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YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 18 September 2023

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: YC Paloma Janse

Deputy Chair: YC Denise Pio

Membership: YC Maia Cross
YC Shanelle Protorious
YC Kjetil Twomey
YC Rhody James Parker
YC Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle
YC Emma Collings
YC Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano
YC Anahera Bennett
YC Brylee Coley
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Fi Dalgety (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson

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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 Monday, 18 September 2023 at .

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 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 as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Youth Council Meeting held on 21 August 2023** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Youth Council Meeting - 21 August 2023**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Youth Council Meeting held on 21 August 2023 [**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.



RANGITIKEI

YOUTH COUNCIL

making our youth heard

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION Taihape Area School

DATE: 21st August 2023

ATTENDEES: Paloma Janse, Denise Pio, Maia Cross, Charlotte Tuuta-Kyle, Brylee Coley, Cr Gill Duncan, Cr Jeff Wong, HWTM Andy Watson

APOLOGIES: Emma Collings, Fuatai-Rose Mefiposeta-Satano, Anahera Bennett
Cr Fi Dalgety

TIME: 5.30 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

WELCOME/PRAYER Kelly Widdowson opened in Karakia.

CHAIRS REPORT Paloma (Chair) welcomes everyone to the meeting, and reminds everyone that standing orders have been dropped from youth council meetings going forward.

So everyone is able to speak freely as we move through the agenda items for open discussion.

NOTE Youth Council made the decision to drop Standing Orders for meetings going forward. This came with much discussion around Standing Orders being a barrier for Councilors to speak freely and openly in this space, and felt a creative block through such formal processes that take a fair amount of time to learn.

Youth Council decided they would rather take part in Standing Orders workshops through the year as there is value in these processes and knowing they have their place. This could be moved alongside Parliamentary workshops.

Connecting with other Youth Councils and their processes with standing orders will help youth council in the future.

Formal recommendations will be made to Council when necessary and noted in the minutes.

DISCUSSION

DECLARED CONFLICT None

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Confirmed

MAYORS REPORT Received

Approximately forty applicants for the new Chief Executive role to be processed. Stone company will be short listing and then a vigorous interview process will determine the final candidates. Each candidate is expected to know SO MUCH about the District for which they are applying to lead. If they cant answer simple questions, they are eliminated as candidates. Andy asked Youth Council – If you could ask one question, what would be your top question. Best answers were: Charlotte – Why. Why do you want this role. Why should we pick you. Why will you be the best candidate for the role. Brylee – What would you do in your first day (or 100 days). Are you happy the way things are or what do you think needs to change. Opportunity for Youth Council to formalize a request to Council to consider asking questions from Youth Council. Great discussion around off shore candidates vs NZ residents & the interview process.

The new Taihape block is opened. Alongside that, a tree was planted in honor of King Charles coronation, survived 3 hours in the ground before it was ripped out.

Spain won the world cup. Discussion around the inappropriate haka. Why it was inappropriate and the apology given by Spain.

REQUEST

Cr Gill Duncan requested Youth Council to promote “Mud Shout” on all their socials for our farmers. This is a free event for local farmers, acknowledging the current struggle and need for connection amongst the farming community.

The poster for the 'Mud Shout' event features a close-up of a dog's face at the top. Below the dog, the Heartland Services logo is displayed with the text 'Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua Heartland Services'. The main text reads: 'INVITE NORTHERN & CENTRAL RANGITKEI FARMERS TO A MUD SHOUT Friday 25th August 2023 – 5PM onwards Taihape Golf Club'. It also states 'Light food & some drinks provided.' and provides contact information for Louise: 'Text or email Louise by 22nd August with your name and number of people in your group for catering purposes. Taihape.Heartlands@outlook.com or 021 462 238'. A note at the bottom says 'Central and Southern Mud Shout will be held early September.....details will be sent out later in August'. Below the poster, a list of sponsors is shown with their logos: 'Thanks go to the following sponsors: Taihape & Ruapehu VETERINARY Services, Heartland Services, Farmlands co-operative, NZDFA Taihape Ruapehu Branch, ravensturn, hautapu rural supplies, Ballance, RUSTIC STEAK HOUSE, TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB, PGG Wrightson, RUAPEHU FARM SUPPLIES, and HVC YOUR CLUB'.

