



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

MINUTES

**Youth Committee Meeting
25 November 2019**

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**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI
ON 25 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT: Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan, Cr Mia Perkins, Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw, Cr Brianne Drefko, Yth Cr Charlotte Hardy, Yth Cr Firooze Colaabavala, Yth Cr Jonty Tripe, Yth Cr Nikita Ebbutt-Moorhouse, Yth Cr Sophie Archer, Cr James Barron

APOLOGIES: Yth Cr Haris Khan

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Barnes (Senior Democracy Adviser) Kim Fielder (Governance Officer), Kirsty Milham (Policy Advisor), Nicole Grey (Youth Committee Project Support Officer), Ngāwai Matthews (Governance Support Officer), Josh Chandulal-Mackay (Councillor), Brent Crossan (Councillor)

1 REFLECTION

Youth Councillors responded to the question proposed by Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan – “If you had no physical or financial obstacles, what skill would you like to learn?”

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness from Yth Cr Jonty Tripe were noted.

Committee Resolution 2019/29

Moved: Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan

Seconded: Yth Cr Sophie Archer

That the apology from Yth Cr Haris Khan is received.

CARRIED

3 CO-CHAIR’S WELCOME

4 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

4.1 COUNCIL RELATED UPDATES NOVEMBER 2019

Author: Nicole Grey - Youth Committee Project Support Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Recommendation

That the Youth Committee receive the report – Council Related Updates November 2019.

Moved: Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan

Seconded: Yth Cr Firooze Colaabavala

CARRIED

Recommendation

That the Youth Committee invites the Whanganui Rural Community Board to nominate a member to attend Youth Committee meetings with speaking rights.

Moved: Yth Cr Charlotte Hardy

Seconded: Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw

CARRIED

Kirsty Milham emphasised the importance of a youth perspective in the development of the Local Approved Products Policy highlighting the harmful effects of psychoactive substances, particularly in youth.

Nicole Grey thanked the Committee for their input since commencing her new role. Moving forward in to 2020, key Communication levels and engagement outside of formal meetings, new vacancies to fill and new recruitment and more diversity across the youth, review of the business plan to ensure alignment with the Working Party Review with a compulsory workshop.

Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay spoke about the following:

- Acknowledged new Councillors James Barron and Brent Crossan and welcomed them to the Committee Meeting, with Cr James Barron being appointed to the Youth Committee.
- Encourage the value of youth input and contribution in the decision making process across Local Government

Cr James Barron spoke about an exciting direction for Youth Committee and broader engagement with Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan moved a motion to have a public forum without notice.

Moved: Yth Cr Mia Perkins

Seconded: Yth Cr Nikita Ebbutt-Moorhouse

CARRIED

Discussion: Heather Marion-Smith, of the Social Credit Party requested time at a future Committee Meeting to make a presentation regarding the economic future of youth.

THAT the Committee receive the presentation.

Moved: Yth Cr Firooze Colaabavala

Seconded: Yth Cr Mia Perkins

CARRIED

4.2 YOUTH COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLAN - 2019/2020

Author: Nicole Grey - Youth Committee Project Support Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Recommendation

That the Youth Committee

- (a) receives the activity updates from the working parties
- (b) rescinds the current business plan 2019/20
- (c) approves the new business plan 2019/20
- (d) directs Ariana Cronshaw and Project Support Officer to provide a plan at the next formal meeting in line with option 3

Moved: Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw

Seconded: Yth Cr Nikita Ebbutt-Moorhouse

CARRIED

Youth Hub (Nikita)

Cr James Barron mentioned Pride Whanganui's interest in Youth Hub, and suggested Light Youth as a first point of engagement with Pride Whanganui looking to drive a space for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Advertising (Brianne)

The Youth Committee were reminded of the Committee's current processes regarding posting from the Committee's social media accounts, and the need to develop a better process.

Future Working Party Leadership and Membership

- Yth Cr Sophie Archie has stepped down from Consultation, with Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw in her place.

BUSINESS PLAN ADJUSTMENTS

Nicole Grey opened the discussion about the adoption of a proposed new business plan in regards to Vibe, and the vision, need and place it has in Whanganui.

- Option 3 voted as top preference across the majority of present Committee Members – Seek to collaborate significantly and run Vibe with other organisation
- Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw to lead Vibe with Yth Cr Charlotte Hardy and Yth Cr Sophie Archer as co-deputy.

- A look at the budget and what that means for the business plan proposal.

Yth Cr Ahimsha Saravanapavan moved that Yth Cr Ariana Cronshaw and Youth Committee Project Support Officer Nicole Grey provide a business plan with financial details and budget for Vibe to the next Youth Committee Meeting.

Moved: Yth Cr Sophie Archer

Seconded: Yth Cr Brianne Drefko

CARRIED

5 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Meeting closed at 6:17pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Committee Meeting held on 25 December 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON