

Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden on Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Independent Māori Statutory Board member	Glenn Wilcox
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IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillors	Linda Cooper
	Shane Henderson

1 Welcome

Chair Greg Presland opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Chair Greg Presland also welcomed Glenn Wilcox, Independent Māori Statutory Board member to the meeting and invited him to sit at the table.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declarations 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 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

Board Member	Organisation/Position
Mark Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Waitākere – <i>Executive Officer</i> - Bethells Valley Fire – <i>Senior Fire Fighter</i> - Waitākere Licensing Trust – <i>Trustee</i>
Michelle Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glen Eden Community House – <i>Treasurer</i> - Glen Eden Residents' Association – <i>Treasurer</i> - Waitākere Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) – <i>Committee Member</i> - The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - Glen Eden Returned Services Association (RSA) – <i>Member</i> - Glen Eden Railway Trust – <i>Member</i>
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waitemata District Health Board – <i>Elected Member & Chair of Hospital Advisory Committee</i> - Women's Health Action Trust – <i>Patron</i> - New Zealand Society of Genealogists – <i>Member</i> - New Zealand Military Defence Society – <i>Member</i> - Cartwright Collective – <i>Member</i> - Piha Wetland Trust – <i>Partner Peter Hosking is a Trustee for the Piha Wetland Trust</i>
Greg Presland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - Combined Youth Services Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - Glen Eden Bid – <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents Association – <i>Member</i> - Waitākere Ranges Protection Society - <i>Member</i> - Titirangi RSA - <i>Member</i> - Maungakiekie Golf Club – <i>Member</i>
Saffron Toms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Titirangi Community House – <i>Secretary</i>

	- Huia-Cornwallis Residents and Ratepayers Association – <i>Committee Member</i>
Ken Turner	- Huia-Cornwallis Residents and Ratepayers Association – <i>Committee Member</i>

Member appointments

Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the board members represent Auckland Council:

External community group or organisation	Lead	Alternate
Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group	Mark Allen	Saffron Toms
Ark in the Park	Mark Allen	Sandra Coney
Friends of Arataki and Waitākere Regional Parkland Incorporated	Michelle Clayton	Sandra Coney
Glen Eden Business Improvement District (Glen Eden Business Association)	Michelle Clayton	Greg Presland
Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre Trust	Ken Turner	Mark Allen
Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery	Mark Allen	Saffron Toms and Sandra Coney
The Rural Advisory Panel	Ken Turner	Saffron Toms

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTK/2021/1

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting, held on Thursday, 10 December 2020, 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 - VisionWest Community Trust

Resolution number WTK/2021/2

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation and thank Brook Turner for his attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 25 February 2021, Waitākere Ranges Local Board: VisionWest Community Trust Funding Report - Meri Kirihimete, 5 Days of Christmas

9 Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum: Rob Jack - Seismic disruption outside 174 Atkinson Road

Rob Jack, James Littlewood and Helen Wolfgramm attended to address the meeting about seismic disruption caused to nearby houses by the speed cushion on the downhill stretch outside 174 – 176 Atkinson Road, Titirangi.

Resolution number WTK/2021/3

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation and thank Rob Jack, James Littlewood and Helen Wolfgramm for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 25 February 2021, Waitākere Ranges Local Board: Atkinson Road Speed Cushion

9.2 Public Forum: Glen Eden Christmas Parade

Gayle Marshall and Leanne Appleby attended to present to the Board on funding received for the Glen Eden Christmas event.

Resolution number WTK/2021/4

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation and thank Gayle Marshall and Leanne Appleby for their attendance and sterling efforts in running the Glen Eden Christmas event over an extended period of time.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 25 February 2021, Waitākere Ranges Local Board: Glen Eden Christmas Parade

9.3 Public Forum: Increase in visitor numbers at Te Henga

Scott Hindman, Lynx, Anna Bates and Sue Turner attended to present to the Board about the huge increase in visitor numbers to Te Henga and the toilet challenges to be addressed at this location.

Resolution number WTK/2021/5

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Toms, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation and thank Scott Hindman, Lynx, Anna Bates and Sue Turner for their attendance.**
- b) **urgently request Community Facilities to reinstate portaloos at Te Henga.**

CARRIED

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Waitākere Ward Councillors' Update

Resolution number WTK/2021/6

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **thank Waitākere Ward Councillors' Linda Cooper and Shane Henderson for their verbal update.**

CARRIED

Motion

Resolution number WTK/2021/7

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **agree to grant speaking rights to Glenn Wilcox, Independent Māori Statutory Board member.**
- b) **thank Glenn Wilcox for taking the time to attend the business meeting and for giving the Board a verbal update.**

CARRIED

12 Public feedback on proposal to amend the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2014

Elizabeth Osborne, Policy Advisor spoke to this item via Skype for Business.

