Minutes of a meeting of the Waitematā Local Board held in the Waitematā Local Board Office, Ground Floor, 52 Swanson Street, Auckland on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 at 1:00pm.

PRESENT

Chair
Richard Northey, ONZM

Deputy Chair
Kerrin Leoni

Members
Adriana Avendaño Christie via Skype
Alexandra Bonham
Graeme Gunthorp
Julie Sandilands
Sarah Trotman, ONZM From 2.15pm

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Pippa Coom From 1pm To 320pm
1 Welcome
The Chair opened the meeting with a Karakia and welcomed all those present.

2 Apologies
Resolution number WTM/2020/39
MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Leoni:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
a) accept the apology from Member S Trotman for lateness due to attendance at a funeral service.

3 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes
Resolution number WTM/2020/40
MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
a) confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting, held on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 and the minutes of its extraordinary meeting, held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020, as true and correct.

5 Leave of Absence
There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements
There were no acknowledgements.

7 Petitions

7.1 Petition for traffic calming on Collingwood Street, Ponsonby
This item did not proceed.
8 Deputations

8.1 5G cellular network
Resolution number WTM/2020/41
MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
a) thank Stephanie Honeychurch of 5G-free Waiheke for the presentation and attendance at the business meeting.

CARRIED

Attachments
A  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.1 5G Network presentation

8.2 Building community climate change resilience
This item did not proceed.

Item 8.4 was taken out of order

8.4 Funding partnership for The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC)
Resolution number WTM/2020/42
MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
a) thank Sally-Anne Kerr and Trisha Reid of TAPAC for the presentation and attendance at the business meeting and undertake to take this into consideration in our budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Attachments
A  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.4 The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC) presentation

Member S Trotman arrived at 2.15pm

8.3 Proposal for a special rate for seniors using the Parnell Pool
Resolution number WTM/2020/43
MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member ST Trotman:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
a) thank Phil Doyle for the presentation and attendance at the business meeting
b) request a report on options that could enable greater use by seniors of our swimming pools.

CARRIED

Attachments
A  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.3 Parnell Pool Seniors email
Item 8.5 was taken out of order

9  Public Forum

9.1  Gael Baldock – Consultation with Iwi re Western Springs Pines

Resolution number WTM/2020/44

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Leoni:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) thank Gael Baldock for the presentation and attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED

Attachments

A  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 9.1 Iwi Consultation Western Springs Forest
B  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 9.1 2017 Ngati Whatua consultation email

9.2  Grant Hewison - Auckland Council's Climate Action Framework

Resolution number WTM/2020/45

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) thank Dr Grant Hewison for the presentation and attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED

Attachments

A  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 9.2 Waitemata Low Carbon Network presentation
B  20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 9.2 Waitemata Low Carbon Network Equal Justice Project

9.3  Keith McConnell - Local Board Governance Responsibilities

Resolution number WTM/2020/46

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member ST Trotman:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) thank Keith McConnell for the presentation and attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED

Item 8.5 was taken before item 9.4
8.5 Western Springs Pine Forest

Resolution number WTM/2020/47

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) thank Wendy Gray and Steve Abel for the presentation and attendance at the business meeting.

Attachments

A 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.5 Wendy Gray submission
B 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.5 Urban forest restoration ecology: a review from Hamilton, New Zealand
C 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.5 Alternative 10 point management plan
D 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.5 Table of Ecological Management Plan for the Removal of Pines at Western Springs Park Wildlands Report 3421b: Priority areas for protection, March 2019 (pp 8-12)
E 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 8.5 Ecological Management Plan for the proposed removal of pines at Western Springs Park

9.4 Paul Chalmers - Support for felling Western Springs Pines

Resolution number WTM/2020/48

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) thank Paul Chalmers for the presentation and attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Councillor's report

Resolution number WTM/2020/49

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the written report update from the Waitematā and Gulf Ward Councillor, Pippa Coom.

