



Masterton District Youth Council

Wednesday 30 August 2023

5.30pm

Waiata House

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. Welcome/Karakia

Welcome to Youth Council members and run through of agenda.

Tammy introduced herself.

Apologies from Ellie, Romy, Hazkeel, Jayden

Motion: The Masterton District Youth Council read and approved the minutes from the last meeting in July 2023 _____

Lace/Bella

2. Wellbeing Check In

Bella ran a wellbeing check in with the Council with the aid of some wellbeing check in cards. Everyone read the emotion on their card and the definition on the back.

3. Updates from Council

Councillor Stella Lennox provided updates on the following council items:

- Youth Hub – One of the prefab buildings beside the library will be moved over to the skatepark to create the foundation for the Youth Hub. From here the council would like the Youth Council to think about how young people can utilise the space. Stella will try and bring some plans to the next meeting.
- Summer Hummer – The lead performance has been confirmed and it will be on March 9. Stella would like the Youth Council to talk to bands at their schools to gauge interest performing. They can bring the contact details of those interested back to the next meeting.
- Proposed Cycleway – Stella provided an update on the route change of the proposed cycleway. The new plan is yet to be confirmed by Waka Kotahi.
- Governance – The Annual Plan has been approved by the Council. The Council would like the Youth Council to consider the Rangatahi Strategy in terms of the 3-year plan and what they would like to achieve in that space in the next 3 years.

- Sister City – Stella and the Mayor meet with the Mayor of Masterton's sister city in Japan, and she would like to form a connection between the Youth Council and the Japanese Youth Council. The Youth Council agreed on the idea.
- Arrow FM – Once a month Stella will go into the studio for 30 minutes to talk about Council. Stella would like members of the Youth Council to come along to each session to provide their updates. It won't start until next year so Stella will keep the Youth Council updated.

4. Co-Chair Convo

Adelaide provided an update on the Student Volunteer Army and asked if the group would be interested in getting involved if they had a quiet period. Examples of activities included a clothing swap and engagement with local rest homes. A sub-committee could be created with those who are interested.

Break

5. Name tag making & Terms of Reference

Postponed due to lack of time.

6. Impact Challenge Updates

Bella, Lace & Adelaide provided an update on The Impact Challenge. It will be at The Shady Mellow and will involve food, workshopping on topical issues and solutions, and a guest speaker. They asked the rest of the Youth Council to be present to help run it. Further information will be circulated to the group. They also asked the Youth Council to help promote their event at school. Tammy will circulate the poster and some more information next for people to share at their schools.

7. Cultural Festival

Ella provided an update on the upcoming Cultural Festival on Saturday 9 September. She invited Youth Council members to volunteer help, if they wanted or otherwise just come along. Ella will provide more information via email and Youth Council members can get in touch if they would like to support.

8. Hoodie Review

The group voted on light grey for the hoodie colour and agreed to provide their sizes by the end of the week. Tammy will place the order once sizes are received.

9. What's next for 2023?

Team brainstormed some ideas of what we could do until the end of the year but acknowledged it's a busy time for our seniors.

Ideas:

September – **Impact Challenge**, Māori Language Week, Gamer Gramps (21st of September, World Alzheimer's Day), Māori welcome, youth hub planning, supporting The Cultural Festival.

October- **Support Ella's Halloween event**, halloween party, glam grandmas.

November – Tree planting, rubbish pick up, tree houses.

December - Secret Santa, Kidnap Santa (?), Santa Scavenger Hunt, Christmas Party and games,
The year in review (socials of all we've done this year)

For 2024:

Whareama camp/ YC camp – learn leadership skills, build deeper connections, plan for future years, having spiritual awakenings.

Closed:

Actions:

Date	What	Who
30/08/2023	All to send hoodie sizes by the end of the week	All
30/08/2023	Tammy to order hoodies	Tammy
30/08/2023	Social media post for meeting	Lace/ Tammy
30/08/2023	Tammy to send information on Cultural Festival and YC to respond if they would like to help	Tammy
30/08/2023	Tammy to send Impact Challenge information, once date is confirmed.	Tammy
30/08/2023	Team to circulate Impact Challenge information and attend event/ encourage others to attend.	All

Items for discussion at the next meeting:

- Team building / End of year review
- Halloween support for Ella's event