REQUEST

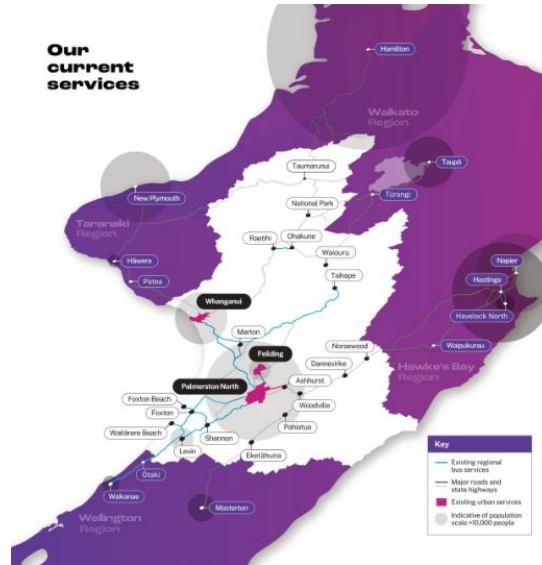
Cr Jeff Wong bought in a whole lot of surveys from Horizons Regional Transports to ask Youth Councils perspective. This is based around public transport routes, and the amount of funding currently given to public transport.

All Councilors completed and mailed their submission.

The online version of this submission can be found and completed here

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Paloma thanked everyone for their input and for a smooth first meeting with no Standing Orders. A presentations and brainstorming workshop will follow tonight's meeting, based on Youth in Libraries.

MEETING CLOSED

6.32pm

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - September 2023

Author: Paloma Janse, YC

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide a verbal update.

Recommendation

That the verbal Chair's Report – September 2023 be received.

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Mayors Report - 31 August 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon, I am sorry for the length of this report but so much is happening. I am writing this on 22 August ahead of the Council meeting to be held on the 31st, so I apologise for any changes. It seems like politics and national direction ahead of the general election changes day by day.

On Friday 18 August Peter Beggs left to take up his new position in Christchurch so Kevin Ross the Council appointment Interim Chief Executive took up the role on the following day. Thank you Kevin for stepping in and it certainly makes things easy when you seem to know most of our locals, iwi and neighbouring chief executives. The speed with which you have been able to grasp the key issues and vast amount of work ahead for us has been very impressive. Applications close this week to select the new chief executive and I have been advised by Jackson Stone the recruitment agency that there has been significant interest in the position.

With the upcoming national elections in less than eight weeks each political party has been parading their policies and initiatives, although it is cynical to say to there is an element of vote catching rather than attempts to deal with issues. Tomorrow I travel to Parliament to hear Ian McKelvie one of our MP's giving his valedictory speech as a retiring MP before the House rises. Ian's service to Local Government and then to the country has been incredibly impressive, he was the Mayor of the Manawatu District from 2002 to 2011 and then he was elected to be the National Representative for the Rangitikei from 2011 to now. We acknowledge the 21 years of service and wish him well - knowing Ian it is unlikely to be a total retirement.

The Local Government Conference was held in Christchurch on 26-29 July. Dave Wilson our Deputy Mayor attended with me and he has written his own report which I am sure he will want to speak to. Conference this year was significant - it came ahead of the national elections and the mayors, councillors and chief executives were looking for clarity on policy and positions especially on the Water and RMA Reforms. The Conference opened with the outgoing president of LGNZ Stuart Crosby giving his address focusing on the challenges of social media and that Local Government is poorly regarded and poorly funded. His view was that "Local Government was not designed for New Zealand as it is now". I tend to agree - we are being asked to do more and take on many new roles however the accolades given to us by the Government over the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs were vocal and genuine. We have performed well and it is widely acknowledged. Stuart ended by saying that the LGNZ Board is too large and needs reforming. The question I have is if that is the case, and I support that position, surely he as President had the opportunity to drive that reform. I am hoping that reform does happen and the new President will see to it as a priority.

The next part of the Conference was to elect a new president for LGNZ. This position is critical, LGNZ is our conduit to Government and the President is heavily involved with senior ministers and the Prime Minister representing us. The presidency was hotly contested with Sam Broughton the Mayor of Selwyn winning a close fought race. I would like to acknowledge the other candidates Dan Gordon (Waimakariri Mayor) and Neil Holdom (New Plymouth Mayor). Neil in particular has done some incredible work with Waka Kotahi and has influenced recent shifts in their thinking regarding road maintenance.

Christchurch welcomed delegates with open arms, and it truly is a city reborn, the new conference centre is exceptional and the transformation of the central city, while not complete, is amazing.

The breakfast session on the 27th presented by Francis Valintine was incredible and a Conference highlight. Francis gave insights into New Zealand as it will be. New Zealand is under-populated and will be a haven for new immigrants as the global temperatures rise, essentially people will move north and south to escape heat and we are an incredibly attractive destination. Global birth-rates will continue to decline with couples in many countries electing to have fewer than two children. In New Zealand that trend is true for our European or Pakeha populations however our Pasifica and Maori populations are almost unique in reversing that trend. As our population ages by the increase in life expectancy we will be heavily reliant on the Maori and Pasifica workforces. The ageing population is a significant issue - when the Government of the day put in national super the life expectancy on "super" was not much more than a couple of years, however it is now I think around about 11 years.

