Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Whau Local Board held in the Whau Local Board Office, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Kay Thomas
Deputy Susan Zhu
Chairperson Fasitua Amosa
Members Catherine Farmer
Robert Warren Piper
Jessica Rose

ABSENT

Member T Matafai

ALSO PRESENT

Waitākere Ward Shane Henderson
Councillor
1 Welcome

Chair K Thomas opened the meeting and welcomed those present. She invited member F Amosa to lead the karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolution number WH/2020/1

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member J Rose:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) accept the apology from Member T Matafai for family member illness
b) accept Deputy Chair S Zhu apologies for lateness.

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2020/2

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 4 December 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 Deputation: Sirens and Sounds Community Trust

This item was withdrawn.

9 Public Forum

9.1 Deputation: Sunil Kaushal - Waitākere Indian Association

Resolution number WH/2020/3

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu:
That the Whau Local Board:

a) receive the presentation on Waitākere Indian Association and thank Sunil Kaushal, President of Waitākere Indian Association, for his attendance.

CARRIED

Attachments

A 20200226 WHAU LOCAL BOARD, ITEM 8.1 - Inclusive Waitākere.

9.2 Public Forum

Waitākere Ward Councillor Shane Henderson addressed the Whau Local Board and outlined some of the Governing Body’s priorities in the context of 2020/2021 Annual Budget and noted his attendance to listen to local Have Your Say feedback on Item 12.

9.3 Public Forum

Ruth Davy is writing a Master’s thesis on communication between the public and local government through consultation processes. She indicated a high interest in listening and observing this process.

9.4 Public Forum

Phil Oster updated the board and requested that the Whau Local Board advocate more strongly for the purchase of the site at 52-58 Canal Road, Avondale.

Resolution number WH/2020/4

MOVED by Member J Rose, seconded by Chairperson K Thomas:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) receive Waitākere Ward Councillor Shane Henderson’s, Ruth Davy’s and Phil Oster’s presentations, and thank them for their attendance.

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Ward Councillor’s update

Resolution number WH/2020/5

MOVED by Member J Rose, seconded by Chairperson K Thomas:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) receive Whau Ward Councillor Tracy Mulholland’s apology for absence.

CARRIED
12 Annual Budget 2020/2021 - Have Your Say

Resolution number WH/2020/6

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) note the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Consultation Document (Attachment A)

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2020/7

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

b) receive Jenny Pullar’s verbal feedback and tabled documents in relation to 2020/2021 Annual Budget - Have Your Say session, and thank her for her attendance.

CARRIED

Attachments

A 20200226 – WHAU LOCAL BOARD MEETING – ITEM 12 - Annual Budget 2020/2021 - Have Your Say - Whau Local Board presentation

B 20200226 – WHAU LOCAL BOARD MEETING – ITEM 12 - Avondale Green Space Memo

C 20200226 – WHAU LOCAL BOARD MEETING – ITEM 12 - Avondale Parks and Reserves Map

D 20200226 – WHAU LOCAL BOARD MEETING – ITEM 12 - Avondale Green Space Map

13 Local Board Transport Capital Fund – Endorsement of Concept for the Avondale Town Centre Footpath Upgrade - Streetscape Enhancement

Resolution number WH/2020/8

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) receive the Local Board Transport Capital Fund – Endorsement of Concept for the Avondale Town Centre Footpath Upgrade - Streetscape Enhancement Report (Attachment A)

b) approve the concept design as presented at the workshop held on the 13 November 2019 for the footpath renewal and associated street furniture upgrade with the following conditions:

i. that feedback given by board members at its 13 November 2019 workshop, in particular the request to incorporate principles of “tactical urbanism”, be incorporated into the design. For example, low-cost installations could improve amenity, safety and access to the town centre using temporary or permanent activations.
ii. that streetscape improvements not be limited to those set out in the attached concept but incorporate additional features such as street trees, vegetation or rain gardens as per the provisions of the Auckland Transport Design Manual that states: “Streets should be designed to create an attractive, comfortable, pedestrian-scale environment with a range of amenities, including street trees and other vegetation” and “Green infrastructure can retain and reduce stormwater, which extends the life of the aging sewer system and makes it operate more efficiently. Green infrastructure brings nature into the city, which can improve both mental and physical health, increase amenity, improve air quality, conserve energy, and enhance habitat in urban areas that are increasingly intensified.”

c) approve the inclusion of street lighting as part of the concept design (Attachment B)

d) note that the replacement of the pavers with exposed aggregate concrete through the Avondale town centre is not a like-for-like replacement but a significant repair and renewal to bring improvements to safety that should have been business as usual for Auckland Transport

e) note this repair and renewal would not have happened for a number of years without this investment from the Whau Local Board

f) note that the Whau Local Board has received strong support from the local community to repair the pavers

 g) note that, as per its presentation to the Whau Local Board’s public forum of 4 December 2019, the Avondale Business Association is generally supportive of this initiative – including the lighting option – and that this initiative aligns with the Avondale Business Association’s strategic direction

h) reiterate, as per its resolution WH/2019/34 b) iii) of 27 March 2019, the critical importance of those leading this project within or on behalf of Auckland Transport working closely with Panuku Development Auckland, Auckland Council’s Service Planning and Integration and Community Facilities teams, and the teams within Auckland Transport working on the Connected Communities Programme to ensure an integrated and consistent approach to design and implementation

i) note that the Whau Local Board will have the opportunity to review the amended concept design before it is completed for consultation

j) note that there will be ongoing opportunities for the Whau Local Board to provide input and direction on the proposed activities following the completion of consultation on the concept design

k) request that Auckland Transport make very clear in public consultation exactly which areas of the Avondale Town Centre are to be excluded from the proposed activity and the reasons for this.
Note: Member C Farmer requested that her vote against be recorded.