CARRIED

Note: Member S Trotman raised a point of order against Chair R Northey for language. Chair R Northey apologised to Member S Trotman for raising his voice.
Western Springs Park Pine Tree Removal

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:
That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) endorse the objective of the Western Springs Native Bush Restoration project to restore the area to native bush and achieve the long-term aspiration of returning the area to native podocarp forest and achieving improved habitat, ecological and ecosystem health at Western Springs Lakeside Park

b) acknowledge council’s obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for the safety of Council staff, contractors and members of the public entering the area around the pines and notes the concerns relating to the safety of the pines

c) note the views of the community, including the petition received, mana whenua, key stakeholders and the advice provided in relation to the removal of the whole stand of pine trees at Western Springs Lakeside Park

d) approve the removal of the whole stand of pine trees at Western Springs Lakeside Park in accordance with the approved resource consent to implement the mediated settlement by the Environment Court to deliver the Western Springs Native Bush Restoration project.

e) request that the proposed revegetation with indigenous plant species, together with the effective control of pest plants and animals is undertaken as soon as it is deemed safe for contractors following the tree removal.

f) request that thorough appropriate maintenance of the revegetation is undertaken in order to maximise survival

g) ensure that adequate budget and resources are allocated for the maintenance plan set out by the Environment Court in its decision.

h) request that copies of each of the completed plans and reports, required as part of the resource consent conditions, are provided to the local board concurrently to being submitted to the Community Liaison Group for review and appropriate response.

i) delegate to the Waitematā Local Board Parks Portfolio Lead, Member Avendaño Christie to review and provide any additional feedback on the Public Communications Plan for the Western Springs Pine Tree removal.

The motion was taken in parts.

Resolution number WTM/2020/50

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:
That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) endorse the objective of the Western Springs Native Bush Restoration project to restore the area to native bush and achieve the long-term aspiration of returning the area to native podocarp forest and achieving improved habitat, ecological and ecosystem health at Western Springs Lakeside Park

b) acknowledge council’s obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for the safety of Council staff, contractors and members of the public entering the area around the pines and notes the concerns relating to the safety of the pines
c) note the views of the community, including the petition received, mana whenua, key stakeholders and the advice provided in relation to the removal of the whole stand of pine trees at Western Springs Lakeside Park

The motion was declared carried by 6 votes to 1

d) approve the removal of the whole stand of pine trees at Western Springs Lakeside Park in accordance with the approved resource consent to implement the mediated settlement by the Environment Court to deliver the Western Springs Native Bush Restoration project.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

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The motion was declared LOST by 3 votes to 4.

The Chair ruled that clauses e) to i) lapsed because they were dependent on d) having been passed

The meeting adjourned at 4.05pm
The meeting reconvened at 4.20pm

MOVED by Member ST Trotman, seconded by Member A Bonham, an amendment by way of replacement to clauses d), e) and f):

d) agree to delay the implementation of the resource consent

e) request staff to report to the local board on alternate methods for tree felling including tree sectioning

f) seek an independent industry standard tree risk assessment (QTRA or ISA2017) to be undertaken and request staff to report back to the board on how this can be achieved.

The amendment of proposed clauses d), e) and f) was taken in parts.

Resolution number WTM/2020/51
MOVED by Member ST Trotman, seconded by Member A Bonham:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
d) agree to delay the implementation of the resource consent

The motion was declared carried 4 votes to 3 by a show of hands.

Resolution number WTM/2020/52
MOVED by Member ST Trotman, seconded by Member A Bonham:
That the Waitematā Local Board:
e) request staff to report to the local board on alternate methods for tree felling including tree sectioning

The motion was declared carried.
The motion was declared carried 4 votes to 3 by a show of hands.

That the Waitematā Local Board:

f) seek an independent industry standard tree risk assessment (QTRA or ISA2017) to be undertaken and request staff to report back to the board on how this can be achieved.

The motion was declared lost 4 votes to 3 by a show of hands.

The substantive motion – clauses d) and e) was put.

Resolution number WTM/2020/53

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

d) agree to delay the implementation of the resource consent  
e) request staff to report to the local board on alternate methods for tree felling including tree sectioning.

