

## **Rodney Local Board OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Rodney Local Board held in the Council Chamber, Orewa Service Centre, 50 Centreway Road, Orewa on Thursday, 20 July 2017 at 2.00pm.

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### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Beth Houlbrooke
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Phelan Pirrie
<b>Members</b>	Brent Bailey
	Tessa Berger
	Cameron Brewer
	Louise Johnston
	Allison Roe, MBE
	Colin Smith
	Brenda Steele

### **ALSO PRESENT**

<b>Councillor</b>	Greg Sayers	(from 2.05pm, Item 8.2)
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**1 Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

**2 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number RD/2017/110

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie, seconded by Member B Bailey:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 15 June 2017, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**5 Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

**6 Acknowledgements**

There were no acknowledgements.

**7 Petitions**

There were no petitions.

**8 Deputations**

**8.1 Health Link North**

Wiki Shepherd-Sinclair from Health Link North and Margaret Willoughby, Health Link North board member were in attendance to make a presentation on the activities of Health Link North.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/111

MOVED by Member B Bailey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **thank the representatives from Health Link North for their presentation on the activities of the organisation in the local board area.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Copy powerpoint presentation

Councillor Sayers present at 2.05pm

## 8.2 Green Road, Dairy Flat

Mr Jeff Jowsey was in attendance to present a proposal for a criterium cycling circuit on council owned land at Green Road, Dairy Flat.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/112

MOVED by Member B Steele, seconded by Member C Smith:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **thank Jeff Jowsey for his presentation on a proposal for including a criterium cycling track on council owned land at Green Road, Dairy Flat.**

**CARRIED**

### **Attachments**

- A Copy powerpoint presentation

## 9 Public Forum

### 9.1 Removal of Clean fill

Mr Charles Wedd was in attendance to address the local board on the removal of clean fill.

The chairperson thanked Mr Wedd for his presentation and advised that the local board was not involved in the decision making on resource consents but can make comments if asked.

## 10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 11 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## 12 Auckland Plan Refresh 2018: early feedback to inform draft plan

Vanessa Blakelock, Team Leader Strategic Scanning, was in attendance.

Resolution number RD/2017/113

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **provide the following feedback on the Auckland Plan Refresh 2018 draft plan:**
  - i. **supports the focus on the key challenges associated with growth and requests that the draft plan place greater emphasis on how to address those key challenges**

- ii. notes that the focus on a compact city does not recognise the level of growth occurring in outlying areas and suggests that greater emphasis needs to be placed on the impact felt in those outlying areas
- iii. notes that the current focus on challenges associated with growth does not address the environmental impacts of growth in outlying areas, such as the proliferation of clean fills in non-urban environments, and suggests these impacts should be addressed in the draft plan
- iv. supports references to valuing and celebrating Auckland's diversity and suggests that the focus on diversity should recognise both demographically and geographically diverse communities in particular coastal and rural communities, not just social/ethnic diversity
- v. considers that the draft plan maintains a narrow focus on the city centre and dense urban living and will not resonate with communities that do not meet that description, including those that live within the 46% of Auckland's land mass that falls within the Rodney ward
- vi. supports the inclusion of a focus on understanding the rural environment, the rural economy and the role of rural settlements within the region
- vii. supports the theme of skills and jobs, and suggests that the draft plan be expanded to explicitly address the issue of the location of employment given its capacity to have positive benefits in terms of growing local communities and relieving pressure on transport infrastructure
- viii. supports the focus, with reference to the homes and places theme, on "urban areas that work" and suggests that this be expanded to include explicit provision for adequate open space and recreation areas in tandem with growth
- ix. requests that the plan be drafted in a way that ensures it clearly applies to all Aucklanders; for example, listing examples of commuting by train or using cycleways to commute will have no relevance to areas like Rodney that lack sealed roads, public transport, footpaths or cycleway connections
- x. supports references to resilient, thriving communities and considers that the draft plan should be expanded to explicitly support community-led outcomes, in particular the desire of communities to participate in the delivery and creation of assets for their local community
- xi. considers that the draft plan does not provide enough concrete examples to illustrate what council will actually deliver for communities, or how communities can partner with council, and suggests that more needs to be done to draft the plan so that it will resonate with all Aucklanders
- xii. questions the focus on 'affordable, safe, stable homes' given that council's role in the delivery of such outcomes is limited with central government being the key decision maker in this area and notes that this outcome does not address the needs of the wider community and is not supported by past community feedback that the council should be focusing on providing core services such as roading

- xiii. supports the focus on protecting and enhancing our natural environment, particularly given the pressures resulting from accelerated growth, and suggests that there should be a regional focus on improving the health of our harbours and waterways given the unique geography of the Auckland region with its multiple harbours as a key point of difference.
- b) note that the local board's resolutions will be reported back to the Planning Committee when it meets on 1 August 2017 to decide on direction to inform the draft Auckland Plan.
- c) note that there will be further opportunities to provide feedback on the draft plan as council continues through the Auckland Plan refresh process during 2017.

**CARRIED**

### 13 Feedback on the Tākaro – Investing in Play discussion document

William Brydon, Principal Policy Analyst, was in attendance.