Resolution number WTK/2021/8

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **note the public feedback to the proposal to amend Te Ture ā-Rohe Whakarangata Waipiro / the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2014 by people from the local board area in this agenda report.**

CARRIED

13 Local board input into preparation of the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan

Resolution number WTK/2021/9

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member S Coney:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **thank those who have provided suggestions through the first phase of consultation on the Regional Parks Management Plan review.**
- b) **note the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park received the highest volume of feedback of any of the parks because of the many pressures and challenges it faces, and recommend consideration be given to a separate plan for the Waitākere Ranges to enable those issues to be addressed.**
- c) **endorse its feedback on the Regional Parks Management Plan review in Attachment A, subject to the following amendments:**
 - i) **asks that the Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee endorse working with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to seek International Dark Sky status for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area, including the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park.**
 - ii) **recommend the Regional Parks Management Plan:**
 - A) **include policies and objectives to protect the dark sky and night sky viewing.**
 - B) **identify opportunities in the Waitākere Ranges and other regional parks for night sky viewing with locations shown on maps, and policies to protect look-out locations, and reduce light pollution sources in and around the park.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 25 February 2021, Waitākere Ranges Local Board: Regional Parks Management Plan Review Feedback

14 Draft Climate Change Commission advice - local board feedback

Resolution number WTK/2021/10

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board provide the following feedback to Auckland Council and to Central Government on He Pou a Rangi – the Climate Change Commission's draft advice for consultation report:

- a) the general recommendations and proposals are supported. Climate change clearly poses an existential threat to humanity.
- b) the Board wishes to emphasise the following:
 - i) urban trees provide an important contribution not only in terms of carbon sequestration but also in regulating and managing increased temperatures. Meaningful urban tree protection and planting must be a priority. Steps that can be taken include reversing the Resource Management Act ban on including urban tree protection rules in district plans, amending processes so that the scheduling of notable trees can occur, and the protection is meaningful, and that tree planting be required in sites being intensified to increase urban tree forest and provide ecological linkages.
 - ii) the emphasis on changing transport patterns by building quality walkways and cycleways is appropriate. The difficulty is however that although there are good intentions at a local level, Local Government lacks the ability to fund the urgent completion of existing walkways and cycleways. As an example although the Waitākere Ranges Local Board has a greenways plan we do not have the resources to construct it, especially after the loss of \$3.5 million of transport capital project funding because of budget pressures. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board fully supports recommendation 4(b) of the Commission's draft report (page 42).
 - iii) local planning and implementation can provide the best solutions because of contact with local communities and a day-to-day appreciation of issues and problems.
 - iv) protection and retention of biodiversity is important. The board's preference is that native biodiversity is preserved, and native forests are planted in preference to exotic forests because they provide more enduring carbon sequestration and enhanced habitat for native species. Exotic forestry provides poor habitat for native biodiversity, harbours pest animals and plants, creates pest plant problems with wilding pines, depletes soil which contributes to erosion, sedimentation of waterways and destruction when harvested.
 - v) currently in the Auckland region indigenous forest is severely under threat from pest animals and plants but there is no recognition in the report that the existing forest will only survive (and provide its carbon benefits) if it is healthy and there is investment to restore and maintain healthy forests. In Auckland, regional parks provide the significant amount of over 35,000 ha of forest but these suffer from under-funding.
 - vi) public transport has a very important part to play in reducing transport linked greenhouse gas emissions. A quality mass transit corridor on the North Western Motorway and the return of train services to Helensville using the existing train line to service growth areas of Huapai, Taupaki and Kumeu need to be treated as a priority.

- vii) urban form is important and the compact city model is clearly preferable. In achieving this the need to provide high quality open space and well-designed town centres are vital.
 - viii) we support the accelerated use of electric vehicles. It is important that councils provide or ensure the provision of electric vehicle charging stations in all of their centres and villages. Councils can provide leadership by electrifying their fleets as soon as possible.
 - ix) the need to increase electricity supplies poses particular issues to the Waitākere's bush and coastal villages whose existing supply infrastructure is already not fit for purpose.
 - x) we fully endorse the recommended necessary actions proposed to reduce emissions from waste. Waste reduction including climate change impacts assessments in relation to renewals - at points of consideration of whether renewals are needed, to what extent and the carbon impact of sourcing and resourcing materials etc, including building things to last, local and carbon neutral or positive materials and building things to last, and looking at materials in a way that is consistent with product stewardship approaches
 - xi) we urge the implementation of policy that requires climate change impacts assessments in relation to renewals. When renewals are needed there should be an assessment of the carbon impact of sourcing and resourcing materials, a preference to building things to last, and the use of local and carbon neutral or positive materials.
 - xii) protect the ability for private harvesters of energy to be able to feedback excess power into the national grid and be reimbursed for it, by enshrining “buy-back tariffs” in law.
 - xiii) where possible, local and central government organisations should prioritise local contractors recognising the climate benefits of keeping activity local and reducing emissions.
 - xiv) timeframes are absolutely vital. To achieve the recommendation of becoming carbon neutral by 2050 which necessitates all new vehicles being electric or hydrogen powered by the early 2030s decisions relating to funding and planning for walkways and cycleways and new public transport infrastructure need to be made within a very short period. As an example the decision to electrify Auckland's rail and completion of the work took over a decade. We do not have that long.
- c) That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board urges the Governing Body of Auckland Council work with local boards to develop an action plan that would support the targets of the Climate Change Commission report and reset the outcomes of the Council's Climate Action Plan.

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7, Member Ken Turner requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

15 Chair's Report - February 2021

Resolution number WTK/2021/11

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) receive Chair Greg Presland's tabled report for February 2021.

CARRIED

16 Workshop Records

Resolution number WTK/2021/12

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) receive the attached workshop records and supporting materials for 3 and 10 December 2020 and 11 February 2021.

CARRIED

17 Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WTK/2021/13

MOVED by Member K Turner, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) receive the governance forward work programme calendar for February 2021.

CARRIED

18 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

6.54pm

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

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....