
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber, Takapuna Service Centre, Level 3, 1 The Strand, Takapuna on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson	George Wood, CNZM	Presiding
Members	Mike Cohen, QSM, JP	
	Jennifer McKenzie	
	Mike Sheehy	

ABSENT

Chairperson	Dr Grant Gillon	for illness
Members	Jan O'Connor	for absence

1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies**

Resolution number DT/2017/265

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **accepts the apology from Chairperson G Gillon for illness.**
- b) **accepts the apology from Member J O'Connor for absence.**

CARRIED

3 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number DT/2017/266

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member J McKenzie:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **confirms the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 28 November 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**

There were no deputations.

9 **Public Forum**

9.1 **Public Forum, Bill Rayner**

Bill Rayner, Grey Power, was in attendance to address the board in relation to agenda item 17 – 10-year budget 2018-2028 consultation.

Resolution number DT/2017/267

MOVED by Member M Cohen, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **thanks Bill Rayner for his attendance and presentation.**

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Secretarial Note: *Item 13 was heard at this point.*

12 Regional Facilities Auckland - First Quarter 2017/18 Report

Judy Lawley, Manager Local Board Engagement and Bernie Haldane, Head of Programming and Presenter Services, Regional Facilities Auckland, were in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/268

MOVED by Member M Cohen, seconded by Member J McKenzie:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receives the Regional Facilities Auckland First Quarter 2017/18 report and thanks Judy Lawley and Bernie Haldane for their presentation and attendance.

CARRIED

13 Auckland Transport Monthly Update - December 2017

Marilyn Nicholls, Elected Member Relationship Manager, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/269

MOVED by Member J McKenzie, seconded by Member M Cohen:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receives the Auckland Transport December 2017 monthly update report and thanks Marilyn Nicholls for her presentation and attendance.

CARRIED

14 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Open Space Network Plan

Sam Noon, Principal Policy Analyst was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/270

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) approves the scope of work for the preparation of an open space network plan and thanks Sam Noon for his presentation and attendance.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: *Under Standing Order 3.15.5 Member M Cohen requested his dissenting vote be recorded.*

15 Local board feedback on rates remission and postponement policy review

Eric Perry, Relationship Manager, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/271

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **does not support the officer recommended Option one, to integrate with the contestable grants scheme due to the following concerns:**
 - i. **there is no assurance to local boards that the funding provided to local boards is increased in line with rates increases so that the proportion of rates relief available to eligible parties also increases and is commensurate.**
 - ii. **the current remission scheme is inequitable because not all former legacy council areas had such a scheme in place and integrating this with the contestable grants scheme does not address this inequity.**
- b) **considers that the recommended option one does not address outstanding equity issues because:**
 - i. **where community halls and other facilities are owned and maintained by local communities they provide a service to the community without cost to council**
 - ii. **the current remissions policy goes a small way to address the differential between community operated facilities and those facilities that are fully council funded in other areas, by providing rates relief to communities who would otherwise receive no funding; this is fair given the service the community operated facilities provide**
 - iii. **adjusting the remissions policy to require that groups apply for an annual grant is inequitable in light of the funding available in other areas, and worsens the situation instead of improving it by removing the certainty for communities and making their funding subject to annual decision making**
 - iv. **if the equity issues are to be properly addressed, all community halls and other facilities which rely on rates remissions should be fully funded on the same basis as those halls and facilities in other legacy council areas.**
- c) **requests an additional option be investigated for the development of a region-wide scheme, which may have some local decision-making, that supports community and sporting organisations and natural and historic heritage assets as all current options identified seek to deal with legacy schemes rather than setting a holistic policy to achieve agreed outcomes through this investment.**
- d) **supports option two in the interim to retain the legacy remission and postponement schemes (status quo) until further investigation is undertaken on the option of a region-wide scheme, noting the following comments:**
 - i. **Section 98 of the Auckland Council Community Grants Policy states that rates rebates, rates remissions and rates postponements are out of scope for the Community Grants Policy.**

- ii. the grant system being suggested is only for a three year period which means that there is no certainty for those community groups owning and operating halls that the arrangement would continue beyond that three year period
- iii. the proposal states “this will be smoothed over time by the Local Board Funding Policy” but it is unclear how legacy areas where the rates remission type of arrangement was in place will be impacted or affected in the future and how this improves upon current inequities.
- iv. the limitations with the Smarty Grants system already has many community groups expressing concerns on how onerous it can be to apply for a grant and the local board expresses its concern regarding the use of this process for rates remissions.
- v. there are unresolved concerns that have been raised previously by the northern local boards regarding funding gaps identified for community houses, community centres and art facilities due to inequitable levels of funding and the use of local board’s operational Locally Driven Initiatives budget to fund these centres whereas in other areas funding is provided through Asset Based Services funding is not adequately provided.
- vi. it is unclear whether this Rates Remission and Postponement Policy Review is taking into account the Sports Facility Investment Plan, which is looking to take a systematic approach to regional investment in a network of sport facilities and moving away from an ad hoc and inconsistent investment across legacy councils and as the draft Sports Facility Investment Plan looks for increased revenue opportunities while moving away from removal of rates remissions and postponements.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: The board requested the above resolution be shared with Ward Councillors Chris Darby and Richard Hills.