Resolution number RD/2017/114

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie, seconded by Member B Bailey:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) provide the following feedback on the 'Tākaro – Investing in Play' discussion document:
  - i. notes its concern that this policy has been developed without any approach to local boards as to the need or value of the policy and that local boards have had minimal (if any) consultation on the development of this policy to date.
  - ii. notes that local boards hold decision making responsibility for the establishment of playgrounds and other improvements in local parks and therefore questions the need for a regional policy for an activity that is primarily local in nature.
  - iii. does not support any policy development that dictates, limits or reprioritises future investment in play as this would fetter local board decision making, and considers instead that the emphasis should be focused on providing additional operational support to local boards so that local boards can identify and deliver suitable play spaces in their areas.
  - iv. considers that it is not clear how 'Tākaro – Investing in Play' relates to or reflects local board plans and the emphasis and direction setting that these plans set for investing in play; for example, a key initiative in the draft Rodney Local Board Plan 2017 is to "revitalise existing playgrounds, and build new play spaces where needed, to create 'active zones' with more challenging or multi-use equipment fit for all age groups".
  - v. notes its concern that local board feedback is being sought at the same time as public feedback so that local boards do not have the benefit of seeing the public's views, and considers that the process of developing this policy document has not adequately recognised the role of local board decision making and the value of local board input in this key area for local communities.

- vi. recommends that 'Tākaro – Investing in Play' be repurposed as a tool-kit to help local boards and staff to consider new and innovative approaches to play, with a particular focus on supporting community-led processes in this area.
  - vii. requests that staff work with the Local Board Chair's Forum to discuss local boards' feedback on 'Tākaro – Investing in Play' prior to finalising the document to ensure that local views are adequately captured, reflected and reported to the Governing Body.
  - viii. supports the proposition that "each play space needs to be tailored to the unique needs of the local community" and considers that local boards are best placed to develop guiding documents for investing in play as they understand the needs and preferences for play within their local communities.
  - ix. considers that investment in play should come in the form of sufficient funding for local boards to create new, or enhance existing, assets in their local board areas for both passive and active recreation, or to partner with the community to enable them to build future park assets.
  - x. supports the adoption of a more inclusive approach to investment that spreads the benefit of play to all age groups, including a focus on more challenging play spaces for older children and equipment that can be used to get adults "more active, more often", and notes that this includes a willingness to accept a higher risk profile to enable play to be more challenging for older age groups.
  - xi. does not support the suggestion that council is investing in the wrong places, as local boards regularly work with communities and staff to review and assess current assets and determine what changes need to be made to ensure they reflect the communities' needs.
  - xii. does not support prioritising investment according to social need or population density as this tends to overlook larger local board areas like Rodney which require additional investment in order to counter the tyranny of distance, lack of historic investment, and lack of accessibility, particularly in our rural areas that lack public transport or adequate footpaths/connections to play spaces.
  - xiii. supports community-led development of play spaces and investigating partnerships with communities/local providers, and recommends that council's Community Empowerment Unit be heavily involved in redeveloping this discussion document as a tool-kit for community led investment in play.
  - xiv. does not support any reduction in local board budgets to achieve the directives outlined in 'Tākaro – Investing in Play'.
- b) request that the local board's feedback on 'Tākaro – Investing in Play' be circulated to other local boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

**14 Local board involvement in regional strategic priority workshops on the Long-term Plan 2018-2028**

Jonathan Hope, Senior Local Board Advisor, was in attendance

Resolution number RD/2017/115

MOVED by Member B Steele, seconded by Member A Roe:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **appoint Chairperson Houlbroke as the a lead local board member and Member Phelan Pirrie as the alternate to take part in regional strategic priority workshops on the Long-term Plan 2018-2028.**

**CARRIED**

**15 Ward Councillor Update**

Councillor Sayers provided an update on the activities of council.

A copy of Councillors Sayers' report has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/116

MOVED by Member B Bailey, seconded by Member T Berger:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **thank Cr Sayers for his update to the Rodney Local Board on the activities of the governing body.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Copy report for June-July

*Member B Steele left the meeting at 3.32 pm.*

**Extension of Meeting Time**

Resolution number RD/2017/117

MOVED by Member B Bailey, seconded by Member A Roe:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **agree at 3.40 pm, pursuant to standing order 3.3.7, that an extension of time until the business on the agenda is complete be granted.**

**CARRIED**

**16 Rodney Local Board Chairperson's Report**

Resolution number RD/2017/118

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie, seconded by Member B Bailey:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the chairperson's report.**

**CARRIED**

**17 Governance Forward Work Programme**

Resolution number RD/2017/119

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the governance forward work calendar.**

**CARRIED**

**18 Deputation/Public Forum Update**

Resolution number RD/2017/120

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson P Pirrie, seconded by Chairperson B Houlbrooke:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the Deputation/Public Forum Update for the Rodney Local Board.**

**CARRIED**

*Member B Steele returned to the meeting at 3.41 pm.*

**19 Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.42 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 RODNEY LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....