Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held via Skype for Business on Thursday, 7 May 2020 at 10.04am.

As required under the COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Act 2020, either a recording of the meeting or a written summary will be published on the Auckland Council website.

PRESENT

Chairperson  Greg Presland
Deputy Chairperson  Saffron Toms
Members  Mark Allen
         Michelle Clayton
         Sandra Coney, QSO
         Ken Turner

Note: All members attended via electronic link.
Note: Pursuant to Resolution WTK/2020/16 of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, the Standing Orders of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board have been updated to allow a person other than a member of the local board to participate in a meeting by means of audio link or audio-visual link if the person is otherwise approved to participate in accordance with Standing Orders Sections 6 and 7.

1  Welcome
Chairperson G Presland opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2  Apologies
There were no apologies.

3  Declaration of Interest
Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Specifically, members were asked to identify any new interests they have not previously disclosed, an interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

The following are declared interests of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

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<td>Mark Allen</td>
<td>Community Waitākere – Executive Officer</td>
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<td>Bethells Valley Fire – Senior Fire Fighter</td>
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<td>Waitākere Licensing Trust – Trustee</td>
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<td>Michelle Clayton</td>
<td>Glen Eden Community House – Treasurer</td>
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<td>Glen Eden Residents’ Association – Treasurer</td>
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<td>Waitākere Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) – Committee Member</td>
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<td>The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust – Trustee</td>
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<td>Women’s Health Action Trust – Patron</td>
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<td>New Zealand Military Defence Society – Member</td>
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<td>Cartwright Collective – Member</td>
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<td>Maungakiekie Golf Club – Member</td>
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<td>Saffron Toms</td>
<td>Titirangi Community House – Secretary</td>
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<td>Ken Turner</td>
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Member appointments
Board members are appointed to the following external community groups and organisations for the 2019-2022 triennium. In these appointments board members represent Auckland Council:

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4 Leave of Absence
There were no leaves of absence.

5 Acknowledgements
There were no acknowledgements.

6 Petitions
There were no petitions.

7 Deputations
There were no deputations.

8 Public Forum
There was no public forum.

9 Extraordinary Business
There was no extraordinary business.

Note: The meeting adjourned due to connectivity issues at 10.19am and reconvened at 10.25am.
Local board decisions and input into the Annual Budget 2020/2021

Resolution number WTK/2020/26

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Toms:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

a) receive consultation feedback on Waitākere Ranges Local Board priorities for 2020/2021

b) receive consultation feedback on regional proposals in the Annual Budget 2020/2021 from people or organisations based in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

c) recommend the Glen Eden Business Improvement District targeted rate to the Governing Body with no change

Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate

d) support the Waitākere rural sewerage pump out service continuing, and note:
   i) this is the view taken by 73 per cent of submitters in the local board area, and 78 per cent of submitters across the region
   ii) the need to improve water quality of harbours, streams and lagoons is strongly supported by submissions

e) support the status quo option “continue the Waitākere septic tank service subsidised by all general ratepayers”, recognising that rural sewerage systems are part of the regional infrastructure and recognising the public good outcomes it supports, and note:
   i) it aligns to the “Our Waters Future” discussion document principles:
      A) recognise that water is a treasured taonga
      B) work together to plan and deliver better water outcomes
      C) deliver catchment scale thinking and action
      D) focus on achieving right-sized solutions with multiple benefits
      E) rural communities must be part of council’s thinking about Auckland’s water future
   ii) in our area, the west coast and northern Manukau Harbour beaches are popular visitor destinations for all Aucklanders so there is a significant regional benefit in improving the water quality to protect recreational value, public health and the environment in these areas
   iii) we have concerns that improving poor water quality in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area and the Manukau Harbour is being reduced to individual responsibility; with council intervention limited to a regulatory approach only
   iv) the Waitākere rural sewerage pump out service started as part of a response to poor water quality. It included the establishment of local Water Liaison Groups, recognition that council and community needed to work together, and that regulation alone was not enough
   v) there is a need to take a catchment-wide and behaviour change approach in order to maintain and improve water quality and clarity in streams, lagoons, estuaries and coastal environments
   vi) the pump-out service ensures all septic tanks in a catchment are pumped out at regular intervals with council coordination and oversight
vii) it provides fair and equitable access to pump out services for remote communities, that may otherwise be disadvantaged. The travel distance may make a commercial service to an individual household unattractive to the industry in some areas. This has proven to be the case with private providers of waste recycling.

viii) investigations are yet to fully determine the sources of contamination in the Manukau Harbour, and beaches in areas with reticulated sewerage are just as contaminated. For example, at Te Henga it is known that livestock and bird life contribute to the poor water quality of the lagoon. Maintenance and management of council’s own on-site wastewater systems are also under scrutiny from the community in coastal areas such as Piha, Te Henga, and it is critical these are kept to a high standard.

ix) there has been a lack of evaluation of the pump out service and other interventions over the years, which needs to be addressed going forward. There is no clear evidence that either the regulatory or non-regulatory approach has worked to improve water quality to date. We strongly support a two-pronged approach in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

x) there is concern from rural communities that they are not getting a fair share of services as the emphasis is on urban infrastructure. This is reflected in submissions on the rural sewerage topic from Waitākere residents. Some 80 per cent of the Water Quality Targeted Rate is funding the Western Isthmus water quality improvement project.

xi) there is concern about the increasing cost of the pump out service which needs to be addressed in negotiating a new contract for service. It is expected that costs will be at or near the current cost.

f) recommend the Water Quality Targeted Rate be used to:

i) accelerate the investigation and amelioration of sources of contamination of the Manukau Harbour and west coast lagoons.

ii) increase locally targeted educational programmes on how to effectively operate and maintain on-site wastewater systems, including how to conserve water, the use of environmentally friendly household products.

g) recommend council’s Infrastructure and Environmental Services department continues to work at a community catchment level in the coastal settlements of Piha, Karekare, Te Henga, Fosters Bay and Huia in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area, which have high risks for on-site wastewater systems across a range of factors.

h) note changes in the intensity of land use and household types in areas with high risks for on-site wastewater systems need to be closely monitored and managed through council’s regulatory system.

Annual budget

i) provide the following feedback on the Annual Budget 2020/2021:

i) One Local Initiative programme: investing in the regeneration of Glen Eden Town Centre is an important economic stimulus. We recommend work on preparing the business case resumes speedily or that the Governing Body approves the release of the earmarked capital funds directly to the local board to accelerate to the project delivery stage.
ii) Active transport: delivering a completed Auckland-wide walking and cycling network needs to be accelerated. The increased use of walking and cycling paths over the lockdown period shows the latent potential. In our area there needs to be an emphasis on links to Western Line train services from the surrounding communities to improve access to public transport.

iii) Regional environmental programmes: weed and pest control programmes for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area need at least the same level of base funding from general rates, supported by the Natural Environment Targeted Rate to implement the new Regional Pest Management Plan. The targeted rate is meant to enhance existing base-line service levels for the environment, not replace them.

iv) Te Henga quarry: we are advocating for regional funding and the reinstatement of the Quarry Aftercare Fund, to develop this area as a park to provide additional recreation to the regional park, to address unmet demand, filming opportunities, failed restoration and Health & Safety concerns of current usage.

CARRIED

Note: A copy of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board written feedback on the Annual Budget 2020/2021 will be available on the Auckland Council website via this link: https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/annual-budget-2020-2021/Pages/submissions-received-.aspx

11 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

11.39 am

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 WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

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