

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 1.02pm via Microsoft Teams and at the Claris Conference Centre. Either a recording or written summary will be uploaded on the Auckland Council website.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Izzy Fordham	
Deputy Chairperson	Luke Coles	
Members	Susan Daly	
	Patrick O'Shea	
	Valmaine Toki	via electronic attendance

IN ATTENDANCE

Jacqui Fyers	Senior Local Board Advisor, Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board	
Kathy Cumming	Barrier Bulletin	via electronic attendance
Annabelle White	Specialist Local Communications	via electronic attendance

1 Welcome

Chairperson I Fordham opened the hui and welcomed everyone in attendance. Member Toki led the meeting in a karakia.

Note: A roll call was conducted by Chairperson I Fordham that ascertained the following members were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Member	Attendance
Chairperson Izzy Fordham	Present
Deputy Chairperson Luke Coles	Present
Member Sue Daly	Present
Member Patrick O'Shea	Present
Member Valmaine Toki	Present

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Note: Councillor Pippa Coom had sent her apologies due to other council business.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number GBI/2022/32

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Member P O'Shea:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 22 March 2022 as true and correct.**

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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 John Ogden, Prue Smith & Lotte McIntyre, pig control at Medlands Beach

Resolution number GBI/2022/33

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Member S Daly:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation regarding feral pig control at Medlands Beach and forward the information material to Auckland Council biosecurity team and to the Operations Manager Great Barrier Island / Pou Matarautaki Aotea, Te Papa Atawhai - Department of Conservation.
- b) arrange for a follow up workshop with mana whenua, staff from Auckland Council and Department of Conservation about potential feral pig control options.
- c) thank John Ogden and Lotte McIntyre on behalf of the committee members of Oruawharo Medlands Ecovision for their virtual attendance via MS Teams.

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9 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Local Ward Area Councillor's Update

Resolution number GBI/2022/34

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Coles:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

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

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12 Local board feedback on the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan

Resolution number GBI/2022/35

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Coles, seconded by Member P O'Shea:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) receive the public feedback on the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan and thank submitters for their specific comments on Glenfern Sanctuary Regional Park which is located in the local board area.
- b) provide the following as formal feedback on the draft 2021 Regional Park Management Plan to the hearings panel with a focus on the Glenfern Sanctuary Regional Park section:
 - i) note the previous feedback provided by the local board to the early preparation of the draft plan and the consideration of staff to date.
 - ii) acknowledge the uniqueness of Glenfern Sanctuary which was founded by former owner and conservationist the late Tony Bouzaid in 1992 and became a regional park in 2016 as part of Auckland Council.
 - iii) note that Auckland Council has very limited public land on Aotea / Great Barrier Island, and whilst Glenfern Sanctuary is identified within the regional park network that the local board has a high governance interest in its annual operations and any future management intentions.
 - iv) acknowledge Kawa marae, Motairehe marae and the Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust Board. The tikanga and affirming wairua that they have brought in connecting with the Glenfern Sanctuary trustees, including the manaaki and generosity in fostering local partnership and their willingness to be involved in the sanctuary's management board.
 - v) recognise and applaud the ongoing efforts and contributions of Glenfern Sanctuary trustees, staff, adjoining landholders, and the many local and visiting volunteers who have through individual and collective efforts taken forward the vision of the park sanctuary.
 - vi) note the regular conversations close connections that the Glenfern Sanctuary Trust, Kawa marae, Motairehe marae and the Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust, Kotuku Peninsula Charitable Trust and Department of Conservation - Aotea / Great Barrier operations unit have with each other and the ongoing contact they have with the Auckland Council Regional Parks team and the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board.

It is observed that none of these above partners/stakeholders have made written submissions to the Regional Parks Management Plan and the local board see that is because they feel that their focus is on the local sanctuary and that Auckland Council through its staff and local board should be aware and an active advocate for its needs and aspirations as required.
 - vii) support the Glenfern Sanctuary Regional Park management intentions outlined section 6.
 - viii) acknowledge and support the korero that has been occurring between Glenfern Sanctuary Trust and Kawa hapu and Motairehe hapu kaumatua to establish an appropriate Māori name for the sanctuary.
 - ix) identifies that from the local board perspective that six years on since becoming a regional park there is an opportunity to review the

management agreement and operating model between Auckland Council and the Glenfern Sanctuary Trust.

