



Waitākere Ranges Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held in the Waitakere Ranges Local Board Office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden on Thursday, 10 December 2015 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Sandra Coney, QSO
Deputy Chairperson	Denise Yates, JP
Members	Neil Henderson Greg Presland Saffron Toms

ABSENT

Member	Steve Tollestrup	For absence
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ALSO PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2 Apologies

Resolution number WTK/2015/192

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

a) **Accepts the apology from Member Steve Tollestrup for absence.**

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Specifically members are asked to identify any new interests they have not previously disclosed, an interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

At its meeting on 28 November 2013, the Waitakere Ranges Local Board resolved (resolution number WTK/2010/5) to record any possible conflicts of interest in a register.

Register

Board Member	Organisation / Position
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitemata District Health Board – <i>Elected Member</i> • Women’s Health Action Trust – <i>Patron</i>
Neil Henderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portage Trust – <i>Elected Member</i> • West Auckland Trust Services (WATS) Board – <i>Trustee/Director</i> • EcoMatters Environment Trust – <i>Employee</i>
Greg Presland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portage Trust – <i>Elected Member</i> • Lopdell House Development Trust – <i>Trustee</i> • Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Group – <i>Committee Member</i> • Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust – <i>Trustee</i> • Combined Youth Services Trust - <i>Trustee</i>
Steve Tollestrup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitakere Licensing Trust – <i>Elected Member</i> • West Auckland Trust Services (WATS) Board – <i>Trustee/Director</i> • Waitakere Task force on Family Violence – <i>Appointee</i>
Saffron Toms	NIL
Denise Yates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Arataki Incorporated – <i>Committee member</i> • EcoMatters Environment Trust – <i>Trustee</i> • Charlotte Museum Trust – <i>Trustee</i>

Member appointments

Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the board members represent Auckland Council.

Board Member	Organisation / Position
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Friends of Arataki Incorporated – <i>Trustee</i>
Neil Henderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Friends of Arataki Incorporated – <i>Trustee</i>Living Cell Technologies Animal Ethics Committee – <i>Member</i>
Saffron Toms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ark in the Park – <i>Governance Group Member</i>

Member Henderson declared a conflict of interest in Item 17.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTK/2015/193

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Confirms the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 26 November 2015, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

7 Update from Ward Councillors – This item was discussed after item 8.2

8 Deputations

8.1 Wireless Broadband Huia Project

A copy of the Wireless Limited report was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/194

MOVED by Member NR Henderson, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the deputation from Logan Ransley, CEO of Spirit Wireless Limited and thank him for his presentation.**
- b) **Requests that officers report back to the board on this proposal.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Spirit Wireless Limited

8.2 EcoMatters Environment Trust – Clean Streams and Industrial Pollution Prevention Programmed

A copy of the Clean Streams Programme Report 2014-2015 was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/195

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member S Toms:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the deputation from Dan Ducker, EcoMatters Environment Trust and thank him for his presentation.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Clean Streams Programme Report 2014-15

7 Update from Ward Councillors

Councillor Linda Cooper provided the members with matters being addressed by Governing Body including an update on the Mayors proposal.

Secretarial note: Apology from the Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse for absence was noted.

8.3 ITEM WITHDRAWN

9 Public Forum

9.1 Anko Hanse – Swanson Resident was in attendance and spoke on the following:

- Swanson Heritage Trail

Resolution number WTK/2015/196

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the public forum submission from Anko Hanse and thank him for his presentation.**

CARRIED

9.2 **Andrew Jull – Titirangi Resident was in attendance and spoke on the following:**

- Community safety issues occurring in Inaka Place, Titirangi

Resolution number WTK/2015/197

MOVED by Member NR Henderson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) Receives the public forum submission from Andrew Jull and thank him for his presentation.

