



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 October 2022

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Membership:** YC Lisa Cruywagen  
YC Denise Pio  
YC Leymar Saili  
YC Sofie Kendrick  
YC Paloma Janse  
YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle  
YC Emma Collings  
YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano  
YC Isaac Grant  
Cr Gill Duncan  
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**Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 5.30 pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer**

### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Public Forum**

No public forum.

### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the Youth Council Meeting held on 13 September 2022 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Youth Council Meeting - 13 September 2022

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 13 September 2022 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



## YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 September 2022  
**Time:** 5.30 pm  
**Venue:** Taihape Area School  
26 Huia Street  
Taihape

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**Present**

- YC Lisa Cruywagen
- YC Denise Pio
- YC Leymar Sali
- YC Sofie Kendrick
- YC Paloma Janse
- YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle
- YC Emma Collings
- YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano
- YC Isaac Grant
- Cr Gill Duncan
- HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

In attendance

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**ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1**

**1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer****2 Apologies****3 Public Forum**

No public forum.

**4 Conflict of Interest Declarations****5 Confirmation of Order of Business****6 Confirmation of Minutes****Recommendation**

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 9 August 2022 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

**7 Chair's Report****7.1 Chair's Report - September 2022****Recommendation**

That the tabled or verbal [**delete one**] Chair's Report – September 2022 be received.



## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - September 2022

#### Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – September 2022 be received.

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Submission Opportunity - Future of Inter-regional Passenger Rail

#### Recommendation 1

That the report ‘Submission Opportunity - Future of Inter-regional Passenger Rail’ be received.

#### Recommendation 2

That the Youth Council provide the following comments for input into Council’s submission on the future of inter-regional passenger rail:

- .....
- .....

The meeting closed at **enter time**.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Council Meeting held on 11 October 2022.

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Chairperson

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - October 2022

**Author:** Lisa Cruywagen, Chair

Since our last Youth Council meeting, we hosted Meet the Candidates night. It was a great success with only a few hiccups throughout the night and sound being the main one. As this was out of our, I would say the night ran smoothly. The night gave us a fantastic opportunity to hear the thoughts from candidates based on things we see important. We also got the opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with the candidates to have more in-depth discussions. I want to applaud everyone that was able to make it to this event and making sure that the night ran smoothly by stepping into roles that was not a part of the plan.

I also want to bring light to all the Mahi we have been able to do this year. We had the opportunity to do many wonderful things this year including:

- Our Daytrip at the beginning of the year to get to know each other better and make up our work-plan that we used this year. This was a great trip where we got to know each other better before official Youth Council meetings begun. It was evident from the beginning that you all wanted to learn more about how the politics involved in the Rangitikei District and the wider world works.
- Joining events such as the Careers Expo's that was held in Marton and Taihape. Both times we had to adapt and try new ways to get youth to interact with Youth Council and to get to know the team better.
- Other than that, we also were able to help at the Taihape planting day. Special shoutout to those who went even though there was not a lot of people available to go.
- One of our goals for the year was to redo and reopen The Lobby in Taihape and thanks to our amazing staff who made the space beautiful were able to reopen The Lobby.
- Our latest project that I have already mentioned Meet the Candidates. We had two great planning meetings that help lead us to a successful night

This is my third year on the youth council, we have had awesome people come in and out of the youth council the last three years, but this group has a great dedication and a passion for learning new things. There is always a willingness to learn more and to discuss and debate on things we see as important. I appreciate everyone working their hardest throughout the year and being able to always respect others' views even if they did not align with yours.

I hope you all have an amazing end of your year and to those writing exams good luck. I look forward to hearing about all the remarkable things you will all do in the future.

### Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – October 2022 be received.

**ITEM 7.1**

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - September 2022

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

The passing of our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, dominates our thoughts. All of us have grown up under her rule as Head of State. Never has there been a greater example of service - as a young Queen in 1953 Queen Elizabeth pledged a lifetime of service to her people and she lived to fulfil that promise. First and foremost, our thoughts are of course with her family. We join the world in mourning that loss and we have pledged our allegiance to King Charles III as our King. I have been asked as Mayor to attend the Remembrance Service to be held in New Zealand on 26 September to add our district's voice to the commemoration.

This Council meeting is the final meeting for the triennium. As such it is fitting that those Councillors who are not standing are acknowledged and have the right to have a valedictory speech to express their views of the past, present and future for Council. Council farewells Councillors Ash, Panapa, Gordon and Belsham - all of whom have served this district with distinction. Councillor Gordon and Deputy Mayor Councillor Belsham have had the added responsibility of chairmanship where their input has been invaluable. For those of us standing who may or may not be returning to this table, good luck. Congratulations to Councillors Coral Raukawa, Brian Carter, Tracey Hiroa and the incoming new Councillor Jarrod Calkin.