CARRIED

For clarity, the full resolution was as follows:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) endorse the objective of the Western Springs Native Bush Restoration project to restore the area to native bush and achieve the long-term aspiration of returning the area to native podocarp forest and achieving improved habitat, ecological and ecosystem health at Western Springs Lakeside Park

b) acknowledge council’s obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for the safety of Council staff, contractors and members of the public entering the area around the pines and notes the concerns relating to the safety of the pines

c) note the views of the community, including the petition received, mana whenua, key stakeholders and the advice provided in relation to the removal of the whole stand of pine trees at Western Springs Lakeside Park

d) agree to delay the implementation of the resource consent

e) request staff to report to the local board on alternate methods for tree felling including tree sectioning.

Attachments

A 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 12 - Chair R Northey speech

B 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 12 - Member G Gunthorp speech
13  Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework - Proposed changes

Resolution number WTM/2020/54

MOVED by Member J Sandilands, seconded by Member A Avendano Christie:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a)  endorses the introduction of the three pillars which represent the core drivers for climate action (i.e. a place-based approach, emissions reduction, preparing for climate change)

b)  endorses the reduction of key moves from eleven to eight priorities

c)  endorses changing the title from Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework to Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan

d)  endorses the proposed response in Key move 3 to ensure planning controls reflect climate risk and recommends that policy interventions under Key Move 3 focus on net positive outcomes as well as mitigation

e)  recommends that Key move 6 considers the diverse range of businesses in Waitematā, including size, service, products they deliver, as well as the diversity of the business owners and workers which may come from different cultures and backgrounds

f)  endorses the inclusion of a kerbside food scraps collection service as an action in Key move 11 but also advocates for policy support for, and regional investment in, local composting systems

g)  endorses the priority given in the plan to Te Puawaitanga o Te Tangata / working with Maori and urge board engagement in its development

h)  request that water management and retention issues be articulated in key move two and recognised as a key part of climate change mitigation

i)  request that the process of scheduling notable trees be made easier and better resourced and consider financial incentives to protect trees and penalties where appropriate for their removal.

CARRIED

14  Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund project endorsement

Resolution number WTM/2020/55

MOVED by Member A Bonham, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a)  endorse the Western Springs College Ngā Puna o Waiōrea application to the regionally contested Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund 2019/2020.

CARRIED
Auckland Transport March 2020 Update

MOVED by Member G Gunthorp, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the Auckland Transport March 2020 report.

b) request a report on the component of the Downtown Infrastructure Programme not included in this report, namely the Mooring Dolphins

c) request Auckland Transport to investigate and report on solutions to the traffic issues in Collingwood Street and nearby in Freemans Bay with an aim for implementation as soon as possible

d) request Auckland Transport investigate creating emergency cycleways through tactical urbanism in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The motion was taken in parts

Resolution number WTM/2020/56

MOVED by Member G Gunthorp, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the Auckland Transport March 2020 report

b) request a report on the component of the Downtown Infrastructure Programme not included in this report, namely the Mooring Dolphins

c) request Auckland Transport to investigate and report on solutions to the traffic issues in Collingwood Street and nearby in Freemans Bay with an aim for implementation as soon as possible

d) request Auckland Transport investigate creating emergency cycleways through tactical urbanism in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The vote was CARRIED unanimously by a show of hands.

Resolution number WTM/2020/57

MOVED by Member G Gunthorp, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

d) request Auckland Transport investigate creating emergency cycleways through tactical urbanism in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The vote was CARRIED 6 for and 1 against by a show of hands.