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

10.1 Draft Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members

Resolution number WTK/2015/198

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Agrees to consider an extraordinary item given the Christmas break this gives the members time to formulate feedback in order to meet agenda close deadline for the Governing Body meeting to be held on 25th February 2015 at item 26.1 of this agenda.**

CARRIED

11 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

12 Request for landowner approval - Hillary Ultra Trail Run 2016

A copy of the powerpoint presentation was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/199

MOVED by Member S Toms, seconded by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Provides landowner approval for the use of Les Waygood Park, Bethells Beach, Bethells Domain, Piha Domain, and North Piha Beach for the Hillary Ultra Trail Run scheduled Saturday, 27 February 2016, for a maximum of 600 participants.**
- b) **Requests Biosecurity to provide the members with a report on the Kauri Dieback Biosecurity measures for 2015 event.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Hillary Ultra Trail Run 2015-16 presentation

Member Henderson left the meeting at 7.57 pm

Member Henderson returned at 7.58 pm

13 Auckland Transport Update Report December 2015

Resolution number WTK/2015/200

MOVED by Member S Toms, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the Auckland Transport Update Report December 2015.**
- b) **Notes that number of people cycling at all is up by 1/3rd (from 20% to 27%); those cycling at least once per week almost doubled (from 6% - 11%) and those cycling to work up by 1/3rd**

CARRIED

Action: Owena to email through a copy of the survey on the Cycling eg statistics out in the WEST.

14 Mountain Road Walkway - Revised Cost Estimate

Resolution number WTK/2015/201

MOVED by Member NR Henderson, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Approves additional funding of \$185,000 from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund for the walkway Mountain Road to Opanuku Pipeline Track (Project 366).**
- b) **Notes that it previously allocated \$285,000 for the Mountain Road Walkway project, and that the revised project cost is now \$470,000.**
- c) **Notes that the project is well advanced and that it provides considerable benefits to the residents of the area but expresses it's great concern at the increase in costs.**

CARRIED

15 Libraries Renewals Programme for 2015/2016 - Glen Eden Library upgrade

Resolution number WTK/2015/202

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates, seconded by Member S Toms:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Approves the allocation of the remaining library renewals programme 2015/16 of \$51,719 for the upgrade of Glen Eden Library entrance and open space.**
- b) **Delegates authority to Agnes McCormack, Community Facilities Manager Operations (Central/West), to approve any moderate changes to the budget in the event that there is a variation to identified costs for its property renewals programme.**
- c) **Notes that a detailed design will be reported back to the local board with costings.**

CARRIED

16 Annual Plan 2016/2017 – local consultation content

Resolution number WTK/2015/203

MOVED by Member GB Presland, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Agrees indicative locally driven initiative priorities for 2016/2017 (Attachment A)**
- b) **Adopts local content for consultation (Attachment B)**
- c) **Agrees that the Chairperson be delegated the authority to make any final minor changes to local consultation content for the Annual Plan 2016/2017 prior to publication, including online consultation content.**

CARRIED

17 Allocation of Local Environment Development Budgets

A copy of the Budget and Financial information - updated 25 November was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/204

MOVED by Member S Toms, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Allocates a grant of \$22,500 to Gecko NZ Trust (\$21,000 from the *Weed control projects* budget and \$1,500 from the *Weed and pest management* budget) to deliver the outlined Revitalising Titirangi village project.**
- b) **Notes that it has had considerable representation from the local community to address weed issues in Titirangi Village and already had discussion with local businesses.**
- c) **Allocates \$3,000 from the *Maui dolphin / marine environment* budget for event/s to be held as part of Seaweek 2016, to promote a healthier marine environment and delegates to Member Toms and Chair Coney decisions about actual projects.**
- d) **Allocates \$1469.00 to the Infrastructure and Environmental Services department from the board's *Community and environmental services* budget to produce 13 signs that highlight the achievements of Waitākere Ranges schools involved in the EnviroSchools programme (noting that the signs must display the Waitākere Ranges Local Board logo).**
- e) **Requests that the budget and financial information related to the grant to Gecko NZ Trust be included in the minutes.**

CARRIED

Secretarial note: Member Neil Henderson declared an interest in this item and took no part in voting or discussion in this matter.

