Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum

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OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber, Takapuna Service Centre, Level 3, 1 The Strand, Takapuna on Tuesday, 23 April 2019 at 5:00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson: George Wood, CNSM
Deputy Chairperson: Dr Grant Gillon
Members: Mike Cohen, QSM, JP
          Jan O’Connor, QSM

ABSENT

Jennifer McKenzie
Mike Sheehy

ALSO PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE
1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolution number DTCF/2019/7

MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Gillon:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

a) accept the apology from Member McKenzie for absence
b) accept the apology from Member Sheehy for absence

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DTCF/2019/8

MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Gillon:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 26 February 2019, as true and correct.

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 Harbour Sport

Kevin O’Leary and Mike Bishop of Harbour Sport and David Parker of Aktive were in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/9

MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Member M Cohen:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

a) receive the presentation from Harbour Sport and Aktive and thank them for their attendance.

CARRIED
8.2 Sunnynook Community Centre
Browyn Bound was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/10
MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Member M Cohen:
That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:
a) receive the presentation on Sunnynook Community Centre and thank Browyn Bound for her attendance.
CARRIED

8.3 Lake Pupuke Walkways - Sylvan Reserve Park Residents
David Schnauer was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/11
MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Gillon:
That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:
a) receive the presentation from David Schnauer and thank him for his attendance.
CARRIED

8.4 Lake Pupuke Walkways - Chris Stephens
Chris Stephens was in attendance to address the board in support of this item.

A document was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council Website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/12
MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Member M Cohen:
That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:
a) receive the presentation from Chris Stephens and thank him for his attendance.
CARRIED

Attachments
A 23 April 2019 - Item 8.4 Chris Stephens - Submission Document
9 Public Forum

9.1 John Wood

John Wood was in attendance to the board regarding Public Transport.

A document was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council Website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/13
MOVED by Member J O’Connor, seconded by Chairperson G Wood:
That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

a) receive the presentation from John Wood and thank him for his attendance.

CARRIED

Attachments
A 23 April 2019 - Item 9.1 John Wood - Tabled Document

Note: Member McKenzie left the meeting at 6.49pm
Note: Member McKenzie returned to the meeting at 6.50pm

9.2 Margaret Fields

Margaret Fields was in attendance to the board regarding Lake Pupuke.

Resolution number DTCF/2019/14
MOVED by Chairperson G Wood, seconded by Member M Cohen:
That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum:

a) receive the presentation from Margaret Fields and thank her for her attendance.

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

7.00 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 DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD COMMUNITY FORUM HELD ON

DATE:.................................................................

CHAIRPERSON:..............................................
The History of Devonport Domain

It was in the early 1920s when a young constable arrived at the Devonport Police Station to take up his duties. As Saturdays were generally quiet, his sergeant suggested he take his bike and ride around the village to acquaint himself with the neighbourhood. When by 5 o’clock he hadn’t returned, the sergeant became worried and went out in search of the young constable. Arriving at Devonport Domain, he spied the constable’s bike, leaning against a tree. And to his relief there was the young man, jacket off and sleeves rolled up, out on the Domain, having joined in a game of cricket at the behest of the local club, North Shore.

Such is the allure of Devonport Domain, one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in New Zealand.

So alluring that many thousands of young men and women have found playing cricket there irresistible.
The Devonport North Shore Cricket Club is the oldest in New Zealand, its history dating back to 1864 when Captain G. Wynyard of the 58th Infantry Regiment founded the club. (His great-great grandson is still a member.) Devonport was then only a fledgling suburb, having grown up around to service the nearby naval base. It is known today as “the cradle of sport”* in New Zealand. North Shore United Soccer Club est. 1887 is the oldest in New Zealand, North Shore Rugby Club est. 1873, the oldest in Auckland, and third oldest in New Zealand, the rowing club the eldest in New Zealand.

Cricket matches were initially played on a pitch between Albert Road and the racecourse, where the Waitamata Golf Club is now located. The first game against another club was played in 1867, when a city club called Blackstones, made up of lawyers and law clerks, beat the home team. A return game was played on Auckland Domain, the North Shore players having travelled across the harbour by rowboat. Unfortunately, the weather intervened and it was a wet and weary North Shore team who rowed home.

