

Ōrākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Ōrākei Local Board held in the St Chads Church and Community Centre, 38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank on Thursday, 28 April 2016 at 4.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Desley Simpson, JP
Deputy Chairperson	Kit Parkinson
Members	Ken Baguley Troy Churton Kate Cooke, JP Colin Davis, JP Mark Thomas

ABSENT

Member	Mark Thomas
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1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies**

Resolution number OR/2016/77

MOVED by Chairperson DEC Simpson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Parkinson:

That the Ōrākei Local Board accepts the apology from Member Thomas for absence.

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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 OR/2016/78

MOVED by Chairperson DEC Simpson, seconded by Member T Churton:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

a) **agrees the following activity level Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operational budgets for 2016/2017:**

i. **community services - \$443,000**

ii. **local environmental management - \$240,000**

- iii. local parks sport and recreation - \$468,000
- iv. local planning and development - \$35,000.
- b) recommends that the following 2015/2016 Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operating expenditure projects and their allocated budgets be deferred to the 2016/2017 financial year:

Resolution	Project	Amount to carry forward
OR/2015/61	Tahuna Torea Mangrove	\$60,000
OR/2015/61	OBAG state of the basin/management plan revision	\$25,000
OR/2015/75	Meadowbank Community Centre	\$15,000
Total		\$100,000

- c) agrees to convert \$170,000 of its Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operating expenditure budget to LDI capital expenditure to fund the following 2016/2017 projects and commits to funding the associated consequential operating costs of \$170,000 per annum in perpetuity:

Project	2016/2017
Develop new multi-use changing rooms and toilets at Michaels Avenue Reserve	\$950,000
Feeder links to the Ōrākei Spine	\$750,000
Total	\$1,700,000

- d) advocates to the Governing Body to release \$500,000 from the former Auckland City Council Parking Fund Reserve for the development of Shore Road Reserve eastern car park.
- e) advocates to the Governing Body to release \$250,000 from the former Auckland City Council Parking Fund Reserve for the development of the Waiatarua Reserve car park.
- f) agrees the following advocacy matters for discussion with the Governing Body on 9 May 2016:

Initiative/	Description	Advocating to
Meadowbank Community Centre	In the 2012-2022 Long-term Plan (LTP) the upgrade of the Meadowbank Community Centre was scheduled for the 2016/2017 financial year. This was widely consulted on and our community was very supportive of this upgrade. However,	Governing Body

	<p>through the development of the 2015-25 LTP the upgrade was pushed out to 2020/2021 despite strong advocacy from the Board and community.</p> <p>The upgrade has continually been a Board priority for the five years of Auckland Council. The facility was not fit for purpose since well before the amalgamation and has deteriorated considerably over the last few years. Demand has increased and the building is at capacity. Renovations and renewals were deferred due to cost and uncertainty regarding the building's redevelopment.</p> <p>During the 2015-2025 LTP process, the Governing Body resolved that the Board could use its Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operating expenditure funding to bring forward the upgrade to 2016/2017. The Board has considered this option and notes that taking this option would lock in a quarter of its LDI operating expenditure budget for the next four years. This would adversely affect the funding available for local community programmes and severely constrain the funding available to the incoming Board.</p> <p>The Board has considered using its LDI capital expenditure budget to bring forward the upgrade, but this would use the total LDI capital expenditure budget for both the 2013-2016 and 2016-2019 electoral terms.</p> <p>In light of the above, the Board considers using either LDI options as poor governance and therefore requests the Governing Body to bring forward the upgrade to 2016/2017 as originally planned in the 2012-2022 LTP.</p>	
<p>Progressing the Tamaki Drive Masterplan</p>	<p>The development of the harbour side of Tamaki Drive, to increase the width of the road corridor to separate pedestrians and cyclists from cars and buses improving the overall safety for all users of the road corridor is a priority project from the widely consulted on Tamaki</p>	<p>Governing Body/Auckland Transport</p>