Attachments

- A Budget and financial information

18 Review of the Food Safety Bylaw 2013

Resolution number WTK/2015/205

MOVED by Member NR Henderson, seconded by Member S Toms:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Endorses the proposal to retain the grading provision of the Auckland Council Food Safety Bylaw 2013 and require the display of food safety grade certificates.**

CARRIED

19 Waitakere Ranges Local Board Feedback: Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan (the RPMP) Discussion Document

Resolution number WTK/2015/206

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member S Toms:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Retrospectively approves its feedback on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan (attachment A).**
- b) **Agrees that the Board forwarded to the relevant officer that it believes that Hydrangea should be considered for inclusion in the Regional Pest Management Plan as a pest plant in the Waitakere Ranges area.**

CARRIED

20 Update on member's attendance to the Wild Things, Environmental Defence Society (EDS) 2015 Conference

A copy of the Wild Things, EDS 2015 Conference report was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/207

MOVED by Member S Toms, seconded by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the report from Member Saffron Toms for her attendance to the Wild Things, EDS 2015 Conference.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Member Saffron Toms - Wild Things Conference Report 2015

21 Chairperson's Report - December 2015

Resolution number WTK/2015/208

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the Chairperson's report.**

CARRIED

22 Portfolio Update: Member Sandra Coney

Resolution number WTK/2015/209

MOVED by Chairperson S Coney, seconded by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the Portfolio Update from Member Sandra Coney.**

CARRIED

23 Portfolio update: Member Denise Yates

Resolution number WTK/2015/210

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson DA Yates, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the portfolio update from Deputy Chair Denise Yates.**

CARRIED

24 Portfolio update - Member Steve Tollestrup

Resolution number WTK/2015/211

MOVED by Member S Toms, seconded by Member GB Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Receives the portfolio update from Member Steve Tollestrup**

CARRIED

25 Confirmation of Workshop Records - 01 October - 19 November 2015

Resolution number WTK/2015/212

MOVED by Member GB Presland, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **Confirms that the attached records of the workshops held 01, 08, 15, 22 and 29 October 2015, 12 and 19 November 2015 are true and correct record.**

CARRIED

26 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

26.1 Draft Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members

A copy of the Draft Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members Report and attachment Auckland Council Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members was tabled at the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2015/213

MOVED by Member GB Presland, seconded by Member NR Henderson:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board provides the following feedback on the Draft Auckland Council Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members:

- a) The policy should apply to the defined pre-election period only and be re-named accordingly. Outside of the pre-election period the Elected Members Code of Conduct provides sufficient guidance.
- b) The policy should enable robust political debate in an election year. The policy is at risk of stifling debate and appears anti-democratic in places, particularly the clauses relating to council communications (paragraphs 30-37).
- c) In the new year, council will be going through its annual plan process, and the local board and its members may take positions that are at odds with the position of the governing body over financial policies and investment priorities. This can only be seen as healthy political debate.
- d) A local board has a responsibility during its entire electoral term to represent the interests of its communities. At times, this may mean commenting both favourably and unfavourably on the decisions or actions of other parts of the council family, whether they be council controlled organisations, the governing body or other local boards.
- e) The policy has unfairly singled out “criticism” as having an electioneering tone. It is equally possible that speaking favourably about the actions or decisions of other parts of council has an electioneering tone.
- f) In par 31 and par 32, the description council communication resources and council-funded communication is too broad and needs to be defined. The use of email and social media might all be considered communication resources. The policy should only apply to official publications which could be listed or defined.
- g) Principle 1, should recognise reasonable personal use of mobile phones provided this is declared and the cost is reimbursed. It is unreasonable and impractical to expect elected members to carry two phones. The use of a council issue mobile phone is not gaining an electoral advantage it is just a question of practicality.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Draft Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members
- B Auckland Council Local Government Election Year Policy for Elected Members

8.54 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 WAITĀKERE RANGES
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....