As the owner of the land where the club’s pitch was laid wanted it for hay, the club was forced to move. A new pitch was laid on the Cheltenham Flat, a popular sporting area (just to the east of where Tainui Road is today) behind the sand hills, which then skirted Cheltenham Beach. The pitch was watered from a well dug about 500 yards away, local boys being employed at the rate of a penny a bucket to carry the water.

In 1881 the New Zealand Government passed a bill called the Public Domains Act 1881. The purpose of this bill was to set up

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Domain Boards throughout the country to set up domains for recreational purposes. One such board was the Devonport Domain Board, which was made responsible for Rangitoto Island. Their Devonport Domain Board also had the foresight to reclaim what was then called Takapuna Swamp, the fill – volcanic loam - coming from the dugouts for the guns on Mt Victoria and North Head.

In 1883, Mr George Lanckham, of the North Shore Cricket Club who also played three matches for Auckland, chaired the first meeting of the Auckland Cricket Association.

On the 21st February 1891 a meeting was held between the Domain Board and the North Shore Cricket Club on the reclaimed land. Those attending included some famous Devonport dignatories, Batley, Duder and Burgess. It was decided that the south-eastern part of the ground should be set aside as a cricket field.
The minutes of that meeting record several conditions. One was that the club would have “just claim on the ground for 100 years, and that no other games which will damage the ground be played thereon”. Apart from ensuring that public would have free access to the area, “No heavy stock was to be grazed on the prepared ground for at least 100 years”. The ground at that time would have been no better than a plowed field, so a lot of work would have been needed to be undertaken.

In that same year (1891) a local resident, Mr. W. J. Napier, had the foresight to plant 50 trees around Devonport Domain, many of which still stand today.

For a number of years “the cricket ground” as it was then known was managed by the Domain Board (a non-elected body). However, the Domain Boards were poorly funded and the Devonport Domain Board was not able to properly main-
tain Devonport Domain to the standard required for cricket.

Consequently, the cricket club had to fund maintenance itself, which it could ill afford to do.

A number of meetings took place between the cricket club and the Devonport Borough Council to try and bring the control of Devonport Domain under the Borough Council jurisdiction. In 1900, 800 local residents signed a petition to be taken to central Government requesting the control of the cricket ground be handed over to the Devonport Borough Council. The seats of the Domain Board were eventually occupied by members of the Devonport Borough Council who employed its own groundsman, who took great pride in their work. As a consequence, Devonport Domain became one of the finest cricket grounds in the country and was a favourite destination of cricketers everywhere for the quality of the wickets and outfields. This is reinforced by a report from the Hon Secretary of the Auckland Cricket Association in the early 1900s suggesting that Devonport Domain be used for a First Class match against a touring Melbourne Cricket Club.
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The building of the steps leading to the cricket pavilion, thought to be around 1910-20. Note: These steps were deemed heritage and rebuilt exactly the same in 2003. Picture below shows the rock walls construction.
However, the club was required to help fund the maintenance of the ground and the club often had to borrow large sums of money to ensure proper maintenance.

In fact, not one but two pitches were laid, both of which are still in use today, and are stand-alone pitches. "The cricket ground" was renamed the Devonport Domain some years later. It wasn't long before two more grass wickets were laid and this is where the North Shore Cricket Club still plays today.

Three cricket pavilions have been built, the first becoming the groundsman's shed. The third, built in 1965, is on the same site as the second.

While it has remained primarily as a cricket ground, other sports have been played on the domain, North Shore United Soccer Club (Est. 1887, the
oldest in New Zealand), North Shore Rugby Club (Est. 1873, the oldest in Auckland), athletics, track cycling, lacrosse, even motorcycle football has been played there in the past.

In this photograph the second pavilion can be clearly seen. The two-storied house on the left was later demolished and while the local Borough Council wanted the property for high-rise apartments, this was squashed by the Prime Minister Keith Holyoake and a playground for children was built.

