



## Masterton District Youth Council

Wednesday 26 July

5.30pm

Waiata House

### 1. Welcome/Karakia

Welcome to Youth Council members and run through of agenda  
Apologies from Monty, Adelaide, Waka-Toi, Jayden, Stella,

Agreement to confirm the minutes once the date was changed.

*Motion: The Masterton District Youth Council read and approved the minutes from the last meeting in June 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. No one had any other concerns to raise.

### 3. Updates from Council

In the absence of Stella, Ella ran through what Council have been focussed on in the last month:

- Levels of Service: Ella explained how the Council assess their levels of service and that they will continue to discuss any changes at upcoming meetings.
- Youth Hub: Ella provided an overview of where the Youth Hub process is at currently. The current proposition is to move one of the container buildings from beside the library and use that as the shell of the Youth Hub. This proposal is going to Council next Wednesday, 2 August for approval. There has also been a meeting with relevant building organisations to gauge their interest in assisting. If the paper is approved at the next Council meeting the group will meet for a site visit next week. Ella asked if there are any Youth Council members particularly interested in the Youth Hub and if so to let her know as the committee will want to consult.

*Break*

### 4. Generation Hope – Save the Children

Teana MacDonald from Generation Hope, Save the Children joined online. Generation Hope is a global movement encouraging young people to stand up, speak out and create change on issues they're passionate about. This includes through a youth ropu, online engagement, actions groups in schools and soon to be launched action groups.

Teana started with whakawhanaungatanga. She has been in the role about 18 months and her job is to engage with children and young people across the motu. Currently she is meeting with Youth Councils right across NZ to gather insights into what is of importance to them as they build their Generation Hope programme. The Youth Council each answered the following questions:

- Who are you, where are you from and how old are you?
- Why did you sign up to Youth Council?
- If you could change one big issue in NZ, what would it be?
- If you could be any animal, what would you be?

Some of themes on big issues in NZ included:

- Climate change/carbon emissions
- Gender pay gap
- Racial/Māori inequality
- Mental health, especially men's

The Youth Council then responded to the following questions on their phones as part of an anonymous online quiz:

- What are the top 3 issues you see affecting young people in NZ today?
- How do you feel about your future?
- What has been the most important thing for you joining the youth council?
- Do you think youth voices are heard by adults, how can they do better?

Teana then finished with information about their Message in a Bottle campaign. Generation Hope are gathering young peoples' voices from around the world with messages about climate action for decision makers. These will then be presented in recycled plastic bottles to climate and environmental representatives on the steps of Parliament, before traveling to New York for the Sustainable Development Goals Summit. Teana encouraged our Youth Council to submit a message, and share it amongst their peers.

<https://signup.generationhope.nz/message-in-a-bottle/>

Teana can be reached here: teana.macdonald@scnz.org.nz, 0221959974

## 5. Impact Challenge Brainstorm

The Youth Council discussed what they would like to do for the Impact Challenge. They decided on some sort of educational speaker, followed by a brainstorming session of solutions. There will also be kai. They would like to hold it at a space outside of the council building, such as The Shady Mellow, as they think this might encourage better attendance. Ella has agreed to write up their ideas and do some investigating on the space and they can provide feedback via the google classroom.

Grace & Adelaide will be talking to Dylan from the Impact Challenge on Monday 31 July about the grant application.

## 6. Top of Mind

Lace – concerned about the lack of streetlights on Cameron Crescent, feeling it was unsafe for drivers and people walking around. Youth Council were in agreement that it sounded like a concern and asked Ella to raise with the relevant people. Ella agreed.

Bella – is interested in investigating if the Mini Golf can be open at night. Ella explained that the land is owned by Council, but the mini-golf business is operated by Rotary. Youth Council agreed that it would be cool to hold an event there – BBQ, gold coin donation, lights and music. Ella agreed to look into it.

## 7. Updates & Admin

Ella ran through a series of updates and administrative points.

- Council agreed they would visit The Shady Mellow on Weds, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 6pm.
- The Community Development team are getting a new team member next month, Tammy. Tammy will take over the youth portfolio in time.
- Ella explained the Youth Council Budget for 2023/24. There is:
  - \$100 to each member for personal development. Talk to me about how you want to spend it.
  - Money allocated for hoodies. The council said they wanted grey or black, logo on the front and back with 2023/24 and potentially last names on the back. Ella will look into Cloak and School Uniforms store.
  - Money allocated for events.

Closed: 7.02pm

Actions:

Date	What	Who
26/07/2023	Let Ella know if you are interested in being involved in Youth Hub consultation	All Youth Council
26/07/2023	Share the Message in a Bottle information (done)	Ella
26/07/2023	Write up Impact Challenge ideas and share in google classroom	Ella
26/07/2023	Provide feedback on Impact Challenge ideas in google classroom	All Youth Council
26/07/2023	Talk to relevant people about Cameron Crescent lights	Ella
26/07/2023	Talk to Rotary about night event at Mini-Golf course	Ella
26/07/2023	Get quotes for hoodies	Ella

Items for discussion at the next meeting:

- Impact Challenge
- Introduce Tammy
- Topical issues from Council?