14 Auckland Transport Update Report for the Whau Local Board February 2020

Resolution number WH/2020/9

MOVED by Member J Rose, seconded by Member F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) receive Auckland Transport’s update for February 2020

b) note that the Whau Local Board has nominated six potential projects for the 2020-2023 Local Board Transport Capital Fund for initial investigation by Auckland Transport as follows:

i) Te Whau Path – new bridge and boardwalk connecting Rizal Reserve to Rata Street and Ken Maunder Reserve

ii) Veronica Street New Lynn pedestrian crossing top-up, if required in addition to the budget allocated in 2019 via the Community Safety Fund

iii) Installation of an extra pedestrian crossing on the Great North Road, Avondale, between the roundabout and the St Mary’s School crossing

iv) Investigation into the feasibility and cost of a lower-cost wooden Waitahurangi Bridge option

v) A new footpath (or alternative safety improvements or solutions) at the top of South Lynn Road near Golf Road intersection

vi) Manawa Wetlands to New Lynn Town Centre pathway.

CARRIED

15 New community lease to New Zealand Playcentre Federation Inc, 582 Blockhouse Bay Road, Blockhouse Bay

Resolution number WH/2020/10

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) grant a new community lease to New Zealand Playcentre Federation Inc for part of Gittos Domain, 582 Blockhouse Bay Road, Blockhouse Bay (Attachment A) on the following terms and conditions:

i) term: 10 years commencing 1 December 2019 with one 10-year right of renewal

ii) rent: $1.00 plus GST per annum if requested

iii) New Zealand Playcentre Federation Inc – Blockhouse Bay Community Outcomes Plan as approved be attached to the community lease document (Attachment B)

b) all other terms and conditions in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 and the Auckland Council Community Occupancy Guidelines July 2012.

CARRIED
16 Classification of Ambrico Historic Reserve, 8 Ambrico Place, New Lynn
Resolution number WH/2020/11
MOVED by Member J Rose, seconded by Member F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) in accordance with section 16(2A) of the Reserves Act 1977 resolves to classify Lot 3 Deposited Plan 124443 of 8 Ambrico Place, New Lynn (Attachment A) as an historic reserve.

CARRIED

17 Appointment of LGNZ Lead and nominee for LGNZ Conference 2020
Resolution number WH/2020/12
MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu, seconded by Member F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) appoint Chair K Thomas as a lead, and member C Farmer as alternate for LGNZ related matters for the 2019-2022 triennium and task these members with representing the local board at Auckland/LGNZ meetings

b) nominate member W Piper and member C Farmer to attend the Local Government New Zealand 2020 Conference and Annual General Meeting in Waiharakeke Blenheim, Thursday 16 July to Saturday 18 July 2020

c) confirm that conference attendance including travel and accommodation will be paid for in accordance with the current Auckland Council Elected Member Expense Policy.

d) note that any members who wish to attend the AGM must provide their names to the Democracy Services Business Hub team by Friday 17 April 2020 to ensure that they are registered with Local Government New Zealand.

CARRIED

18 Whau Local Board appointment to the Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group
Resolution number WH/2020/13
MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

a) note that due to other council related matters Chairperson K Thomas has had to withdraw from being the local board’s appointed member to the Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group

b) appoint member W Piper as a lead and member C Farmer as alternate to the Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group.

CARRIED

19 Regional Facilities Auckland Quarterly Performance Report for the period ending 30 September 2019
Resolution number WH/2020/14
MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu:
That the Whau Local Board:
a) receive the Regional Facilities Auckland Quarterly Performance Report for the quarter ending 30 September 2019.

CARRIED

20 Ratification of the Whau Local Board’s feedback to inform Auckland Council submissions to government consultations in January and February 2020

Resolution number WH/2020/15

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member F Amosa:
That the Whau Local Board:
a) ratify its feedback provided to Auckland Council staff by memo dated 24 January 2020 on the 'Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy' consultation document.
b) ratify its feedback provided to Auckland Council staff by memo dated 7 February 2020 on the Urban Development Bill.

CARRIED

Note: Member J Rose declared an interest in this item point (b) and neither spoke nor voted on point (b). Chairperson K Thomas acknowledged that member J Rose was also excluded from the prior board work on the Urban Development Bill submission.

21 Confirmation of workshop records: November - December 2019

Resolution number WH/2020/16

MOVED by Member F Amosa, seconded by Member C Farmer:
That the Whau Local Board:
a) confirm the record of the workshops held on 6, 13, 20 and 27 November, and on 4 and 11 December 2019.

CARRIED

22 Governance Forward Work Calendar - February 2020

Resolution number WH/2020/17

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Zhu:
That the Whau Local Board:
a) receive the governance forward work calendar for February 2020.

CARRIED

23 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.
7.36 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 WHAU LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

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CHAIRPERSON:....................................................................................