

## **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, 14 December 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
	Colin Smith
	Brenda Steele

### **ABSENT**

Member Allison Roe

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**1 Welcome**

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

**2 Apologies**

Resolution number RD/2017/195

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **accept the apology from Member A Roe for lateness\*.**

**CARRIED**

Secretarial Note:

\*Member Allison Roe put in an apology for lateness but did not actually make it to the meeting.

Councillor Sayers sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number RD/2017/196

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 16 November 2017 and Tuesday, 5 December 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 Point Wells Citizens and Ratepayers Association

Bevan Woodward, Graeme Beals, Brian Plowman and Brian Sewell from the Point Wells Citizens and Ratepayers Association were in attendance to outline concerns they have with transport issues at Point Wells. The Point Wells Street Safety and Enhancement Study that has been produced was attached to the agenda. The representative gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been placed on the file copy of the agenda and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/197

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **thank the representatives from Point Wells Citizens and Ratepayers Association for their presentation of the Point Wells Street Safety and Enhancement Study.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A Pt Wells presentation

## 9 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 11 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## 12 Rodney Local Board Representation on Pūhoi to Pakiri paths and trails steering group

Bryce Pomfrett (Senior Partnership Advisor) in attendance for this item.

Resolution number RD/2017/198

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Member B Steele:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **nominate Member Tessa Berger to sit on the Pūhoi to Pakiri paths and trails governance group.**

**CARRIED**

**13 Local board representative on the Auckland Council SeaChange Political Reference Group**

Resolution number RD/2017/199

MOVED by Member B Bailey, seconded by Member C Brewer:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **appoint Member Beth Houlbrooke as the representative to the Auckland Council SeaChange Political Reference Group.**

**CARRIED**

**14 Local board feedback on rates remission and postponement policy review**

Resolution number RD/2017/200

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Member B Bailey:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **provide the following feedback on the options to address the legacy council remission and postponement schemes:**
- i) **does not support the recommended option one, to integrate with the contestable grants scheme due to the following concerns:**
- a) **it is not the local board's role to be involved in rating and rates remissions; this is best dealt with consistently at a regional level.**
- b) **if administered through the grant scheme 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.**
- c) **consider that 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.**
- d) **considers that the proposed 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.
- ii) supports Option 2 to retain the legacy remission and postponement schemes (status quo) and provide the following comments:
  - a) 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.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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.
  - d) 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.
  - e) The local board reiterates concerns raised previously by the northern local boards that they are either forced to use Locally Driven Initiatives budgets to fill gaps in funding for community houses, centres and facilities, or going without and leaving community assets unfunded, where other legacy areas are fully funded via Assets Based Services funding.
  - f) The draft Sports Facility Investment Plan is looking for increased revenue opportunities while moving away from rates remissions and postponements. It is requested that the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy Review take this into account.
- iii) supports an option to develop a holistic region-wide policy to address rates remissions and postponements to reconcile the current legacy arrangements.
- b) agree that Attachment D to the report remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

## 15 Decision making allocation

Resolution number RD/2017/201

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **endorse the proposed allocation of non-regulatory decision-making as attached to this report as Attachment A to the agenda report subject to resolution b) below.**
- b) **request that the Auckland Governance Political Working Party be asked to review the use of the catch-all phrase “all other non-regulatory activities of Auckland Council” and whether it is appropriate that the default decision maker for non-regulatory decisions is the Governing Body.**

**CARRIED**

## 16 Ten Year Budget 2018-2028 Consultation

Updated versions of Attachments A and B were tabled on the day and have been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/202

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **agree, subject to approval by the governing body, to hold the following spoken interaction events during the consultation period:**
  - i) **Have Your Say, Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at Helensville War Memorial Hall at 6.00pm – 8.00pm**
  - ii) **Have Your Say, Tuesday 13 March 2018 at Wellsford Hall at 6.00pm – 8.00pm**
- b) **delegate 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 Chair**
  - ii) **General Manager Local Board Services, Local Board Relationship Manager, Local Board Senior Advisor and Local Board Advisor**
  - iii) **any additional staff approved by the General Manager Local Board Services or the Chief Financial Officer**
- c) **adopt the updated Attachment A local content for consultation and the updated Attachment B local supporting information, both dated 11 December 2017, for consultation including the-key advocacy project.**
- d) **delegate authority to the local board chair 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.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Attachment A updated - consultation material
- B Attachment B updated - supporting information

**17 Revising the local board Standing Orders**

Resolution number RD/2017/203

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) adopt the standing orders detailed in Attachment A to the agenda report, entitled “Auckland Council Standing Orders of the Local Board”, in replacement of its current standing orders.

**CARRIED**

**18 Adoption of the Rodney Local Board Committee Meeting Schedule for 2018 and additional full local board meetings**

Resolution number RD/2017/204

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) adopt its committee meeting schedule for the period 2018 as follows:

COMMITTEE	DATE AND TIME	VENUE
Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 15 February 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, 15 March 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 19 April 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Warkworth Town Hall Cnr Neville and Alnwick streets Warkworth
Rodney Local Board Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, 17 May 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 21 June 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, 19 July 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa



Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 16 August 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, 20 September 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Waimauku War Memorial Hall, 24 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku
Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 18 October 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, 15 November 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa
Rodney Local Board Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee	Thursday, 13 December 2018 3.30pm or at the conclusion of the full local board meeting	Council Chamber Orewa Service Centre 50 Centreway Road, Orewa

- b) agree to hold business meetings of the full local board on Thursday, 10 May at 1pm 2018 and Thursday, 7 June 2018 at 12pm in the Council Chamber, Orewa Service Centre, 50 Centreway Road, Orewa.

**CARRIED**

## 19 Urgent decision-making process for the remainder of the electoral term

Resolution number RD/2017/205

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) adopt the urgent decision-making process for the remainder of the electoral term (until October 2019) for matters that require a decision where it is not practical to call the full local board together and meet the requirement of a quorum.
- b) delegate authority to the chairperson and deputy chairperson, to make urgent decisions on behalf of the local board for the remainder of the electoral term until October 2019.
- c) agree that the relationship manager, chairperson and deputy chairperson will authorise the urgent decision-making process by signing off the authorisation memo.
- d) note that all urgent decisions will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the local board.

**CARRIED**

## 20 Ward Councillor Update

Cr Sayers was unable to attend the meeting and provided a written update. The update has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website.

Resolution number RD/2017/206

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Member L Johnston:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **thank Cr Sayers for providing his December 2017 written update to the Rodney Local Board on the activities of the Governing Body.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A Councillor Update December 2017

## 21 Rodney Local Board Chairperson's Report

Resolution number RD/2017/207

MOVED by Chairperson B Houlbrooke, seconded by Member B Bailey:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the chairperson's report for December 2017.**

**CARRIED**

## 22 Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number RD/2017/208

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the governance forward work calendar as at December 2017.**

**CARRIED**

## 23 Deputation/Public Forum Update

Resolution number RD/2017/209

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

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

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

**CARRIED**

**24 Rodney Local Board Workshop Records**

Resolution number RD/2017/210

MOVED by Member C Brewer, seconded by Member L Johnston:

**That the Rodney Local Board:**

- a) **note the workshop records for Thursday, 26 October, Thursday, 9 November, Tuesday, 14 November and Thursday, 23 November, and Tuesday, 5 December 2017.**

**CARRIED**

**25 Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 3.02pm and reconvened at 3.24pm

3.25 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE RODNEY LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....