Often there are thoughts and criticisms that the last Council should not make decisions that could or should be made by the new Council. This is something that Councillors should consider but the reality is that many of the decisions before us today need to be made before Council effectively rests for the next two months.

On 21 September I will be one of six Mayors throughout the country taking our concerns over roading to the Board of Waka Kotahi in Wellington. Mayors meeting with the Board is unusual and signifies our concerns over the maintenance state of both local and national roading networks. We also question that successive Governments follow a three-year cycle with limited long term views over roading priorities. Hopefully this meeting will result in a closer future working relationship with Waka Kotahi and Government.

I have attended a number of Fire Brigade events over the last few weeks honouring the service of our volunteers. One of the highlights was going to the opening of the new Fire Station in Taihape. My congratulations go to Chief Fire Officer Curly Troon and the brigade for the business case work to make this happen.

My congratulations also to the organisers and presenters of the Bio-Polymer seminar held at Te Matapihi on 8 September. The information was well presented and painted a potentially fantastic future for our district and the environment.

On 30 August at Rangatira the Rangitikei River Catchment Collective held their AGM. The number of collectives is growing and the work that they do for the environment is spectacular. Roger Dalrymple, Mark Chrystall and the team need to be applauded for their efforts.

I have been approached by Mayor Don Cameron, Ruapehu District Council (copy of letter attached – Attachment 1) requesting funding from councils relating to the North Island Main Trunk Railway. Funding is for an application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case. Rangitikei District Council's share would be \$3,500.

Finally, my last message to the community is to please vote. Too often we don't engage but criticise later.

## Mayors Engagement

September 2022

1	Attended Reforms Update Zoom Attended BA5 at Pokapu Gallery Bulls
2	Attended Ngati Hauiti Planting Day in Taihape Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team Zoom Meeting
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Audit & Risk Meeting Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting
6	Attended RCA Forum in Wellington
7	Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Taihape Network Meeting Attended CE Performance Review Process Meeting
8	Attended Goodbye to Plastic Packaging Symposium
9	Attended PTWG Co-Chairs Briefing Attended PTWG ZOOM meeting
10	Attended Taihape Fire Station Opening
12	Attended meeting with new Rural Police Officer
13	Attended Taihape Rotary Meet the Candidates Public Meeting
14	Meet & Greet: RDC MRH Project Director Attended Celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: Aotearoa Reorua - Bilingual Towns and Cities
15	Attended Council Workshop Attended PTWG Final Endorsement Zoom Attended Reforms Update Zoom
16	Attended TRAK Workshop Attended Review of Presentation to Waka Kotahi Board Meeting Zoom
17	Attended Bunnythorpe Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Honours
19	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended NZDF Base Ohakea Meeting re Defence Issues relevant to Manawatu
20	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended MRH Board Meeting – Environment Court Update

## ITEM 8.1

	Attended BonnyGlen Trust Meeting – Funding Applications Attended Scotts Ferry Rural Women Meet the Candidates Evening
21	Attended Waka Kotahi Board Meeting in Wellington Attended Meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended Bulls & District Historical Society informal community meeting
22	Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Zoom Meeting Attended St Joseph’s School Taihape – mural unveiling Attended BA5 Meeting in Marton
23	Attended LGNZ Zoom Workshop on Transport issues
24	Attended Taihape Spring Fling
25	Attended Rotary Meeting
26	Attended State Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II in Wellington
27	Attended Council Workshop Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended 3W Reform Impact on Rural Water Schemes Zoom (Clive Manley) Attended Meet the Candidates Evening at RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall
28	Attended 4 Weekly RDC/Police ZOOM Update Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
29	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended End of Triennium Dinner

**Attachments:**

1. Ruapehu District Council letter to Mayors and Chairs re funding for NIRP [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the Mayoral Update – September 2022 be received.



# RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

4 August 2022

Dear Mayor or Chair

## Application for funding from Councils

Ruapehu District Council delivered and distributed the NIRP (North Island Regional Passenger) Rail High-Level Feasibility Study to the 20 Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway group at the end of 2021. Many thanks go to the Councils who all funded the High-Level Feasibility Study.

The study builds upon earlier work by KiwiRail, and the recently completed Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Rolling Stock Project Detail Business case (DBC). Together, these documents make up the initial NIRP Strategic Assessment, with key deliverables being (a); an outline of the for change, and (b); an overview of the strategic context.

Since December 2021, we have had multiple discussions with the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) over the last couple of months. The purpose for the meetings, was to understand our required actions, timetable and funding options available to progress the NIRP business case development. From out of those meetings, we have an understanding of required actions and a timetable.

