



Masterton District Youth Council

Wednesday 25th October

5.30pm

Waiata House

MINUTES

1. Welcome/ Karakia

The meeting was opened at 5.36pm with karakia.

2. Updates from Council

- Stella handed out cards to the Youth Council with a QR code that takes them straight to the consultation webpage.
- Stella talked about an access radio segment next year from Feb.
 - o Pre recorded
 - o Once a month
 - o 10-15 to talk about topical issues, youth issues.
 - o It will run on a pre-planned agenda of topics and then the YC member can pick a song. Stella asked who is keen:
 - Lace
 - Heidi
 - Bella
 - Monty
 - o The commitment would be to take turns each month. It would be about an hour on a Saturday at the beginning of the month.
 - o She asked them to think about what to talk about and will work with Tammy on a roster.
- Stella also asked the group to get in touch if their school bands are interested in Summer Hummer
- Youth Hub
 - o Will be moved after Christmas
 - o There will be a coffee cart down there after summer and will teach young people how to make coffee

- o Asked them all to keep thinking about how that space can be used.

3. Ministry of Youth Development Update – Carla Martinez Vivanco, from MYD

Carla introduced herself and where she works. She introduced the Youth Plan that the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) have been working on. The plan has two focuses areas – youth voice and youth leadership. The Ministry of Youth Development are looking for ways to engage with regional youth voices on behalf of central government. Carla explained that youth voice can be formal – such as signing a petition, voting, or appearing in parliament – or informal – such as expressing an opinion on social media or attending a protest.

The Youth Council were then asked to provide ideas and suggestions on a Venn Diagram on youth leadership and youth voice. Carla took a photo of all the suggestions provided to feed into her workplan. They were then asked to write down the things they think central government are not doing and put their suggestions in a box. Carla encouraged them to put in suggestions focused on youth, and also wider government items. Some of the ideas were discussed as a group, and Carla asked how they could be put into action.

MYD have a focus in the next year on mental health and those with low to moderate support who have limited support. Carla left the Youth Council with 2 documents – The Youth Voices Toolkit and the MYD Youth Plan Strategic Framework.

Jayden told the group about a study support group held by NCEA on Thursday afternoons at 4.00pm at Hau Kainga for students struggling with certain subjects.

BREAK

4. Last meeting of the year + First meeting of 2024

Youth Council are keen to do a last meeting of the year for a breakup. A few ideas were:

- Go Zone,
- Park
- Bowling
- Beach
- Kai

Tammy suggested the 9th or 10th of December, and the group were keen on a \$15 Stealing Santa. The last meeting of the year with content will be November.

For the first meeting back next year the team agreed on a team building and brainstorming day – 31 Jan. Ideas floated were:

- Amazing Race
- Bigger and Better
- Mt Holdsworth
- The Shady Mellow
- Pukaha

The group were keen to invite the Carterton Youth Council to their second meeting back.

Tammy will send out a poll to vote on these things.

5. Events – where we can support?

Ella provided an overview of Halloween and Christmas. If the Youth Council are keen to come along, they can complete the permission form and send it back to Tammy.

6. Youth Hub – thoughts

Tammy asked the group if they had any last thoughts on what the Youth Hub need and showed them copies of the design. The group likes the loop of the design. The group asked for:

- a vending machine/cheap food options,
- claw machines,
- a gaming console,
- bean bags,
- pool table,
- upgraded basketball hoop and/or a full court,
- food trucks down there once a week,
- first aid kit,
- AED.

7. Close