This is requested to be done with view to ascertaining if the level of support being provided is equitable and if additional support may be required from Council to progress achievement seeing the mauri of te taiao / the environment and of people is restored on Kotuku Peninsula Aotea / Great Barrier Island.

- x) advocate for a fully funded on-site manager to support the daily operations of Glenfern Sanctuary.
- c) appoint the Chairperson I Fordham and Member V Toki to speak to the hearings panel on the board's feedback in resolution b) on 9 May 2022.

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13 Submission on central government's proposals to transform recycling in Aotearoa

The local board's feedback on central government's proposal to transform recycling in Aotearoa was tabled. A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number GBI/2022/36

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Member S Daly:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) provide the tabled feedback on the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document: Te kapanoni i te hangarua: Transforming recycling discussion document to inform the council's draft submission.

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Attachments

- A 26 April 2022 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board, item 13 - Submission on central government's proposal to transform recycling in Aotearoa report, Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board feedback on the proposal to transform recycling in Aotearoa

14 Transport Emissions Reduction Plan

Resolution number GBI/2022/37

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Coles:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) receive the progress update provided on the Transport Emissions Reduction Plan
- b) note the scale of the challenge to meet Auckland's transport emissions reduction target and that mode shift is the most powerful lever for reducing transport emissions
- c) provide the following feedback on the Transport Emissions Reduction Plan:
 - i) Acknowledge that we are in a climate emergency and support lowering of transport emissions for the benefit of the environment.

- ii) **Aotea / Great Barrier is a remote island, 90kms northeast of Auckland city with travel to it being by a 35min plane ride or four hour ferry trip. Electrification and low-carbon fuel alternatives, such as green hydrogen and synthetic and biodiesels, for ferries and aircraft would make a dramatic difference to reducing transport emissions for our community.**
- iii) **The island has one of the lowest median household incomes across the Auckland region and being a remote island endures high fuel and freight costs. The Aotea island community is off-the-grid, adaptable and resilient. The transition to low-carbon transportation needs to be affordable and accessible to enable equitable uptake and empower the whole community to adapt.**
- iv) **The local board supports and promotes buy local projects to help reduce the quantity of imported freight to lower carbon emissions, provide affordable alternatives and reduce waste.**
- v) **Aotea has no public transport system. The local board is investigating opportunities for a bespoke low-carbon transport service to run on-demand for youth, elderly, visitors and solo commuter travelers. The transport service will look to reduce car journeys, improve safety and support independent connectivity.**
- vi) **Aotea is completely off-the-grid with no reticulated power. The island leads the country with domestic alternative energy use but our transport emissions are still high with combustible cars, ferries and planes. The local board has been investing in electric bike and car charging infrastructure across the island to support the introduction of alternative energy vehicles however, we still have far to go and require support where needed.**
- vii) **The island's topography is large and undulating with shared, narrow and unsealed roads. The range of affordable electric vehicles that can handle rural environments on off-the-grid charging infrastructure is still not readily available. Increased investment and research is needed into off-the-grid fast charging electric vehicle infrastructure and rural electric vehicles to support rural communities.**
- viii) **The island has a number of paper roads and accessways which can be linked up to support cycleways and walkways. The local board is currently working on a project to identify these opportunities.**
- ix) **We support partnership with mana whenua and agree that the principles of whanaungatanga (relationships) and kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship) are central to understanding the total system and should underpin ongoing engagement to reduce emissions from the transport system.**

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15 Environmental agency and community group reports

Resolution number GBI/2022/38

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Coles:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) note the Aotea / Great Barrier Natural Environment-Islands monthly update – March 2022 report.

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16 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Governance Forward Work Calendar 2019 - 2022

Resolution number GBI/2022/39

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Member P O'Shea:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) note its Governance Forward Work Calendar for the political term 2019 - 2022 as at April 2022.
- b) note the board will take a recess from council business from Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July 2022 (inclusive).

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17 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Workshop Record of Proceedings

Resolution number GBI/2022/40

MOVED by Chairperson I Fordham, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Coles:

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) note the record of proceedings for the local board workshops held on Tuesday 15 March, Tuesday 29 March, Tuesday 5 April and Tuesday 12 April 2022.

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18 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.35 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE AOTEA / GREAT BARRIER
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....