - Access to leadership
    - Recreation
    - MYA's

All MYA's are encouraged to look at youth strategies used over the country. The few we looked at tonight were Napier City Council, Nelson City Council and Waikato District Council.

## Young Achievers Awards Debrief

Overall the night went extremely well a few things to work on for next time are:

- Number of nominations by schools NEED to be restricted as we are at our limit for the building and it isn't as special when so many people receive awards
- We need to make it clear that each recipient is to receive only one award in the ceremony (not in two different categories)
- Newspaper spread was too early and someone was missed
- Everything should be coming from the mayor's office – sponsor's letters, invitations to schools, request for speakers etc.
- We need clearer communication with the photographer on the night
- Citations NEED to be printed on the back of the certificates!
- Citations probably need to be in earlier so we have enough time to proof read them!

## Actions:

- Alex to talk with Remy Waldteufel-Irvine to see if we can connect with Palmerston North Youth Council in 2020
- Alex to send email to Barbara to then forward onto John Samuela regarding involvement of Hato Pāora School. Young Achievers, MYA etc.

**Christmas get together**

Please respond via the Facebook poll or by email as to which date would suit best for a picnic at Timona Park as our last get together for 2019

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Bring some food to share. Would be great to see you all there!