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Kua Tae ā-tinana:
Present: Chair: Sophie Jones (Karamu High School)
Deputy Chair: Ondre Hapuku-Lambert (Karamu High School)
Charlene Fun-nell, Thea Morton, Romona Wainohu, Keelan Heesterman and
Brooke Hemmings (Karamu High School); Lucas d'Arbois de Jubainville and Finley
Robert Duncan (Lindisfarne College); Zoe Smith and Eva Harper (Hastings Girls
High School); Matilda Ellis (Woodford House); Sam Wixon (HNHS); Louis Gaffaney
(St Johns College); and Daisy Hill (Iona)

Council Liaison - Councillor Wendy Schollum

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Acting Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Dennise Elers
Youth Connector - Pip Dixon
Democracy and Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

1. APOLOGIES

Sam Wixon/Louis Gaffaney

That apologies for absence from Tiaki Mildon (E.I.T.); Olivia Omur-Mackenzie (Hastings Girls High School) and Janicka Tei (Taradale High), be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ondre Hapuku-Lambert/Lucas d'Arbois de Jubainville

That the minutes of the Hastings Youth Council Meeting held Wednesday 17 June 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

3. FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATES

Keelan Heesterman will put election information onto the Facebook page soon.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

This item will be addressed further later in the meeting by Youth Connector, Pip Dixon.

5. HDC YOUTH COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

(Document 20/587)

Youth Connector, Pip Dixon, spoke to the agenda report:

Combined meeting on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 with NCC and HBRC Youth Councils at the Napier Aquarium.

Those Hastings District Youth Council (YC) members who wish to attend please advise Pip Dixon. This meeting will discuss climate change and the proposed “Climate Camp”.

Blossom Parade on Saturday, 12 September 2020

YC members are invited to walk with the HDC float in the parade – “Flower Power” is the theme.

Rainbow Dash on Saturday, 28 November 2020 at the Mitre 10 Park (former HB Sports Park) in Percival Road.

Finley Duncan/Keelan Heesterman

- A) That the Hastings District Youth Council receives the report titled HDC Youth Council Upcoming Events.
- B) That the youth council support and attend all the following three events: -
 - a. Combined meeting with Napier City and Hawke’s Bay Regional Youth Councils at Napier Aquarium on Wednesday, 26 August 2020.
 - b. Blossom Parade on Saturday, 12 September 2020.
 - c. Rainbow Dash on Saturday, 28 November 2020.

CARRIED

6. HDC YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATES

(Document 20/597)

The YC Chair, Sophie Jones, reported that she and some other members had met with Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst. A variety of issues had been addressed including the upcoming cannabis referendum and

local gang culture. The members had also updated the Mayor on the planned candidate debate to be held on Friday, 28 August. All members were encouraged to attend these meetings with the Mayor.

The Chairs of the four YC committees were asked to provide an update on the activities of their respective committees and the progress being made towards the YC annual plan goals.

- Daisy Hill, Chair of Health & Diversity Committee - this committee was still planning things that would be happening later in the year.
- Sam Wixon, Deputy Chair of Health & Diversity Committee - advised that a co-discover space had started with the focus being on quitting smoking and working together with whanau.
- Louis Gaffaney, Chair of Art Culture & Comms Committee – no posts had been put on Instagram. He advised that the “Creative Ladies” programme at Toitoti had started - they had not been involved with that programme but recommended it to the other members. This committee was also working on a logo for the Youth Space webpage and Mark Henderson, Council’s Digital Communications Advisor, had mocked up some examples for consideration.
- Janicka Tei, Chair of Rangatahi Co-Lab Committee was not present, but Dennise Elers (Acting Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services) reported on the presentation that had been made to a council workshop the previous week which had been well supported. Further work would be undertaken behind the scene in a virtual space and then an update would be given to the YC members.
- Matilda Ellis, Deputy Chair of the Environmental Committee advised that the Covid-19 lockdown had affected their plans. They would have liked to be connected with the council’s environmental team.

Update on the Candidate Debate – on Friday, 28 August 2020 at Karamu High School, starting at 1.00pm. Keelan Heesterman advised that it was planned that the length of this event would allow time for anyone wanting to register to vote and to talk to the candidates at the end and to allow for schools to get away by 3.00pm. They were trying to confirm how many would be attending. He reported that some discussions had taken place with the Editor of HB Today who had given them advice on timing issues and to consider limiting the number of topics (to 3 or 4 topics) to allow enough time for all candidates to speak to them.

The meeting discussed which issues would be most relevant to young people – suggested topics included Mental Health; Education; Cannabis; Euthanasia and Maori Electoral issues.

Keelan would put up a poll so the members could discuss the suggested topics and decide if they wanted 4 or 5 issues to be addressed. A number of members would follow up with their respective schools and see how many students were likely to attend. Pip would give Keelan’s contact details to the Council’s Events Manager, Tanya Jackson, if he wanted any further advice on organisational matters relating to the debate.

