

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 4 April 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber
Venue: Takapuna Service Centre
Level 3
1 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Dr Grant Gillon
Deputy Chairperson	George Wood, CNZM
Members	Mike Cohen, QSM, JP Jennifer McKenzie Jan O'Connor Mike Sheehy

(Quorum 3 members)

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members are 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.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 7 March 2017, as a true and correct record.

5 Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

6 Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

7 Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

8 Deputations

Standing Order 3.20 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

8.1 Deputation - Allen Hill Neighbours Group

Purpose

1. The purpose of this deputation is to address the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board regarding the proposed sports field development at Dacre Park.

Executive summary

2. Elaine Sawyer and a group called the 'Allen Hill Neighbours' were in attendance to address the board on Dacre Park.

Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) thank the Allen Hill Neighbours group for their attendance and presentation.

8.2 Deputation - Rose Centre

Purpose

1. The purpose of this deputation is to address the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board regarding the recent issues at the Rose Centre.

Executive summary

2. Challen Wilson was in attendance to address the board on the Rose Centre.

Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) thank Challen Wilson for her attendance and presentation.

9 Public Forum

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of 3 minutes per item is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

9.1 Public Forum - Benjamin the Library Cat Sculpture

Purpose

1. Fiona Startup will be in attendance to discuss the proposal for a sculpture outside the Devonport Library called 'Benjamin the Library Cat'.

Executive summary

2. Fiona Startup will be in attendance to address the board regarding Benjamin the Library Cat Sculpture outside the Devonport Library.

Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

- a) receive the presentation from Fiona Startup regarding 'Benjamin the Library Cat Sculpture' and thank her for her attendance.

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10 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and

- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

11 Notices of Motion

At the close of the agenda no requests for notices of motion had been received.

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Benjamin the Library Cat Sculpture Proposal

Fiona Startup

As the number of people attending Benjamin the Library Cat's farewell attests, he was a much loved and very important member of the Devonport community. Loved because of his irascible and feisty attitude, and important because he somehow became part of the bond that unites us as a community. You would often hear visitors asking about the cat sauntering over the pedestrian crossing, a local would tell them, with a touch of pride, 'Oh, that's Benjamin, our Library Cat'

As one of the library staff, I was rung by a distraught Anne Bucholz (Benjamin's chief carer) the day it happened. She, and later my daughter both said "You should make a bronze of him!"

That, I think would be a very fitting way to remember this cat about town. Devonport's answer to Greymouth's Bobby and Hamish McHamish!

I am offering to create a sculpture of Benjamin for free, (see overleaf for an example of my work) and hoping to raise donations from the community to cover the cost of having the clay sculpture molded and cast in bronze. For a sculpture this size (approx one metre high) this is a costly process. I asked for an estimate from Richard Wells of Artworks foundry. This came back at \$25,000. I replied that sadly I didn't think we could raise that much. Richard then very generously wrote that he thought it such a great project that he would be willing to be a major sponsor and do it for \$9,000. A wonderful gesture from someone who doesn't even live in Devonport!

Somehow the idea has already got around town, and we have already had people and businesses offering to donate money towards it. I estimate that we would need to raise \$10,500 in total to cover the cost of casting and installation. There is a possibility that one of our local community groups will be willing to help with the co-ordinating of the project.

I imagine the sculpture sitting on Windsor Reserve as indicated below, in a spot where the bronze would be warmed by the afternoon sun. This of course would be subject to its placement being approved by the Local Board, and Auckland Council's Parks and Facilities, and Public Art departments.

The plan is to set up a Give-a-Little page.

Please email benjaminthelibrarycat@gmail.com if you would like regular up-dates or to express an interest in donating.



Concept sketch of Benjamin sculpture.
Benjamin to be life-size. To be cast in bronze
Approx height of whole piece one metre



Benjamin the Library Cat Sculpture Fund Raiser



Please join us at "The Vic" for a special showing of
"A Street Cat Named Bob"

to raise funds for the casting of the one metre high bronze
sculpture of Benjamin planned for Windsor Reserve.

WHEN: Wed April 5th 7.30pm for 8pm start

WHERE : The Vic 56 Victoria Rd Devonport

Tickets \$25 each

Includes movie and either wine or ice cream

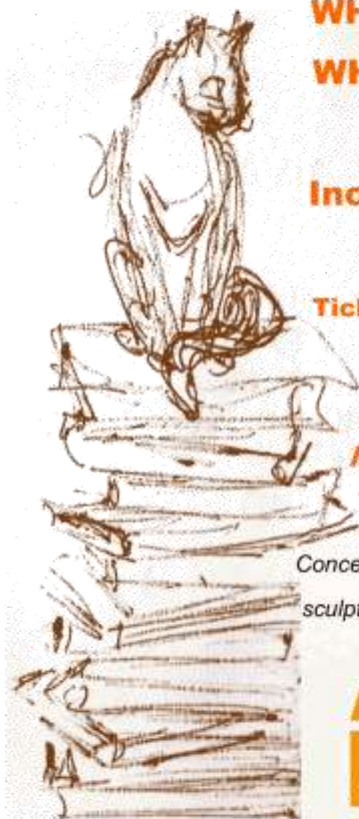
Bookings essential limited tickets

Tickets available from Bookmark, 15 Victoria Rd Devonport

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Major Sponsor : Richard Wells Artworks Foundry



Concept sketch by
sculptor Fiona Startup

