

Kaipātiki Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Kaipātiki Local Board held in the Kaipātiki Local Board Office, 90 Bentley Avenue, Glenfield on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at 4.33pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Kay McIntyre, QSM
Deputy Chairperson	Ann Hartley, JP
Members	John Gillon Danielle Grant Richard Hills

ABSENT

Lorene Pigg
Dr Grant Gillon
Lindsay Waugh

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolution number KT/2015/176

MOVED by Member D Grant, seconded by Member J Gillon:

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

- a) **accept the apologies from Member Lorene Pigg and Member Grant Gillon for absence and member Lindsay Waugh for lateness.**

CARRIED

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 Annual Plan 2016/2017

Resolution number KT/2015/177

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Hartley, seconded by Member R Hills:

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

- a) provides the following feedback on the regional issues for the Governing Body to consider:
 - i. **Uniform Annual General Charge:**
 - a. the board believes that there should be no change to the Uniform Annual General Charge for the 2016/2017 Annual Plan year.
 - b. the board notes that there was considerable public disquiet at the Long-term plan communications on rates increases, due to the high levels of variance at the individual property level from the percentage changes presented in council wide communications over rates changes.
 - c. retaining current Uniform Annual General Charge figure will make it more likely that the majority of residential ratepayers will face the same percentage increase for rates.
 - d. requests the Governing Body ensures that any communications on rates changes uses figures that accurately reflect the actual changes faced by most residential ratepayers.
 - ii. **Interim Transport Levy:**
 - a. the board supports an increase in the share of the interim business levy being met by businesses from 14.7 percent to 32.7 percent for 2016/17 and 32.3 percent for 2017/18, based on the capital value of the property
 - b. businesses have the ability to claim rates, including the interim transport levy, as expenses for tax purposes.
 - c. the board expresses its concerns at the late appearance of the interim transport levy in the long term plan as this levy wasn't adequately consulted on.
 - d. the board requests further information on the progress made in encouraging central government to introduce other funding options for transport in the Auckland region.
 - iii. **Māori land rates:**
 - a. the board is generally supportive of council's current rates postponement and remission policy with respect to Māori freehold land.
 - b. notwithstanding this opinion, the board is of the view that any land returned to Māori as part of commercial redress in a treaty settlement should be subject to rates, exactly the same as non-Māori land.
 - iv. **Rural rating policy:**
 - a. the board does not support changes to the rural rating policy.
 - b. in the board's view there is insufficient justification for the recommended change.

- b) agrees the following key advocacy issues:
- i. Fair and consistent funding:
 - a. The board wishes to see community houses and other community facilities across the region be fully asset based funded to an agreed basic standard so all community led facilities are funded to an appropriate level because:
 - i) for historical reasons in the Kaipātiki area community houses have been operated under a largely outsourced model, whereas in other parts of the Auckland region these facilities have been operated in-house by council.
 - ii) in the period post amalgamation the following situation has arisen:
 - community houses are primarily asset based operations with services being delivered within each facility.
 - in most parts of Auckland the majority of operational costs of the houses are funded from asset based budgets.
 - currently in Kaipātiki the operational costs are inadequately funded from an asset based service grant meaning additional funding from the board is required.
 - b. Hard surface sports funding – the board wishes to see fair and consistent funding between hard surface and grass surface sports codes across the region because:
 - i) sports played on a grass surfaces (including artificial turf) do not incur the full costs of the sports playing surface as council funds the provision and maintenance of the surface, as well as often providing additional functionality such as lighting for training purposes.
 - ii) across the region sporting codes using hard surfaces e.g. Netball North Harbour centre in Northcote or the Tennis North Harbour centre in Albany, do not receive the same level of universal support from council.
 - iii) even within sports codes, existing legacy council funding practices vary significantly throughout the Auckland region and this needs to be addressed by council.
 - ii. Renewals funding:
 - c. The board wishes to see an increased proportion of current budgets targeted to renewals funding for the following reasons:
 - i) Key feedback from the Kaipātiki community during the preparation of the local board plan was to make better use of what the community already has, by better maintaining current facilities rather than necessarily building new facilities,
 - ii) The board believes that current renewals funding budgets are not adequate to replace an ageing asset with its comparable modern equivalent, in part due to many renewals not being totally 'like for like' due to changes in the building code or other regulatory issues.
 - iii) The board is quite prepared to consider top ups from its Locally Driven Initiatives or Local Board Capital Fund budgets to provide an improved facility e.g. taking a playground from five pieces of

play equipment to seven but should not be expected to fund 'like with like' asset renewals from its own funds.

- iii. **Support for project development**
 - a. Due to resource shortages and organisational changes within council; feasibility, design, concept work and consenting for projects frequently requires additional funding from a board's locally driven initiatives budget.
 - b. This work should be supported using in-house resources and be part of the support provided for local boards.
 - c. The board requests that the Governing Body ensures that a more comprehensive and visible level of support is available.
- iv. **Transport issues:**
 - a. The board supports the continuation of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund as this funding stream has provided the board some ability to respond to local transport issues.
 - b. Ferry services provide an opportunity to create a 'blue Rapid Transport Network' and reduce pressure on bus services on arterial roads and the Northern Busway, and the board wishes to see an increased investment in inner harbour ferry services and their increased priority reflected in the governing body's direction to Auckland Transport.
 - c. Northcote Wharf Ferry Terminal – the board wishes to see this terminal upgraded as it is not suitable for use in rough weather with services being cancelled.
 - d. Ferry fares should be part of a fully integrated public transport fare system.
- c) agrees to hold an informal 'Have your say' consultation event on the Annual Plan 2016/2017 on Saturday, 12 March from 10.00 am to 2.00pm at the Kaipātiki Local Board Office, 90 Bentley Avenue, Glenfield, noting that this session will be an informal engagement event.

CARRIED

4.54 pm

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 KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....