As the only large open space available in Devonport, the Domain has been used over the years for all kinds of community events from massed brass band competitions, Navy parades, church services, even a night carnival lit by searchlights mounted on
the top of North Head in 1925. This event was organised by the cricket club to raise funds for ground improvements.

The North Shore Cricket Club (est. 1864), which has occupied Devonport domain for 126 years, has produced 21 New Zealand cricket representatives and 75 Auckland representatives.

On the edge of the domain near the playground there are two (Council owned) residences fronting King Edward Parade that are scheduled historic heritage places and with the Character Overlay. They technically sit within the wider domain site. A further (Council owned) residence at 28 King Edward Parade falls under the Character Overlay. A fourth house, two storied, was demolished The MCC cricket pavilion (formerly the tennis pavilion), which is located at the north eastern side of the ground, was added recently to the historic heritage place schedule.

Devonport Domain is 20 years older than Eden Park and the oldest sports field in Auckland and most certainly deserving of heritage status.

"Roger - this is great work, well done!
It's certainly worth having a go at getting it heritage listed."
- Margot McCrae, Devonport Heritage

"Because something does not have Heritage Status, doesn't mean it doesn't have Heritage Values as this does."
b) Community Board Objectives

Objectives under review.

c) King Edward Parade - Pedestrian Refuge

The Senior Traffic Engineer had been requested by the Works Committee on 3 December 2002 to obtain a drawing for a pedestrian refuge at the intersection of King Edward Parade and Buchanan Street. This was not able to be provided in the timeframe and the item was deferred to the February meeting of the Works Committee.

d) Weed Control

The Chair reported that follow up spraying was required on Spotsfields at Devonport Domain and Allen Hill Stadium as weed growth had recurred. This followed on from the Board’s resolution of 12 September 2000 which asked that the condition of Devonport Domain be monitored and the outcome reported back to the Board before further action was taken. It was agreed that any approval require the same conditions as imposed for the previous spraying.

RESOLVED: (Duder/Brittenden)

THAT A TREATMENT BE APPLIED TO DEVONPORT DOMAIN AND ALLEN HILL STADIUM TO GET RID OF TARGETED WEED SPECIES SUCH AS BROADLEAF AND ONEHUNGA WEED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BEING ACCEPTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY:

A) THAT ANY CONTRACTOR COMPLIES WITH ALL RELEVANT POLICY REQUIREMENTS OF NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL.

B) THAT ONLY SUBSTANCES APPROVED BY NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL BE USED.

C) THAT THE APPLICATION BE APPLIED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREVENT ANY WIND DRIFT.

D) THAT THE SAID WORK ONLY BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE RESPONSIBLE NSC SPORTSFIELD OFFICER ON THE SCENE CONTINUOUSLY AND THAT THE OFFICER HAS THE POWER TO TERMINATE THE WORK AT ANY TIME IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT, TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS.

E) THAT A LETTER DROP BE CARRIED OUT A WEEK PRIOR TO ALL RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WITHIN 500 METRES OF THE PARK INFORMING OF THE SAID WORK.

F) THAT SIGNS BE ERECTED, THE AREA CORDONED OFF, AND ACCESS TO THE PARK RESTRICTED.

G) THAT THE SAID WORK BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS THAT THERE WILL BE EXTENSIVE PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE DURING THE NEXT WINTER SPORTS SEASON, SUCH AS MOW PLOUGHING, SPIKING, VERTICAL CUTTING AND CORING.

H) THAT THE CONDITION OF DEVONPORT DOMAIN BE MONITORED AND A REVIEW OF THE OUTCOMES FROM THE TARGETING OF THE WEEDS BE REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD BEFORE ANY FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN TO COMBAT THE WEEDS.
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DCS.5 PROPOSED PROTOCOLS FOR CHEMICAL WEED SPRAYING OF PARKS AND RESERVES IN THE DEVONPORT WARD

Report: Parks & Environment Officer (J Granville), 29 July 2003

Sportscield Agronomist, Matt Cresswell, was in attendance and spoke to the item.

Members discussed issues relating to notification of those on the weed spray register, and monitoring of contractors. Mr Cresswell confirmed that it was standard practice for random monitoring of weed spraying contractors’ compliance with conditions.

