

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



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

Present: Sadie Bruce (Chair) Corbyn Dekker
Kaea Tahi-Martin (Deputy Chair) Maddie Lloyd
Ella Bydder (Finance Officer) Annie Coogan
Kahu Potaka (Marketing/Social Media) Sophie Monaghan
Rylie Thomas (Marketing/Social Media) Finn Macdonald
Brooke Wilson (Health and Safety Officer) Ruth Doyle
Mackenzie Carman (Alumni Liaison Officer) Briar Higgie
Carlota Ramirez
Maia Murphy

Attended: Joey Mckechnie (Youth Engagement Officer)
Cr Lara Blackmore (MDC Liaison Councillor)
Ash Garstang (Governance Support)
Eric Schuster (Alumni)

Apologies: Abbey Grant
Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere
Matt Pike-Daysh

Absent: Amalie Allan
Sienna Jones
Barbara Bowling

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MEETING OPENING

Kaea Tahi-Martin and Kahu Potaka opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with a karakia. Sadie Bruce asked the members for their highlights from the school holidays.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Abbey Grant, Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere and Matt Pike-Daysh.

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS UPDATE

Joey Mckechnie will talk to Ngāti Kauwhata and Cr Bridget Bell around the awards and their descriptions.

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Joey Mckechnie advised that he had received prices from MDC's Nursery for plants. The Youth Council agreed that Kowhai would be a good option due to its beauty and affordability (\$4.80 per plant).

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CULTURAL EVENT PLANNING

At the last meeting the Youth Council agreed to have sub-project groups looking at performance and entertainment, marketing and promotion, logistics, market stalls and general oversight. The event is currently scheduled for 26 May 2024 and there has been minimal planning. The Feilding Civic Centre books well in advance and any rescheduled date needs to be decided now.

The Youth Council discussed options and agreed on an amended date of 06 July 2024 for the event. The Youth Councillors then split into five groups to begin planning, and reported back to the Youth Council as below:

Performance and entertainment

- The group want performances to start at 12.00 and finish at 3.00. Have a 20 minute break from 1.40 to 2.00 and do spot prizes in this time. Looking at eight to ten performances, of 15 to 20 minutes each. For example, Feilding kapa haka and Pasifika, bag pipes, ballroom dances, highland dances, manukura kapa haka, Diwali performers, the Chinese dragon, drummers, choirs. They would also like an MC. Joey Mckechnie will send some information to the group around Diwali performances and others. Riley Thomas will forward through information around choir groups at Freyberg.

Market stalls

- Discussed liaising with vendors to seek interest. They will look for a couple of food trucks and try to keep it limited to these vendors, as the group wants to ensure that only those with appropriate health and safety certifications are selling food.

Logistics

- Discussed getting rubbish bags and tape for marking out the stalls.

Promotion and marketing

- No update.

Oversight

- Discussed health and safety forms. Maia Murphy will track the actions for all groups. Ella Bydder will do the finances and budgeting and Sadie Bruce will project manage.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Joey Mckechnie advised that:

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- The Palmerston North Youth Services officer requested that a youth member be a part of a rangitane rohu across the lower North Island. The purpose of the group is to catch-up and discuss what their respective Youth Councils are doing.
- The MDC Communications and Engagement Team would like to do a piece on the Youth Council. Joey Mckechnie will send out the questions over email.
- The career expo is taking place 22 May 2024. In 2023 five members attended. Maree Brown from Human Resources invited members to reattend. It will run for two hours (5.00 to 7.00 pm) and members will discuss what the Youth Council does.
- Space for Youth at the new Community Hub. There is \$20,000 and the Youth Council will need to identify what to spend the funds on. Cr Lara Blackmore suggested that this be an item on a future agenda to properly brainstorm the use of the funds.

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MEETING CLOSURE

Kaea Tahi-Martin and Kahu Potaka closed the meeting at 7:35 pm with karakia.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at the MDC Administration Building on **Monday 06th of May 2024** at 5:30 pm