

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, 8 July 2020 at 11.00am.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Member Te'eva Matafai

For leave of absence

ALSO PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Welcome

Chairperson K Thomas opened the meeting and welcome those present.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Whau Local Board Members are 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 are 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 Whau Local Board:

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau Friends of Arataki Western Quilters 	Volunteer Committee member Member
Susan Zhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Oral History Foundation The Chinese Garden Steering Committee of Auckland 	Committee member Board Member
Fasitua Amosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity NZ Massive Theatre Company Avondale Business Association 	Vice President Board member A family member is the Chair
Catherine Farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avondale-Waterview Historical Society Blockhouse Bay Historical Society Portage Licensing Trust Blockhouse Bay Bowls Forest and Bird organisation Grey Power 	Member Member Trustee Patron Member Member
Te'eva Matafai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Events and Entertainment Trust Miss Samoa NZ Malu Measina Samoan Dance Group Pasifika Festival Village Coordinators Trust ATEED Aspire Events 	Co-Founder Director Director/Founder Chairperson Director
Warren Piper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn RSA New Lynn Business Association 	Associate Member Member
Jessica Rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women in Urbanism-Aotearoa, Auckland Branch Kāinga Ora Forest & Bird 	Committee member Programme manager Sustainability Member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Feels Club • Frocks on Bikes • Bike Auckland 	Patron Former co-chair Former committee member
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Member appointments

Whau Local Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the local members represent Auckland Council.

External organisation	Leads	Alternate
Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group	Warren Piper	Catherine Farmer
Avondale Business Association	Kay Thomas	Warren Piper
Blockhouse Bay Business Association	Warren Piper	Fasitua Aмосa
New Lynn Business Association	Susan Zhu	Kay Thomas Warren Piper
Rosebank Business Association	Fasitua Aмосa	Warren Piper
Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Fasitua Aмосa	Jessica Rose

4 Leave of Absence

Resolution number WH/2020/68

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- receive an apology from Member T Matafai for Leave of Absence (3 June 2020 to 23 July 2020 inclusive).

CARRIED

5 Local board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021

Note: The full report “Local Board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021” was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official Minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment. The resolutions refer to the full report.

Resolution number WH/2020/69

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member F Aмосa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- receive consultation feedback on regional proposals in the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 from people and organisations based in the Whau local board area
- thank everyone who submitted from the Whau Local Board area for their feedback

- c) support a general rate increase of 3.5 per cent for the 2020/2021 financial year, based on the following factors:
- i. a rates rise of 2.5 per cent would have a devastating impact on the local board's ability to invest in some of the services and assets that are critical to meeting the identified needs of its communities. In particular the Local Board Discretionary Initiatives (LDI) budget allocation is a very small amount of Council expenditure, and that it is the responsive fund for local communities so significant cuts would be very noticeable to local communities
 - ii. the Whau Local Board is still catching up to the agreed regional level of allocation under the Local Board Funding Policy
 - iii. the Whau local board has high areas of socio-economic deprivation, and a reduction in local budget could have significant flow on impacts to its most vulnerable communities.
 - iv. the Whau Local Board acknowledges mana whenua as Treaty partners, as well as its commitments to all Māori in the Whau, and believes that Council's stated intention of honouring these commitments cannot adequately be met with a rates rise of less than 3.5 per cent
- d) support rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19 given the economic hardship being experienced by many residents and businesses in the Whau Local Board area
- e) support the suspension of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate due to the economic impact of the lack of overseas visitors on the tourism industry
- f) note its support for retaining funding for the following types of activities which received significant community support in consultation, and caution against any significant funding cuts to these activities:
- i. ongoing support to our community partners
 - ii. investment in cycleways and other initiatives to support uptake of active modes
 - iii. investment in public transport
 - iv. investment in transport safety
 - v. investment in initiatives to address climate change
 - vi. investigating and supporting increased provision of public toilets
- g) makes the following comments on other matters noted in the consultation material:
- i. the Local Board has previously provided feedback to the governing body noting its general opposition to asset sales and the reduction of Opex budgets, and its preference for increasing debt as a lever for increasing available funding. The local board reiterates these comments and notes that Capex deferrals, while preferable to asset sales and Opex cuts, will also impact on local communities
 - ii. the Local Board remains committed to its One Local Initiative, confirmed in the current Long-term Plan, of developing an aquatic and recreation facility in the Whau Local Board area
 - iii. the Local Board would be open to the possibility of charging for park and ride facilities but would urge caution in the implementation of such a policy noting that it could disincentivise update of public transport for some, and would urge Council to consider focusing the longer-term use of this revenue on the development of new park and ride facilities – for example a multi-storey park and ride in New Lynn
 - iv. the Local Board strongly supports libraries and would oppose any significant cuts to libraries' hours or operating budgets

- v. the Local Board has concerns about reductions in pest control and initiatives to stop the spread of Kauri Dieback, along with other environmental initiatives – particularly those focusing on our waterways – that have been consistently identified as a high priority for our communities
- vi. the Local Board has concerns around the potential closure of public toilets and removal of rubbish bins and would urge Council to take a cautious approach should this be required
- vii. the Local Board has concerns about the possible closure of animal shelters as there is likely to be increased demand for these services

- h) note its concern about the lack of information regarding the Local Board Transport Capital Fund and advocate strongly for this fund to continue in its current form, even if some reduction in budgets is inevitable. The board would identify this as being particularly important if there were to be any reduction in current levels of investment in transport safety and active modes

- j) request that the external funding allocated to the Whau Local Board via the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency’s SH16/SH20 mitigation funds, and also through the proceeds of the sale of Arthur Currey Reserve in New Windsor, be ring-fenced and retained in full for unrestricted and immediate use by the Whau Local Board without impact on the availability of funds to the local board from Auckland Council budgets.

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.97, Member W Piper requested that his dissenting vote be recorded in respect of part c) only.

Resolution number WH/2020/70

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **acknowledge Antonina Georgetti, Local Board Advisor, - Whau, for her work on tabled report Local Board input on the Emergency Budget 2020/2021.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 8 July 2020, Whau Local Board - Item 5 : Local Board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021

11.07am

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:.....