RESOLVED: (Brittenden/Hale)

1. THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED.

2. THAT THE PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS WHEN CARRYING OUT CHEMICAL WEED SPRAYING OF PARKS AND RESERVES IN THE DEVONPORT WARD:

A) THAT ANY CONTRACTOR COMPLIES WITH ALL RELEVANT POLICY REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL.

B) THAT ONLY SUBSTANCES APPROVED BY THE NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE USED WITHIN NSCC SPRAY POLICY GUIDELINES.

C) THAT THE HERBICIDE SHALL BE APPLIED WITH EQUIPMENT IN SUCH A WAY SO AS TO PREVENT SPRAY DRIFT.

D) THAT 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HERBICIDE APPLICATION WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PROPERTIES ADJOINING THE RESERVE OR DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE RESERVE IF THE PARK IS BORDERED BY A ROAD.

E) THAT ALL RESIDENTS ON THE NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL SPRAY REGISTER IN THE DEVONPORT AREA WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA THE ABOVE.

F) THAT NOTIFICATION SIGNS ADVISING OF THE TYPE OF HERBICIDE TO BE APPLIED, THE WEED SPECIES TARGETED AND THE RECOMMENDED TIME TO ENTER THE RESERVE SHALL BE ERECTED NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE HERBICIDE APPLICATION AT ALL FORMAL ENTRANCE WAYS TO THE SUBJECT RESERVE.

G) THAT RANDOM SPOT MONITORING OF CONTRACTORS’ COMPLIANCE BE CARRIED OUT AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS.

DCS.6 LANDOWNER CONSENT TO CARRY OUT SELECTIVE WEED CONTROL AT DEVONPORT DOMAIN, VAUXHALL RESERVE AND BAYSWATER PARK

Report: Sportscield Agronomist (M Cresswell), 29 July 2003

Matt Cresswell spoke to the item and answered Members’ questions.

RESOLVED: (Eaglen/Dudson)

THAT THE DEVONPORT COMMUNITY BOARD GRANTS LANDOWNER CONSENT TO THE PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THE SELECTIVE CONTROL OF BROADLEAF AND ONEHUNGA WOOD AT DEVONPORT DOMAIN, VAUXHALL RESERVE AND BAYSWATER PARK, SUBJECT TO ADHERENCE TO THE APPROVED PROTOCOLS FOR CHEMICAL WEED SPRAYING OF PARKS AND RESERVES IN THE DEVONPORT WARD.
Hi Roger,

Sorry about getting this to you later than I said I would but here's a short write up about Bow and Arrow.

Bow & Arrow Herbicide is the standard for broadleaf weed control in the Australian turf industry.

Spraying would typically occur any time from now until late spring. Best bet for Devo in my opinion would be spring as it will lessen the chance of reinfestation if we have a wet humid spring/summer. Optimal time to spray out Onehunga weed is in the spring while the plant is still soft and hasn't produced its prickles yet.

Chemical will be applied by a certified grow safe applicator using a Toro Multi pro spray rig. The nozzles are designed to reduce spray drift and the unit is also fitted with a spray shroud to assist with reducing spray drift.

The Safety Data Sheet for Bow and Arrow states that re-entry to the site is recommended once the chemical has dried on the leaf. Given that spring would be the optimal time to spray, 2-4 hours would be enough time for the chemical to dry.

Could you include the spraying of Vauxhall road as well as it is also full of weeds.

Bow & Arrow Herbicide provides protection from

- Broadleaf
- White Clover
- Onehunga
- Cudweed
- Etc.

Benefits
- One standard application rate
- No volatility concerns
- Superior turf safety (cool and warm season grasses)
- A mix of active ingredients for improved resistance management
- No odour
- Additional surfactants not required

Bow & Arrow Herbicide for broadleaf weed control in turf is a formulation containing the active ingredients, MCPA as potassium salt, clopyralid as potassium salt and diflufenican. It is used at an application rate of 5 litres per hectare.

Regards, Niko
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Envelopes at 45 degrees from the boundary at 2.5m high

Rear yard setback
Height to boundary