Secretarial Note: Member J McKenzie left the room at 5:11pm and returned during the adjournment.

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm and reconvened at 5:22pm

16 Decision-making allocation update

Eric Perry, Relationship Manager, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/272

MOVED by Member M Cohen, seconded by Member J McKenzie:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) endorses the proposed allocation of non-regulatory decision-making as attached to the agenda report.
- b) recognises the ongoing work underway with respect to how the wider council organisation and council controlled organisations support local boards in their governance role as part of the Governance Framework Review project.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: Item 18 was heard at this point.

17 10-year Budget 2018-2028 consultation

Tristan Coulson, Senior Local Board Advisor, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

An updated version of local content for consultation (Attachment A) and local supporting information for consultation (Attachment B) was tabled.

A copy of the tabled documents has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DT/2017/273

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **adopts Attachment A local content for consultation and Attachment B local supporting information for consultation, including the key advocacy project.**
- b) **agrees, subject to approval by the Governing Body, to hold the following events during the consultation period:**
 - i) **Belmont School Fair: Saturday 3 March 2018;**
 - ii) **Movies in Parks at Milford Reserve; Thursday 29 March 2018**
 - iii) **Takapuna Sunday Market, Sunday 25 March 2018.**
- c) **delegates to the following elected members and staff the power and responsibility to hear from the public through “spoken/NZ sign language interaction” in relation to the local board agreement at the council’s public engagement events during the consultation period for the 10-year budget 2018-2028:**
 - i) **Local Board Members and Chairperson;**
 - ii) **General Manager Local Board Services, Local Board Relationship Manager, Local Board Senior Advisor, Local Board Advisor; and**
 - iii) **any additional staff approved by the General Manager Local Board Services or the Chief Financial Officer**
- d) **delegates authority to the Chairperson to approve any final minor changes required following review by council’s legal team and/or Audit NZ, of the local consultation content for the 10-year budget 2018-2028 prior to publication, including online consultation content, and should any changes be made they are to be reported to the next business meeting.**
- e) **partners with key community organisations to ensure they are involved in the 10-year budget 2018-2028 consultation process.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Local content for consultation
- B Local supporting information for consultation

18 Revising the local board Standing Orders

Eric Perry, Relationship Manager, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

A copy of the adopted Auckland Council Standing Orders of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DT/2017/274

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **adopts the standing orders detailed in Attachment D to the agenda report, entitled “Auckland Council Standing Orders of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board”, in replacement of its current standing orders, subject to the following amendments:**
 - i. **amend the wording of standing order 12.1.11 (provisions for persons to remain after public excluded) from “if a majority of members present agree” to “local board on that issue and at the discretion of the chairperson”**
 - ii. **amend the wording of standing order 12.1.12 (general order of business) to remove the current workshop start and end times, and that the matter of workshops be discussed at a workshop in early 2018**
 - iii. **amend the wording of standing order 7.8.1 (time) to “A period of up to 30 minutes, or at such other time during the meeting deemed appropriate by the chairperson”**
 - iv. **amend the wording of standing order 7.8.2 (public forum) to include “in extraordinary circumstances the chairperson retains discretion to allow public forum requests on matters that are not related to an item on the agenda”**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Auckland Council - Standing Orders of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

19 Ward Councillors Update

A written report from Cr Chris Darby and Cr Richard Hills was tabled.

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

Resolution number DT/2017/275

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member J McKenzie:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **receives the written report from Cr Chris Darby and Cr Richard Hills, updating the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board on the activities of the governing body.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Ward Councillors Update - December 2017

20 Elected Members' Reports

A written report from Member J McKenzie was tabled.

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

Resolution number DT/2017/276

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

a) receives and thanks Member J McKenzie for her written report.

CARRIED

Attachments

A Member J McKenzie Report - December 2017

21 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board - Record of Workshops November 2017

Tristan Coulson, Senior Local Board Advisor, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/277

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson GW Wood, seconded by Member M Cohen:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

a) receives the records of the workshops held in November 2017.

CARRIED

22 Governance Forward Work Calendar

Tristan Coulson, Senior Local Board Advisor, was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DT/2017/278

MOVED by Member J McKenzie, seconded by Member M Sheehy:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

a) notes the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board governance forward work calendar – December 2017.

CARRIED

23 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

6.36 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 DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....