Following New Zealand government 'Better Business Case' guidelines, and the advice received through our engagement with funders, the recommended pathway is for NIRP to proceed to an Indicative Business Case (IBC), followed by a Detailed Business Case (DBC).

## Time constrained opportunities

NIRP must align with the LNIRIM Rolling Stock Project timeline to create synergies and economies of scale. That timeframe is explained in detail within chapter 12 of the LNIRIM DBC and section 5.3 of the NIRP High Level Feasibility Report.

To maximise the 'value' opportunity, the NIRP project must be adequately defined, to enable input into the LNIRIM procurement and design, from early 2024. The investment proposed for NIRP must be formally approved by funders by mid-2025 to align with LNIRIM.

Past a certain point of progress of the LNIRIM procurement, the NIRP opportunity to benefit from economies of scale will quickly erode. The lengthy Detailed Business Case and Indicative Business Case timeframes, prior to project funding approval, ultimately drive the requirement to submit the Indicative Business Case funding application, with urgency in September 2022.

## Scale of Next Steps

The projected estimation for a NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) is likely between \$500,000 and \$1 million but will depend greatly on its scope, as the outcomes of other passenger rail initiatives currently studied from Auckland to Wellington and the Minister of Transport's position on the next

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New Zealand Rail Plan review will likely influence funding agencies' requirement with regards to NIRP.

Key government funding sources for the IBC and DBC, include the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), and Local authorities have their own planning processes in 2023/2024 for funding passenger transport studies through the 2024-2034 Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).

To meet the proposed timetable, we must apply for government funding of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) by mid to end of September 2022. To support the IBC funding application, a scope of work has been identified as requiring a budget of \$80,000. The scope includes:

- Technical Strategic Summary
- High Level NIRP Benefits Framework
- High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast
- Iwi/hapū Engagement

Further details on these elements of scope are provided below:

#### High Level NIRP Options Analysis and High level Benefits Framework

This will be informed by previous works carried out on the initiative, neighbouring rail planning projects, and an institutional knowledge base related to passenger rail worldwide. This framework will provide a comprehensive list of benefit categories that regional rail services are likely to produce. Each category of benefits will be categorised between tangible and intangible benefits. The framework will document accepted standard and practice for benefit measure, and opportunities to integrate environmental and social benefit quantification along with transport's benefits.

The framework will be documented on an excel spreadsheet, supported by technical notes, and will be reflective of funder's expectations. For example, environmental benefits could be expressed in the format prescribed by the CIPA team of the Ministry for the Environment, to easily inform a CERF funding bid.

#### Initial High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast

Most benefits linked to passenger rail will have to be quantified as function of patronage. The Patronage Demand Forecast will be based on a simple population and uptake models applied on a limited arbitrary set of service patterns. The aim of this initial demand forecast will be to validate the benefit framework and instil confidence in funders that further study of the opportunity is warranted.

For clarity, this does not include the validation via stakeholder engagement, nor does it include any longitudinal analysis of trends. While limited in the depth of its approach to meet timing and budget constraints, this initial approach to the quantification of benefits will set the foundation for all future Cost Benefit Analysis on the initiative.

#### Iwi/hapū Engagement

Ruapehu District Council will be in the process of engaging with iwi/hapū along the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT), using consultants who work in this field. The role of the consultants will be to provide information on the NIRP project, including progress through the business case process. This process in turn, allows for iwi/hapū to partner in the NIRP project in a Rangatiratanga role. Funding for a consultant at this initial stage, will allow for engagement to begin, including agreement on a deliverables template.

NIRP can encourage an alternative pathway to 70+ years of "urbanism". As a result, Māori communities that allowed access to their land from 1885 to build the railway, in exchange for the promise of economic benefits, may have a chance to see their tamariki grow and flourish on their land, rather than in a distant city.

#### **The \$80,000 interim funding gap**

Ruapehu District Council has committed \$10,000 towards the Indicative Business Case funding application. There is therefore a balance of \$70,000 needing to be funded by the 20 Councils on the



North Island Main Trunk (NIMT). A one-off cost of \$3,500 per Council will allow for the Indicative Business Case (IBC) application to proceed in time to meet the September 2022 deadline.

**Value for Money**

Ruapehu is proposing to re-engage our technical advisory resources on a direct appointment basis. Direct appointment results in a time saving of between 3 and 6 months, in comparison with a tender process. Our current high-calibre team have a proven track record on domestic and international rail projects. As well as detailed “nuts-and-bolts” knowledge of technical aspects, the team has demonstrable capabilities in the economic assessment methodologies for rail projects.