	<p>Drive Masterplan.</p> <p>The community has expressed strong support for the project through past consultation on the 2015/2025 LTP, the Ōrākei Local Board Plan and the Tamaki Drive Masterplan. In addition, there was very strong support for this initiative from the 2016/2017 Annual Plan feedback.</p> <p>The Board requests that the Governing Body:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocates funding in 2016/2017 to commence the planning for the development of the harbour side of Tamaki Drive to increase the width of the road corridor to separate pedestrians and cyclists from cars and buses improving the overall safety for all users of the road corridor, by reallocating funding for this from the lowest regional priorities. • urgently requests that Auckland Transport undertake the work in conjunction with the upgrade of the Tamaki/Ngapipi intersection and/or the works to raise Tamaki Drive to address on-going flooding issues between the Ngapipi intersection and Solent Street. 	
<p>Integration of Orakei Spine Connections and Pourewa Valley Projects</p>	<p>The change by Ministry of Education in 2015 to define the zoning of Selwyn College to include the suburb of Meadowbank and the existing zone of St Thomas’s School along with the confirmation of a funded plan to build a shared path between Glen Innes and Tamaki Drive (Ōrākei Spine), has given rise to an urgent requirement to coordinate various large numbers of submissions and advocacy projects that the Ōrākei Local Board have received over the past five years.</p> <p>The Board list four interrelated projects that need to be considered in a coordinated manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pedestrian and cycling connections between the Gowing Drive area and the 	<p>Governing Body/Auckland Transport</p>

	<p>north side of the Pourewa Valley to connect the residents of Gowing Drive with Selwyn College and St Thomas's School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Providing a critically essential link to an off road north to south connection for the Ōrākei Local Board's Greenways plan for a Ellerslie to Kohimarama Greenway path.iii. Providing a link to the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path for residents in the Gowing Drive area.iv. Planning for a future Pourewa Valley train station that takes into account the potential increase of passengers that would come from Meadowbank residents having an easily accessible connection with the station. <p>An opportunity currently exists to purchase a property in Gowing Drive that contains only one residential building (all other properties in Gowing Drive involve three or four homes) that could provide a realistic option to provide a north/south link to service the above projects. The Ōrākei Local Board maintains that a change to the plans for the proposed route of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path that currently has the path on the north side of the rail line at the Pourewa cemetery, could eliminate the need for a bridge over the rail line at the western edge of the cemetery and the construction of an elevated boardwalk on the northern side of the rail line. The change would require an upgraded pathway through the cemetery and the acquisition of properties in Gowing Drive and Tipene Place plus the construction of an underpass under the rail line off Gowing Drive. The cost of these changes could be cost neutral when land not required for pathways is eventually sold and the cost of bridges and elevated pathways are taken out of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path</p>	
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	<p>project.</p> <p>The Ōrākei Local Board requests that the above proposals be urgently considered by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport and that a budget of \$2 million be allocated in the 2016/2017 budgets for property purchases and planning before the opportunity to satisfy the four objectives is lost.</p>	
<p>Retention of non-service property as recreation open space - 400 St Johns Road</p>	<p>Auckland Council considered its role in the provision of equestrian facilities in December 2012 and resolved that Council's primary role in the provision of equestrian facilities is to make Council owned land available on a community lease to pony club and Riding for New Zealand Disabled organisations at a local level, where suitable.</p> <p>An opportunity exists for Auckland Council to retain land at 400 St Johns Road, St Johns, currently designated for transport purposes, and reclassify it for recreation purposes to enable the provision of local equestrian facilities.</p> <p>The Board requests that the Governing Body directs Pānuku Development Auckland and Parks, Sports and Recreation to develop a business case for retaining 400 St Johns Road, St Johns as recreation open space once Auckland Transport has indicated that the site is surplus to its needs.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Central Facilities Partnership Fund</p>	<p>Since 2010, the Central Facilities Partnership Committee (CFPC) allocated \$10 million which was leveraged to provide community projects with a total value of \$45 million. This community-led approach was consistent with the empowered communities' philosophy and has been an effective approach to provide facility provision across the central isthmus.</p> <p>Prior to the 2015-25 Long-term Plan (LTP) the Board had approximately \$1.3 million of annual discretionary capital (approximately \$600,000 from the CFPC and \$700,000 Small Local</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>