Francis also spoke about artificial intelligence which has appeared over not much more than the last couple of years. The discussion is now not if it should happen but how it will affect us, the genie is truly out of the bottle. ChatGPT4 programmed initially in one computer language and in English can now converse in 95 languages including Te Reo and understands every known computer language and it has acquired these skills itself. What is even more scary is that it has learned to manipulate human behaviour to accomplish physical actions that it can't perform.

Dave and I split up to take in different breakout sessions to get the best use of our time. As such I attended the Good Governance for CEO Pay Workshop run by Strategic Pay and took in the notes from Implementing the new RMA Reform from another session. There were several good points made by Strategic Pay but generally the system we used in the Annual Plan process was best practice. The points that we should consider are-

- a. When setting KPI's for a new chief executive ask the chief executive for their opinions (something we do).
- b. Typically there should be a six month performance review although a yearly one should be more formal and structured.
- c. Best to avoid a bonus payment.
- d. Standard leave is four weeks.
- e. The need for a policy on review periods for chief executive pay backed by data received March and September.
- f. It is wise to include a policy that job sizing/salary is reviewable (this is important if Three Waters goes).
- g. Don't have too many KPI's, 6-8 are usual and there were a number of suggested KPIs included in the workshop.

The Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs breakfast session was well attended and as I said incredibly acknowledged by Government and the opposition. We now have two years funding guaranteed. I have attached to my report the end of year Financial Report for the Rangitikei, something that I am obliged to do but also something our district can be proud of. Attached are photos of the MTFJ Roadshow bus.

I am not wanting to steal all of Dave's Local Government Conference points that he wishes to raise and will leave some of the other reporting on sessions to him. Conference is about conversations

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that happen between elected members, colleagues, government officials and a host of other businesses, NGOs etc. This is the true value for me, the time speaking to Nicole Rosie for example the Chief Executive of Waka Kotahi and other districts about roading concerns holds the highest value. I would encourage all councillors to attend Conference in their term of office.

On Saturday 12 August I opened the new Nga Awa Block (Taihape Amenities Block) in Taihape. In doing so I apologised to Taihape Rugby, we had hoped that the facilities would be open for this season however Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle delays held us up. It was opened within budget and looks fabulous. My sincere thanks go to many people, but I wish to especially thank past councillors Angus Gordon and Ruth Rainey for driving the project, initiating the conversations and insisting on action rather than words. Once the decisions were made staff member Adina Foley acted as Project Manager and her commitment was total, thankyou Adina for the result. We also need to acknowledge our principal funders Lotteries and Four Regions Trust and ratepayers of the entire region.

On the same day we planted a beautiful totara tree to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III in Taihape. Unfortunately it was pulled out post-ceremony but will be replanted.

Marton RSA have asked if a similar coronation tree could also be planted at Marton Park which, together with a plaque of acknowledgement, would need to be funded by council rather than the DIA (Department of Internal Affairs). I have put a recommendation to council as part of my report and attach the letter of request.

Government has now enacted or made into law the Three Waters legislation. The revised legislation has “stood up” 10 different water entities of which we are in Entity E made up of the Horizons Regional authorities. Who knows what will happen following the election? If National wins or forms Government in a negotiated partnership they have said that they will repeal and replace however as we don’t know quite what that means all I can say is that interesting and challenging times lie ahead of us. Putting together an LTP in this uncertainty will be difficult.

Our district as part of Local Government are in what is called Zone 3. This includes councils from Gisborne/Wairoa down to Tararua and councils from Horowhenua to New Plymouth. Many of these councils were significantly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. The next Zone meeting, which I co-Chair, will be in Central Hawkes Bay and I encourage this council to consider attending, although accommodation in Central Hawkes Bay is a challenge. The conversations at Zone will include the proposed Government/Local Government buyout of cyclone affected properties – a conversation that may set precedence for New Zealand. I have attached the draft Zone 3 agenda as a guide to councillors to consider.

I attended the Marton Volunteer Fire Brigade Awards Night 10 days ago, something that I try to do each year. Unfortunately I missed the Bulls Awards Night and I would like to apologise for that, there is no excuse I can only apologise. These awards nights are the recognition of thousands of hours of service to the community and our thanks should be recorded not only to the membership but the families and employers that allow it to happen. I have attached a photo of the Marton Fire Brigade, the last Fire Brigade event that Ian McKelvie will attend.

One of the most challenging issues we have at the moment is the state of our roading network and our need to complete a roading procurement, in other words which company maintains our network. The Government have also just released for consultation the GPS for Roding (Government Policy Statement) which gives an indication of where they see roading priorities being. Within the Government roading considerations are the promotion of EV vehicles, safety with the Road to Zero campaign, rail, shipping, light rail spend in Auckland and maintenance amongst others. It is important that we submit on this - we constantly need to argue that maintenance should come

first. We have just had an increase in the FAR roading rate (financial assistance rate) which means that 66% of our roading network costs will be met by Waka Kotahi on work that we both agree to. This is a win for us and I have thanked Waka Kotahi.

