

Great Barrier Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Great Barrier Local Board held in the Great Barrier Local Board office, 81 Hector Sanderson Road, Claris, Great Barrier Island on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at 9:00am.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Izzy Fordham
Susan Daly
Jeff Cleave
Judy Gilbert
Christina Spence

Entered the meeting at 9.14am

1 Welcome

Chairperson IM Fordham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. Member JC Cleave led the meeting in a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5 Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

6 Petitions

There were no petitions.

7 Deputations

There were no deputations.

8 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

9 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

10 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

11 Annual Plan 2016/2017

Resolution number GBI/2015/171

MOVED by Chairperson IM Fordham, seconded by Member JJ Gilbert:

That the Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) **provide the following response on regional rating proposals for the Governing Body to consider noting that it will agree its final position on these matters once community feedback is received**
 - i) **In relation to the Uniform Annual General Charge, the Great Barrier Local Board supports retention of the current charge on the basis that any increase will increase rates for lower value properties which predominate on Great Barrier compared to the rest of the region. It also notes that**

changing the UAGC would extend the time in which uniform rate increases can be applied to the entire Auckland region and this is considered to be a backward step after five years of uncertainty.

- ii) In relation to the Interim Transport Levy, the Great Barrier Local Board supports retention of the current levy on the basis that increasing business ratepayers share from \$182.85 to \$407 will significantly impact on the small number of business ratepayers on the island who are already struggling.
 - iii) In relation to Maori Land Rates, the Great Barrier Local Board supports consultation on extending the Maori freehold land rates remission and postponement policy on the basis that the proposed changes will enable more Maori ratepayers to take advantage of this policy.
 - iv) In relation to the Rural Rates Review, the Great Barrier Local Board supports the proposal to consult on recovering the costs of the proposed decrease in rates on large rural properties from across the region rather than from small farm/lifestyle blocks noting that half of all Great Barrier rural and lifestyle properties are small lifestyle properties
- b) agree the following key advocacy matters for 2016/17 annual plan consultation

Initiative	Why is it a priority?	Advocating to
Road Seal Increase regional road seal budgets and develop a road seal priority and maintenance programme so the island's roads can be sealed and driven on safely.	The board continues to support Auckland Transport seeking additional regional road seal funding but accepts there is no funding for this in 2016/17. Instead the board has initiated a dust suppressant trail on one of its key dusty residential roads in partnership with Fulton Hogan and an Australian company. The product is at no cost to council as the company is keen to establish its product here and Fulton Hogan are meeting application costs due to the potential benefit they see from this product's use elsewhere in Auckland.	The Governing Body
Glenfern Sanctuary purchase Provide funding to purchase the island's Glenfern Sanctuary	Glenfern Sanctuary is privately owned but is on the market. Purchase of the sanctuary is a key element in the Great Barrier Local Board's objective of creating a centre of excellence supporting, ecological enhancement, and environmental and sustainability education. Public access to the sanctuary will also bring additional economic benefit, and enable the community and visitors to experience endangered species protection work first hand. A consortium including Auckland Council is negotiating to purchase the sanctuary but the current offer is below the owner's asking price. The board resolved at its November meeting to contribute an additional \$175,000 in the hope this will break the current deadlock. It has also agreed in principle to allocate operational funding next	The Governing Body

	year if purchase is achieved.	
Reducing herbicide use for weed management Reduce the use of herbicides for weed management in public places (roads, parks etc)	The Great Barrier Local Board wishes to see the public use of herbicides for weed management reduced, eliminated and replaced by alternative methods over time. This supports the community's wishes that the island is increasingly free of toxins. This may increase costs as mechanical control is generally more expensive than chemical control. The board is prepared to consider funding additional costs itself but seeks governing body and Auckland Transport support for moving towards herbicide free weed management practices where these are practicable.	The Governing Body
Resource recovery and recycling centre Develop a resource recovery and recycling centre to provide a place where locals can leave or collect materials which still have a useful life	Auckland Council's Waste Solutions Unit is supporting a trial this year to determine the feasibility of establishing a resource recovery and recycling centre as this will extend the life of the island's landfill and delay the time when refuse needs to be shipped to town. Should the trial be successful Waste Solutions have indicated support for purchasing or leasing land for a permanent facility. The board supports funding for this being brought forward to 2016/17.	The Governing Body
Biodiversity Role Create a part or full time island based biodiversity role to support enhancement of the island's ecological values	The Great Barrier Local Board continues to strongly support, promote and fund initiatives which protect and enhance the island's ecology. Locating this position on the island will significantly enhance the achievement of this objective and support the existing fully stretched island based full time biosecurity role.	The Governing Body

c) note that it is not proposing any targeted rate for consultation.

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12 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

9.46 am

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE GREAT BARRIER LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....