For clarity, the resolution was as follows:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the Auckland Transport March 2020 report.

b) request a report on the component of the Downtown Infrastructure Programme not included in this report, namely the Mooring Dolphins

c) request Auckland Transport to investigate and report on solutions to the traffic issues in Collingwood Street and nearby in Freemans Bay with an aim for implementation as soon as possible

d) request Auckland Transport investigate creating emergency cycleways through tactical urbanism in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Local Board feedback to the Independent Council-Controlled Organisations Review

Resolution number WTM/2020/58

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Leoni:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) recommend that Regional Facilities Auckland and Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development CCOs be abolished and that their staff and roles be incorporated into Auckland Council and their decision-making responsibilities appropriately divided between the Governing Body and its local boards

b) recommend that Auckland Transport be incorporated into Auckland Council with its existing staff structure

c) endorse Panuku Development Auckland continuing as a property and urban development agency CCO but responsibility for its service and other properties not planned for development be returned to the Council

d) endorse Watercare continuing as a water supply and wastewater disposal CCO provided its current good working relationships with Healthy Waters and other Council agencies are strengthened

e) recommend that Advisory Boards made up of elected members and a majority of appropriately skilled outside people Council appoints be established. Advisory Boards should be considered for: Stadiums; the Art Gallery; the Auckland Zoo; Public Transport; Active Transport; Tourism Promotion and Economic Development

f) request the Governing Body to advocate for legislative change that would remove specific requirements in the Auckland Council legislation not imposed on other local authorities, particularly on the existence and characteristics of Auckland Transport and Watercare and on the composition of the Governing Body

g) request that as many CCO staff be offered comparable positions in Auckland Council as possible

h) request that any change be made carefully and over sufficient time to minimise disruption to staff and to service delivery

i) request that CCOs be required to engage with elected members and communities at an early stage of developing options for projects and policies

j) request that CCO's be required to engage with elected members and communities at the early stage of projects and policies while options are being developed

k) delegates to Member Northey to finalise any further feedback on behalf of the local board and refer the feedback to the CCO review independent panel for consideration.

CARRIED
Auckland Council's Quarterly Performance Report: Waitematā Local Board for quarter two 2019/2020

Resolution number WTM/2020/59

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member J Sandilands:
That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the performance report for quarter two ending 31 December 2019
b) note that West End Cup will not be delivered during 2019/2020 and organisers have returned $10,000 to the Event Partnership Fund
c) note St Stephen’s Cemetery walkway project is currently on hold and request Community Facilities to provide advice on whether the project is to proceed or if funds need to be reallocated.

The motion was carried by 6 votes to 1

Addition to the 2019-2022 Waitematā Local Board Meetings Schedule

Resolution number WTM/2020/60

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:
That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) approve one meeting date to be added to the 2019-2022 Waitematā Local Board meeting schedule to accommodate the Annual Budget 2020/2021 timeframes as follows:
   i) Tuesday, 5 May 2020
b) note the venue for the meeting will be at the Waitematā Local Board office, 52 Swanson Street, Auckland Central, starting at 4.30pm.

Urgent Decision: Temporary Alcohol Ban Request for My Chemical Romance concert at Western Springs Stadium on 25 March 2020

Resolution number WTM/2020/61

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:
That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the approved urgent decision dated 5 March 2020 for adopting a temporary alcohol ban for the My Chemical Romance concert at Western Springs Stadium on 25 March 2020.
20 Chair’s Report

Resolution number WTM/2020/62

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Leoni, seconded by Member J Sandilands:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the Chair’s report for the period February – March 2020.

CARRIED

Attachments

A 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 20 Chair R Northey speaking notes for item 12 Western Springs Pines Removal

21 Board member reports

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member G Gunthorp:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the written reports from members A Bonham and G Gunthorp, the tabled report by Deputy Chair K Leoni, and the verbal board member reports for the period February – March 2020.

CARRIED

Attachments

A 20200317 Waitemata Local Board Item 21 Deputy Chair K Leoni report (tabled)

22 Governance Forward Work Calendar

Resolution number WTM/2020/63

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member J Sandilands:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

a) receive the governance forward work calendar March 2020 attached to the agenda.

CARRIED

23 Waitematā Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WTM/2020/64

MOVED by Chairperson R Northey, seconded by Member A Bonham:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- receive the workshop proceeding records for the meetings held on 25 February, 3 March and 10 March 2020.

CARRIED
24 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

5.17 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 WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD HELD ON 17 MARCH 2020

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