On 17/18 September LGNZ is holding a Choose Localism Hui in Wellington where they will discuss a consensus position on the Future for Local Government Report. We need to be able to have our say on what Local Government should be delivering and voice this to the new incoming Government and as such I would strongly encourage elected members to attend this hui.

I will now briefly highlight a number of local issues -

1. Congratulations to past Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham and the team at BJW Motors for the opening of their extended workshop and the rebranding to AC Delco.
2. Please wherever you can promote the “Connect the Dots” Regional Transport Priority document. Councillor Jeff Wong is being fantastic in this space arguing for an improved local transport network connection. Contact him if you need help.
3. I asked in my last update to support the Women’s Football World Cup and I attended the regional welcome to the Spanish Team. If New Zealand couldn’t win it is it great that a team stationed in our region did.
4. On 8 September Mangaweka School will have a day at the Mangaweka Campground and will be presented with an Environ Award. My thanks to the principal Memory Lyons for the invitation to myself and any councillors who wish to attend.
5. Attached is a photo of the Memorial Hall in Marton being used for the recent “Toy Dog Show” and yes they are real small dogs. The reason for the photo and my comment is that they went to great lengths to protect the floor by putting mats under every cage and walkway. Thank you for this consideration and I now know a little more about the different types of spaniels.
6. I attended a vaping/smoking workshop recently. Vaping has become an enormous social, health and educational issue. Government is looking to lower to the number of vaping outlets which is great but the risk is in my opinion that they will just be sourced on the internet and procurement will be driven underground which may not be a great result.
7. An update was received by my office from Rangitikei College scholarship recipient Erin Wigglesworth during the month. Erin is studying engineering at the University of Canterbury and is finding her studies challenging but enjoyable. It is always pleasing to hear reports back from our rangatahi about how they are succeeding as a result of our scholarships.

Finally, there has been a request to work with TAS (Taihape Area School) as they rebuild their school. Their request potentially asks for use of some of our park space and as such we will engage with park users to talk further. Ours and the community’s overriding considerations should be to support the school.

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Mayors Engagement

August 2023

1	Attended meeting with Principal Rangitikei College Attended LGNZ Zoom re engineering issues Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
2	Attended Finance mini-workshop on LTP Attended monthly Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended farewell dinner function for Chief Executive with Elected Members
3	Attended LTP Workshop
4	Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting
5	Attended Hautapu River Parks Planting Day
7	Attended NZGIF visit and presentation to Marton with Kim Von Lanthen Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
8	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Ratana Community Board meeting
9	Attended Golf Day at Taihape Golf Club Attended meeting with Ministry of Education at Taihape Area School Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
10	Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting Attended Turakina Community Committee
11	Attended Fortnightly Discussions on Economic Development with staff Attended MTFJ Governance Group Zoom Meeting Attended Zone 3 Chairs Zoom meeting Attended meeting with Interim Chief Executive
12	Attended Opening of Nga Awa Block Taihape and King's Coronation Planting Event Attended FENZ – Service Honours Night in Marton
14	Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff
15	Attended Defence Hub Meeting at Ohakea
16	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
17	Attended Vape Free Kaupapa Hui
18	Attended final weekly meeting with Chief Executive before his departure

19	Attended opening of AC Delco Marton
20	Attended planting day at Warrens Road
21	Attended Zone 3 Zoom Discussion Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Te Hou Farms – Opening of New Milking Shed Bulls Attended LGNZ Zoom meeting re engineering consenting issues Attended weekly LTP meeting Attended Youth Council Meeting
22	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Zoom meeting Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Waka Kotahi quarterly meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
23	Attended Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Zoom meeting Attended Ian McKelvie’s Valedictory Speech at Parliament
24	Attended LTP Council workshop Attended Nga Tawa Science Technology Roadshow Attended MDG AGM
25	Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Heartland Services Mud Shout in Taihape
28	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended subcommittee meeting with Jackstone Stone recruitment agency Attended weekly LTP meeting
29	Attended monthly RDC/Police catchup Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended How to the RMA, Emergency Works and Severe Weather Legislation Zoom Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended RRCC AGM
30	Attended Zone 3 Co-Chairs Zoom
31	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayors Report – 31 August 2023 be received.

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9 Discussion Items

9.1 Town Centre Revitalisation

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Officers will be in attendance to introduce the town centre revitalisation project funded via the Better Off grant.

9.2 Communication Platforms

Author: Rhonda Morris, Communications Manager

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Officers will be in attendance to introduce the communication platforms for Youth Council to build their community engagement strategy.

10 Meeting Closed.