The rates used in the high-level NIRP programme and scope of works estimates, were benchmarked on competitively tendered rates, carried forward from LNIRIM. Value for money on pricing and methodology, has been demonstrated by the successful delivery of the LNIRIM DBC. The LNIRIM DBC has been peer reviewed and technically reviewed by multiple government agencies.

In earlier correspondence (20220121 NIRP Tech Team Mtg MINUTES), it was proposed that an indicative budget of \$1.5 million be set for producing the NIRP DBC. It also noted that Greater Wellington had a budget of \$5 million for the LNIRIM DBC, subsequent procurement and delivery process, approved through Waka Kotahi’s NLTF in Budget 2020.

Ruapehu’s technical advisor team have responded to our request for pricing with a proposed baseline NIRP IBC/DBC budget that is substantially less than the \$1.5 million proposed. As we develop the IBC application, we will be in a position to disclose further budget details, and proposed scope of work.

In summary, Ruapehu calls upon our fellow Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway, to agree to each put in an equal contribution of \$3,500 / Council, towards an application to government agencies, to fund the bulk of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC).

Ngā mihi nui



Don Cameron JP  
**MAYOR**

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Final Youth Council Meeting for 2022

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Rangitīkei Youth Council further involvement and development with Manawatu Youth Council moving into 2023.
- 1.2 Rangitīkei Youth Council to facilitate and lead events over the summer period, alongside the Strategic Advisors for Youth.
- 1.3 Rangitīkei Youth Council to set a date for end of year dinner celebration.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 Manawatu Youth Council are attending our last meeting in October. The point of this introduction is to liaise with and determine common ground/shared interest moving forward to serve our communities collectively. These options could include joint Submissions to Central Government, collaboration on inter-district events, support of initiatives in each district, Comms support, where possible, combination of resources for the most benefit to youth, building a database of Youth Council's around the country with the intention to form a forum and so on.
- 2.2 The Rangitīkei Youth Council workplan for 2022 indicates summer events will be facilitated and run by RYC. One in Taihape, one in Marton. These could include but are not limited to open mic nights, community movies, talent shows, sports comp, pool parties, a summers ball, dance off, community concert, karaoke nights, skate comp.
- 2.3 Traditionally a group dinner or trip to River Valley in December has been our end of year celebration. It sets out accomplishments for the year and projects for the next years Youth Council to carry on with or complete. It is up to you as a group to decide what you would like to do.

#### 3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 Invite Manawatu Youth Council to the table to discuss potential interests.
- 3.2 Discuss event options over Summer.
- 3.3 Discuss end of year celebration options.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Consider, discuss and report the cost to the Youth Council for each point/task.

#### 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 These are the final tasks for consideration for the 2022 Rangitīkei Youth Council.

**Recommendation 1**

That the Final Youth Council Meeting 2022 report in received.

**Recommendation 2**

That Rangitīkei Youth Council make a decision with future action points in regards to further communication/collaboration with Manawatū Youth Council.

**Recommendation 3**

That Rangitīkei Youth Council decide either on a meeting date to further discuss summer events or commit to two events to run over summer, one in Marton, one in Taihape.

**Recommendation 4**

That Rangitīkei Youth Council decide a date for their final dinner/event celebration for the year.

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Feedback on Meet the Candidates

**Author:** Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide feedback to the Rangitikei Youth Council on their event 'Meet the Candidates' held 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at Memorial Hall, Marton.

#### 2. Context

2.1 Rangitikei Youth Council hosted and led 'Meet the Candidates 2022' a forum for local body candidates to address the Community. There were three sections. Icebreakers, pre-set questions and Community questions. The floor was then opened to the community, and lastly, a shared Community supper was provided.

#### 3. Discussion and Options Considered

3.1 The following feedback has been received.

3.2 Gill Duncan – Congrats on last night's event. It wasn't easy, acoustics were feral! You all did so well. All the very best.

3.3 Simon Loudon – Thank you for organising the event this evening. It was very well run and appreciated by myself, and I am sure, all the other candidates. Please pass on my thanks and best wishes to your Youth Council. What a wonderful group of people. Rangitikei should be proud. Lastly the Rangitikei College kapa haka group were outstanding. Well done.

3.4 Attendee – I had to leave because the acoustics were just awful with my hearing aids. The youth did so well in navigating that. Supper was amazing, I came back to mix and mingle and share in supper.

3.5 Felicity Wallace - Here are some photos from last night. Thank you to the Marton Youth Council for doing such a great job.



**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 This event cost Youth Council \$827.65.

**5. Conclusion**

5.1 There were mixed reviews.

**6. Decision Making Process**

6.1 Going forward, what can we learn? What can we celebrate?

**Recommendation**

That the Feedback on Meet the Candidates report be received.

**11 Meeting Closed**