Some further discussion took place regarding numbers likely to attend; the start time (it was agreed that this would stay at 1.00pm); and if there was any possible funding available (if needed) for transport to assist some students to attend.

Pip Dixon presented the examples that Mark Henderson had prepared for the **Youth Space webpage** (he was unable to attend). 6 sections had been prepared – Employment; Mental Health; Creative space; Education, Events and Cookery. It was suggested that Addiction Services also be added. Cookery could become a subsection of a “Physical Health” section. Feedback was sought regarding colour, design and the identifying “pictures” used for each section. Other websites could be investigated to see how they were set up. Links to them can be added.

Pip offered to assist with the employment background information – volunteering within the community was also an option to be kept in mind when obtaining skills to assist in getting a job. A brainstorming session would be held at the next meeting with the Rangatahi Co-Lab Committee and the Art Culture & Comms Committee members getting together to consider environmental issues that the YC could get involved with.

Pip Dixon will circulate a copy of the proposal to the members and asked for feedback in a timely manner. This feedback needed to be specific to give officers time to work on any changes. A YC member needed to be responsible for keeping each section updated. She suggested that mock ups of the webpage could be made – these could be put up at the Mahi for Youth pop-up shop and taken to the schools to get feedback from other young people. Pip would make up some feedback sheets.

Councillor Wendy Schollum also offered to share her knowledge and to assist with site mapping and putting content together for the website. Content needed to be functional as well as look good (but not be a “trigger” – e.g. for addiction services section). She was also happy to undertake a coaching session at a future YC meeting.

Updates on the council subcommittees that YC members had been appointed to - YC appointees were unable to speak to this matter as these subcommittees had not yet met – they had been holding informal sessions to discuss strategies and priorities etc. Councillor Schollum would make enquiries as to whether YC appointees could be involved in these strategy discussions. Finley Duncan had been discussing matters, via email, relating to the Great Communities Subcommittee with the Chair, Councillor Eileen Lawson. He was happy to present at the next subcommittee meeting. There was a workshop for that committee on Tuesday, 11 August. Dennise Elers would see if it was appropriate for the invites for that meeting to be sent out to YC appointees.

Matilda Ellis/Brooke Hemmings

- A) That the Hastings District Youth Council receives the report titled HDC Youth Council Updates.

CARRIED

7. ACTIVE TRANSPORT GROUP SUBCOMMITTEE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

(Document 20/600)

The Youth Connector advised that an invitation had been extended by Councillor Damon Harvey (Chair of the Active Transport Group Subcommittee) to the Youth Council to put forward a member to be on this subcommittee. The next meetings were scheduled for 17 September and 3 December.

The YC members agreed to nominate a member and an alternate to be on this subcommittee. Pip Dixon agreed to attend the 17 September meeting as a support for the YC representative.

Ondre Hapuku-Lambert/Sam Wixon

- A) That the Hastings District Youth Council receives the report titled Active Transport Group Subcommittee Youth Representative.
- B) That Tiaki Mildon be elected as the Youth Council representative to the Active Transport Group Subcommittee with Sophie Jones being the alternate representative.

CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

(Document 20/600)

Councillor Wendy Schollum advised that the Mitre 10 Park (which includes the Regional Sports Park Trust and the HB Community Centre Fitness Centre Trust) had extended an invitation for the Youth Council members to visit the park and see the facilities that were there. The Trust was wanting to see how it could best meet the needs of teens and young people to help them stay active.

It was suggested that Hastings and Napier Youth Councils could go together and that a date be found to enable that to happen. The meeting supported that approach and members would chat on their Facebook page and provide council officers with some feedback prior to the next YC meeting.

The Youth Connector, Pip Dixon, advised the meeting that she had received a number of other invitations/upcoming events from organisers who had asked if information could be forwarded to schools so that as many young people as possible were made aware of the events. She will send out the details of the following events to be put on Instagram and the YC Facebook page.

- The Mitre 10 Park was holding an indoor rowing competition.
- There was a Halloween Hunt coming up for all the family.
- The YC members were invited to enter a team of 10 people to undertake a number of challenges in November to support Brain Injury HB.
- Council's Community Engagement Team Leader, Carla Crosbie, was working on an event on 26 August and was seeking some YC input. It involved a media release and Carla was asking for someone to do a voice over. She would forward more information, via Pip Dixon, closer to the time. The members gave their support and Romona Wainohu put her name forward to do the voice over work.

Pip Dixon showed a newspaper item highlighting that YC members had been appointed to Council subcommittees and had paved the way for the youth council in future years.

Charlene Fun-nell left the meeting at 4.45pm.

Sophie Jones/Sam Wixon

- A) That the Hastings District Youth Council receive the General Business information that was presented to the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.49pm

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: