Date: Monday 19 March 2018
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Howick Local Board Meeting Room
Venue: Pakuranga Library Complex
        7 Aylesbury Street
        Pakuranga

Howick Local Board

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Residents response to Howick Local Board re proposed ‘new option’ for Cockle Bay Beach.

Presented to:
Auckland Council, Howick Local Board
By deputation, 19 March 2018.

Submitted by:
Group of concerned residents of Cockle Bay
(Includes beach front residents, most of who have lived in Cockle Bay for more than 20 years, general and marine engineers, an architect, legal & business professionals and people with significant maritime experience).

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Introduction

We wish to thank the Board and Dr Walker for listening to our concerns and for taking time to consider the various points raised in our submission of 19 February 2018.

We also appreciate being invited to hear the Board’s response and proposed new course of action – the ‘new option’, as outlined at the meeting of 16 March 2018 – see Auckland Council presentation: “Erosion response for Cockle Bay, Feedback to Cockle Bay residents”.

We are generally in agreement with the new direction recommended by Dr Walker and now being adopted by the Board.

However, we would like to clarify some aspects of the proposed works, make a couple of observations and suggest some additional minor improvements.

Our primary aim is to achieve the best outcome for all parties, including minimising cost, protection of assets and property and the reinstatement and preservation of the unique qualities of Cockle Bay Beach for all beach users.
Proposed works
(as outlined by Jarrod Walker at meeting with residents and Board representatives 16 March 2018)

1. Retain temporary rock wall
2. Additional up to 8m extension (informed by engineers assessment)
3. Sand transfer to cover the temporary rock
4. Sloped loose rock revetment in front of playground area to address wave reflection (route cause of erosion problems)
5. Monitor effectiveness

To be completed under existing emergency legislation

Subject to new resource consent – minimum 3 months.
4. Sloped loose rock revetment in front of playground area 66m x 3.84m (from base).

1. Retain temporary rock wall

3. Sand transfer to cover all temporary rock

2. Extend up to 8 m

5. Monitor effectiveness
1. AGREED.

However, some rocks have already been placed too high and need to be lowered so that soil & grass can be reinstated. Also, placing some additional rocks in front of this wall to make the slope down to the beach more gradual would be helpful for access, improve integrity of wall and facilitate earlier repatriation.
2. We do not believe this is necessary and suggest waiting to see the effectiveness of existing and other planned works before any further extension.

However, if the revetment in front of the playground area cannot be constructed quickly under emergency legislation (recognising that this is the route cause of the erosion problems) then it may be prudent to follow the engineers’ recommendations – PROVIDED:

- THE EXTENSION IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND BELOW GROUND LEVEL, and
- THE EXISTING LOOSE ROCK WALL AND ANY EXTENSION IS COVERED WITH SAND.
3. AGREED.

Also, the area between the road and the loose rock wall is in need of reinstatement – re-grassing, repair of kerb barriers (to prevent cars from driving onto rocks) and replacement of gravel in parking areas (washed away in storms).

3. Sand transfer to cover all temporary rock
4. AGREE.

This cannot happen soon enough. CAN COUNCIL COMPLETE THIS WORK EARLIER UNDER EXISTING EMERGENCY LEGISLATION?
5. Monitor effectiveness

5. AGREED.
Leaving this section of the wall in its current state will result in further erosion above and beyond the wall and scouring of mudflats in front of wall.
We understand that the existing loose rock wall running out from the creek will also be improved with larger rocks and the area tidied.
6. Reinstall lower part of pedestrian access ramp.

6. We suggest compacting a few large rocks into the sand and mud at base of the drop-off and continuing the ramp (rather than creating steps) down onto the mud flats. Mortaring these rocks (as has been done in the existing wall – see photo), should provide a usable, gentle sloping, stable access-way to the water. Naturally some maintenance will be required but this should be minimal once the adjacent revetment is in place.
7. TEMPORARY placement of additional rocks at end of existing solid rock and mortar wall.

7. We strongly recommend Council consider temporarily placing 1 or 2 truck loads of rocks here to help protect the existing recent improvements and beach front until the main revetment along the front of the playground wall is constructed.
Attachment A

Item 8.1

During storm events, until the main revetment is constructed, erosion of the beach may occur. Without placement of temporary anti-erosion measures, there may be further erosion of the beach. Additional improvements are required to prevent further erosion.
Summary of recommended works:

1. Retain temporary rock wall
2. Extend up to 8 m
3. Sand transfer to cover all temporary rock
4. Sloped loose rock revetment in front of playground area
5. Monitor effectiveness
6. Reinstall lower part of pedestrian access ramp
7. Temporary placement of additional rocks at end of existing solid rock and mortar wall

Can Council complete the Stage 4 Revetment earlier, under existing Emergency Legislation?
Thank you.
Bike East Auckland would like to see the proposed Walking and Cycling Network consider the following:

**1. COMMUTE**
DIRECT, safe routes for commuter-cyclists from Howick, Highland Park, Botany Downs, Golflands, Pakuranga areas to:

AMETI Hubs
(Botany & Pakuranga Town Centres)

Half Moon Bay Ferry Terminal

Highbrook
(as per submission #5321).

**2. LEISURE**
Provide safe and enjoyable off-road, leisure rides that build biking confidence – with the intention of creating more commuters.

**3. SCHOOL**
Provide safe, cycling options for kids riding to school. Create school bike routes that instill confidence in parents so that they allow their kids to ride to school.
Prioritise direct, safe, road-routes, that are a logical extension to the AMETI Bus/Cycleway project, and to Half Moon Bay Ferry Terminal.

Under current plans there is a disconnect between the AMETI Hubs and East Auckland – the area AMETI has set out to cater for.

**BIKE ROUTES THAT ALLOW CYCLING TO BE A REAL, ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT OPTION**

**Benefits**
- Makes leisure-riders feel safe enough to consider commuting
- Less parking needed
- Less congestion
- Makes riding to the city a viable option

**SUGGESTED ROADS FOR BIKE LINES, CONNECTING TO TRANSPORT HUB**
- Ridge Road
- Pakuranga Road
- Botany Road
- Millhouse Road
- Bucklands Beach Road
- Aviemore Drive

**EFFECTIVE CYCLING ROUTES WORK**
- New connections in the cycle network has created a 44% increase in people on bikes using the Northwestern Cycleway.
There were 3.67m bike trips counted across Auckland by 28 regional and city centre counters which have been in place for at least two years.

This is a 6.2% increase on 2016, when 3.45 million trips were recorded.
Prioritise upgrades of our safe and enjoyable, leisure rides to build biking confidence – with the intention of getting more locals commuting.

**CASCADES SHARED PATHWAY**

- Widen the existing pathways to cater better for cyclists and pedestrians.
- The cobblestones at the Hattaway Bridge point are difficult for bikes to navigate over.
- Dogs are often off-leash on this pathway.
- It is difficult to cross the waterway under the Botany Bridge, currently a small, 1/2 metre width, make-shift piece of wood is used as a crossing ramp. With young kids, heading up and across the road is not ideal.
- Lack of signage, there are many off-shoots to this pathway, it can be hard navigate.
- Promoted by council as a viable transport option to all major recreational events held at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

**ROTARY PATH**

- Pedestrian usage and blind corners make it unsuitable for bike commuters
- Seal and connect the exit at Wakaaranga Creek to HMB Ferry via a cycle path along Prince Regent Drive
- The proposed extension to this path, following the water, will be a real asset to the area.

**GREENMOUNT RESERVE & Sir Barry Curtis Park**

Create safe, leisure-ride options from the Howick/Pakuranga areas to these recreational parks.

Encourage locals, on weekends to bike to our cafes and markets by creating bike lanes leading to Howick’s main streets.
Priority safe cycling options for kids riding to school. Create school bike routes that instill confidence in parents so they allow their kids to ride.

Develop local bike maps, specifically for kids, to show them the safe-route options to their schools.

**STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017**

**CONNECTED SCHOOLS**

- Botany Downs Primary and Elim are both on the Cascades Pathway; work with these schools to encourage more use of it.
- Add directional signage on the Cascades Pathway to these schools.

**PROMOTE THE TRAVELWISE, “BIKES IN SCHOOLS” PROGRAMME TO ALL OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE CYCLISTS, SO SAFE CYCLING AROUND SCHOOLS IS ESSENTIAL.
CONCEPT DRAWINGS
Bike East Auckland Website

- To bring local, bike-related groups together in one space.
- Promote our local bike paths.
- Help to change perceptions of biking in East Auckland.
- Help cyclist to share and find the best routes to work and local activities.
- To keep East Auckland connected with wider Auckland bike activities and news.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2018

MON 12  Local Board Procurement Working Group
Chairman D.Collings attended. This was the first meeting of this group for the term and frustration was conveyed that little had happened also that a Procurement Policy was passed by council without any input from the group.

Local Boards Chairs Forum
Chairman D.Collings attended
Items discussed: Introduce Louise Mason, newly appointed GM Local Board Services, Local board input into the hearings process, plan changes and designations, Briefing on ten-year budget consultation topics and website and illegal dumping.

Future Proofing of Pontoon - Half Moon Bay Public Boat Ramp
Chairman D.Collings attended a meeting organised by Cr S.Stewart. Discussions were held with local residents and representatives of the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club. There was also discussion around the car park, but this is still being audited with a final report to come back to the board.

Pakuranga Rotary - Dinner and meeting
Chairman D.Collings attended and was made an honorary member.

THU 15  Howick Youth Council - Meet and Greet
Chairman D.Collings attended with all other board members. This was an opportunity to meet some of the members for this year, with discussion around the youth council structure and plans for the year.

SAT 17  Chinese New Year Celebration - Botany Town Centre
Deputy Chair K.Bungard attended and opened the event with Members P.Young, M.Turnsky and A.White attended the opening and event which took place in the main town square.
SUN 18

**Private Exhibition Chinese Opera - Jongjie Li**
Chairman D.Collings attended with board members M.Turinsky and Adele White.

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**Chinese New Year Celebration - Pakuranga Plaza**
Chairman D.Collings attended to officially open the days event with Members P.Young, Mike Turinsky and Pakuranga MP Simeon Brown. The event took place in Aylesbury Street which was closed to traffic. A huge thank you to Barry Hung, President of the Pakuranga Chinese Association for incredible help in making both this and the Botany event a success.
Meeting with Phil Wilson and Maunga Authority - Pigeon Mountain
Chairman D. Collings attended a meeting with officers who administrate the Maunga Authority and representatives of Pakuranga Tennis Club to discuss the future of the club on the site and also issues around the lease.

Local Government Liaison meeting with Police Area Commanders
Chairman D. Collings attended a meeting with Counties Manukau Police Area Commanders for the district. Items discussed were: District Commander’s Update, Area Commanders’ Update, Robberies & Synthetics (update) and Councillors’ Update/Feedback. Inspector Wendy Spiller – Area Commander for East also informed that she would be coming to the board in regards to ANPR cameras.

Howick Hoe Down - Town meets Country
Chairman D. Collings attended with board member Jim Donald. The event benefitted this year from having the main street closed as it is for Midnight Madness. There were various activities from Farm Animals and rides for the kids.
SUN 25

Howick Lions Summer Festival – Lloyd Elsmore Park
Chairman D.Collings attended and officially opened the event thanking the Lions for not only organising the event but for the great amount of work that they do throughout the community.

MON 26

FEBRUARY Regional/Sub-Regional Cluster Workshop
Chairman D.Collings attended and with various items being raised such as: Facility Partnership Policy and Representation Arrangements Review.

Quality Advice Political Advisory Group Catch up
Chairman D.Collings attended a meeting to catch with Judith Webster. Items discussed were: Annual refresh of quality advice programme, How to keep other decision-makers engaged and informed of progress? Risks and opportunities for the programme, Report template and Quality advice seminar.

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TUE 26

Howick Village Business Association – Monthly Meeting
Chairman D.Collings attended and spoke to various board topics of: River festival has been postponed until March 24 as tides were up and flooding had occurred, Glenfern Reserve - berm council or private responsibility, Howick Village Masterplan is anything to be done with it was asked of David. Transport to coordinate with planners this is on Adéle's portfolio there is a group with Adéle to support it, Highland Park has been sold to Foodstuffs so a huge Pak N Save will be put there, Roading/transport – Lagoon Drive and Pakuranga Road to be reducing to one lane but a flyover is to be put in first, Transport meeting on 6 March at Bucklands Beach Yacht Club.
Other NEWS and activities of the Howick Local Board (at time of writing report):

• Tamaki River Festival is postponed until 24 March
• Direction was given for the newly named Howick Walking and Cycling network, with consultation on plan having started in March – still a chance to have input, as officers will be at the Tamaki River Festival
• Options for addressing coastal erosion, and updates where discussed
• The board considered future funding rounds and priorities for the boards 18/19 grants programme
• Opportunities for public art were discussed
• Discussions with regard to a new open space management policy commenced
• Consultation has begun with regard to the 10 year budget (formerly the LTP), Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Auckland Plan refresh. We have held pop-up events at Botany and Howick, and had our first Have Your Say event at Howick
• Board has been debriefed on the Chinese New Year event and have begun discussion on future events
Cr Sharon Stewart: Report
February/March

This is a voluntary report initiated monthly by the Councillors to keep the Howick Local Board, its staff and the residents and ratepayers of Howick updated on activities and duties they have participated in. It is a summary of highlights only.

1. Committee Meetings

Environment and Community Committee meeting
(Tuesday 20 February) decision making
Decisions made to manage and prevent Kauri dieback, including proposals to close tracks in the Hunua Ranges and Waitakere Ranges, review of CABx services lies on the table, review and update of Low Carbon Auckland.

Governing Body Committee meeting to adopt consultation document - LTP 2018-2028
(Wednesday 21 February) decision making
Councillor Sayers was the sole vote against the adoption of the consultation material.

Governing Body Committee meeting
(Thursday 22 February) decision making
Notice of Motion by Cr Cathy Casey to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public, process to review the Elected Members’ Code of Conduct.

Audit & Risk Committee meeting
(Monday 26 February) decision making
Considered the Forward Work Programme, Risk and Insurance Quarterly Update, Monitoring of Treaty Audit Response Work Programme, and the Quarterly Health Safety and Wellbeing update.

Finance and Performance Committee meeting
(Tuesday 27 February) decision making
The Committee agreed the Auckland Council submission to the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board Draft Funding Plan 2018/2019, approved the disposal of land in Hobsonville, approved the optimisation of property in Avondale, considered the Value for Money (s17A) Review, made a decision to approve funding for ATEED to relocate and fit-out new premises, agreed to consult on an Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate Remission and postponement.

Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee meeting
(Wednesday 28 February) decision making
Items included and update from Director Civil Defence and Auckland Emergency Management, TAG review, the Committees forward work programme, Auckland’s Capability Development Framework update, approval of Group recovery Manager and update on the Resilient Recovery Strategy, update from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, National Science Challenge and Natural Hazards Research Platform.

Civil Defence Resilience workshop
(Wednesday 28 February) non-decision making
Workshop to increase awareness of the kinds of issues that may be faced in recovery and the types of decisions that will need to be made.

Disability Advisory Panel Meeting
(Thursday 1 March) non-decision making

Planning Committee meeting
(Tuesday 6 March) decision making.
The Committee endorsed Unlock Panmure, and the change of use of 40 Anzac Street (carpark) in Takapuna.

Environment and Community Committee workshop: re: Fit for the Future
(Wednesday 7 March) non-decision making
This workshop provided an update on the Auckland Libraries change programme in 2017 (Fit for the Future). This will provide context to proposing a mobile and access service that is an evolution of that which has served Auckland since amalgamation. This mobile service is a regional one that is under the decision making authority of the E and C committee.

**Regulatory Committee meeting**
(Wednesday 8 March) decision making
Items included options on the development of alcohol licensing fees to replace default fees set by Central Government, proposal for cost recovery of investigations and resolutions of non-compliant activities, and an update on the proactive boarding house inspections in south and Central Auckland.

**Finance and Performance/Planning Committee joint workshop**
(Thursday 8 March) non-decision making
Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum

**Governing Body Workshop - Charter Programme**
(Monday 12 March) non-decision making
To discuss our Charter and the group standard for money and assets/ sensitive expenditure.

**Finance and Performance Committee quarterly meeting (Q2 2017/18)**
(Monday 12 March) decision making
Additional F&P Committee meeting to consider Group, Parent and CCO quarterly financial performance.

**Governing Body Workshop – Code of Conduct**
(Thursday 15 March) non-decision making

**Finance and Performance/Planning Committee joint workshop – Mana Whenua entities**
(Thursday 15 March) non-decision making

### 2. Other meetings/events of interest:

**Tour of Howick Bus Stops**
(Friday 23 February)
Visited numerous Auckland Transport bus stops with Amit Patel, Senior Engineer.

**Chinese New Year celebrations**
(Wednesday 28 February)
Hosted by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Hong Kong and Hong Kong New Zealand Business Association at the Pullman Hotel.

**Catch up with Simeon Brown**
(Friday 2 March)

**Meeting Bucklands Beach Yacht club with Simeon Brown and constituents**
(Tuesday 6 March)

**Drop-in Have Your Say Event: Ōrākei area**
(Wednesday 7 March)
This workshop provided an update on the Auckland Libraries change programme in 2017 (Fit for the Future). This gave context to proposing a mobile and access service that is an evolution of that which has served Auckland since amalgamation. This mobile service is a regional one that is under the decision making authority of the E and C committee.

**Meeting with Parul Sood**
(Thursday 8 March)

**Meeting with Angela Dalton, Chair of Manurewa Local Board**
(Thursday 8 March)

**Howick Ward councillors Have Your Say Clinic**
(Friday 9 March, Monday 12 March, Friday 16 March, Monday 19 March)

**AMETI Key Stakeholder Forum**
(Monday 12 March)

**Planting session in Howick Domain**
(Monday 12 March)

**Have Your Say Event Chinese Association**
(Wednesday 14 March)
Event run by the Pakuranga Chinese Association

3. **Constituent Queries:**
Pollution at Cockle Bay, Howick community van, Pakuranga Road and overgrown bamboo, Vincent Street, safer pedestrian access in Victoria Quarter, dead trees, Macleans Park, illegal dumping, berms, Half Moon Bay pontoons, Granger Road, inorganic collections, Auckland Airport’s new Flightpath.

Sharon Stewart  
Auckland Councillor  
Howick Ward