	<p>Improvements capital funding). The Board now only has a capital budget of \$510,000 per annum to deliver in both of these areas, noting this is a reduction of \$790,000 per annum.</p> <p>The Ōrākei Local Board requests that the Governing Body allocates \$4 million to the seven central local boards, so that they can contribute towards an overall budget for the Central Facilities Partnership Committee to provide facility partnerships to community groups. This will go some way to addressing the drop in funding for Local Boards as part of the 2015-25 LTP.</p>	
<p>Rates</p>	<p><u>Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)</u></p> <p>Ōrākei Local Board remains the highest residential rate paying local board area in the city. A clear message from our community is that the rates burden is a significant issue for residents throughout our area.</p> <p>Of the responses received seeking a change to the UAGC, 24 per cent indicated the UAGC should change to \$650.</p> <p>The Board would be prepared to support a minimum UAGC rate of \$450.</p> <p><u>Interim Transport Levy (ITL)</u></p> <p>The Ōrākei Local Board does not support the ITL unless the benefits to its area can be demonstrated by way of the Board's transport advocacy projects being supported by the Governing Body.</p> <p>If the ITL continues to be charged, the feedback received to the Ōrākei Board indicated a preference for increasing the portion paid by business ratepayers and that this should be based on property value.</p> <p>The Ōrākei Local Board considers that the regional consultation topics for the Annual Plan 2016/2017 were lacking as they did not ask Aucklanders whether they wished the ITL to remain.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>

	<p><u>Farm and Lifestyle Rates</u></p> <p>The feedback received recommends that the differential paid by rural properties over 50 hectares should remain as it is.</p> <p><u>Māori Freehold Land Rates</u></p> <p>The Ōrākei Local Board considers that the Annual Plan 2016/2017 was lacking in its consultation as the Annual Plan did not consider the rating policy for other land with restrictions on its use.</p> <p>The feedback received recommends that rates paid for Māori freehold land should remain as they are and not be reduced.</p>	
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12 Feedback received on the draft Annual Plan 2016/2017 consultation

Resolution number OR/2016/79

MOVED by Chairperson DEC Simpson, seconded by Member CH Cooke:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receives the Annual Plan 2016/2017 consultation feedback report and
- b) considers amendments to its local priorities and projects, and advocacy priorities for its Local Board Agreement 2016/2017.

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13 Central Facility Partnership Joint Advocacy Positions

Resolution number OR/2016/80

MOVED by Chairperson DEC Simpson, seconded by Member K Baguley:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) notes that since 2010, the Central Facilities Partnership Committee has allocated \$10 million, which was leveraged to provide community projects with a total value of \$45 million (this community-led approach is consistent with the empowered communities' philosophy).
- b) notes that with the establishment of the \$10 million Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) Capex Fund as part of the 2015-2025 Long-term Plan, the Central Facility Partnership Fund ceased to exist.
- c) notes that the Ōrākei Local Board area has lost approximately \$790,000 per annum of tangible benefit to our community as result of the disestablishment of the Central Facilities Partnership Committee and the Small Local Improvement Projects budget.
- d) agrees to include in the Board's key advocacy issues the proposed joint advocacy positions:
 - i) request the Governing Body to re-instate a sub-regional fund similar to the

Central Facility Partnership Fund

- ii) request the approval for the Central Facility Partnership Committee to undertake under its governance responsibilities the ability to re-invest funds, up to the value of current commitments, in the event of a current facility partnership commitment failing to crystallise.
- e) agree to include as part of the local boards individual achievement reports the inclusion of the collective outcomes of the central Facilities Partnership Committee.

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14 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no extraordinary items.

5.32 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 ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....