

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held on Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 4.02pm will proceed via Microsoft Teams.

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

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### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Saffron Toms	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Greg Presland	
<b>Members</b>	Mark Allen	
	Michelle Clayton	
	Sandra Coney, QSO	Until 5.55pm - Item 13
	Ken Turner	

### **ALSO PRESENT**

<b>Councillor</b>	Linda Cooper
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Note: Waitākere Ranges Local Board, support staff and those presenting to the meeting attended via electronic link.

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## 1 Welcome

Chairperson Saffron Toms opened the meeting and welcomed those present online.

## 2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 3 Declaration of Interest

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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

Board Member	Organisation/Position
Mark Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Waitākere – <i>Executive Officer</i></li> <li>- Bethells Valley Fire – <i>Senior Fire Fighter</i></li> <li>- Waitākere Licensing Trust – <i>Trustee</i></li> </ul>
Michelle Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glen Eden Community House – <i>Treasurer</i></li> <li>- Glen Eden Residents' Association – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Waitākere Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) – <i>Committee Member</i></li> <li>- The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust – <i>Trustee</i></li> <li>- Glen Eden Returned Services Association (RSA) – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Glen Eden Railway Trust – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Te Wahi Ora Charitable Trust - <i>Member</i></li> </ul>
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cartwright Collective – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Women's Health Action Trust – <i>Patron</i></li> <li>- New Zealand Society of Genealogists – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- New Zealand Military Defence Society – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Pest Free Piha – <i>Partner is the Coordinator</i></li> <li>- Piha Tennis Club – <i>Patron and Partner is the President</i></li> <li>- Piha Wetland Trust – <i>Partner is a Trustee</i></li> <li>- Waitākere Ranges Pest Free Alliance – <i>Partner is the Co-Chair of this group</i></li> </ul>
Greg Presland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust – <i>Trustee</i></li> <li>- Glen Eden BID – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents Association – <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Waitākere Ranges Protection Society - <i>Member</i></li> <li>- Titirangi RSA - <i>Member</i></li> </ul>
Saffron Toms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Titirangi Community House – <i>Secretary</i></li> <li>- Huia-Cornwallis Residents and Ratepayers Association – <i>Committee Member</i></li> </ul>
Ken Turner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Huia-Cornwallis Residents and Ratepayers Association – <i>Committee Member</i></li> </ul>

### Member appointments

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

External 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 Waitakere Contemporary Gallery	Mark Allen	Saffron Toms and Sandra Coney
The Rural Advisory Panel	Ken Turner	Saffron Toms

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTK/2022/83

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 23 June 2022, as true and correct.

**CARRIED**

## 5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

## 6 Acknowledgements

### 6.1 Acknowledgements: Lynette Adams - contribution to West Auckland communities

Resolution number WTK/2022/84

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) acknowledge Sport Waitākere's Chief Executive Lynette Adams who is stepping down after 18 years with the organisation for her tremendous contribution to the health and wellbeing of West Auckland communities.

**CARRIED**

## 6.2 Acknowledgements: David Tucker - Glen Eden Library Manager

Resolution number WTK/2022/85

MOVED by Member M Clayton, seconded by Member M Allen:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) **acknowledge David Tucker for his work, commitment and dedication as Glen Eden Library Manager and wishes him well.**

**CARRIED**

## 7 Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 8 Deputations

### 8.1 Deputation: Restoration Ruatuna - Activities update

A PowerPoint presentation and a report were given in support of the item. A copy of each has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2022/86

MOVED by Member M Allen, seconded by Member S Coney:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation on Restoration Ruatuna's activities and thank Deirdre Green and Professor Len Gillman, on behalf of Restoration Ruatuna, for their attendance.**
- b) **refer the presentation on Restoration Ruatuna's activities to staff and request a report back on the issues raised to a workshop.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A 28 July 2022, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 8.1 Deputation: Restoration Ruatuna - activities update, Presentation
- B 28 July 2022, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 8.1 Deputation: Restoration Ruatuna - activities update, Report Restoration Ruatuna (Restoring Nature in Laingholm), and the Muddy Creeks Plan Evaluation Report, 2022

## 9 Public Forum

### 9.1 Public Forum: Jay Patel - Speed bumps on Captain Scott Road, Glen Eden

This item was withdrawn.

**9.2 Public Forum: Mels Barton - Captain Scott Road cycleway, Glen Eden**

Resolution number WTK/2022/87

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation on the Captain Scott Road cycleway, Glen Eden and thank Mels Barton for her attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Public Forum: Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association**

Ken Cowan, on behalf of the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association, was in attendance to speak to the board on Item 12: Proposed transfer of land at 14 and 20 Glenesk Road, Piha for inclusion into the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park.

Resolution number WTK/2022/88

MOVED by Member S Coney, seconded by Chairperson S Toms:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation on the proposed transfer of land at 14 and 20 Glenesk Road, Piha and thank Ken Cowan on behalf of the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association for his attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Public Forum: Kevin O'Carroll - Captain Scott Road cycleway, Glen Eden**

Resolution number WTK/2022/89

MOVED by Chairperson S Toms, seconded by Member M Clayton:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) **receive the presentation on the Captain Scott Road cycleway, Glen Eden and thank Kevin O'Carroll for his attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**10 Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

## 11 Waitākere Ward Councillors' Update

Resolution number WTK/2022/90

MOVED by Chairperson S Toms, seconded by Member M Clayton:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) thank Waitākere Ward Councillor Linda Cooper for her verbal update.

**CARRIED**

## 12 Proposed transfer of land at 14 and 20 Glenesk Road, Piha for inclusion into the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park

Resolution number WTK/2022/91

MOVED by Member S Coney, seconded by Member M Allen:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) support the transfer of 20 Glen Esk Road Piha and the area north of the Piha Stream (Wai o Kahu) at 14 Glen Esk Road Piha to regional parks.
- b) support the area on the south of the Piha Stream (Wai o Kahu) at 14 Glen Esk Road (green outline) becoming a local park, noting that if this is considered too small for a local park, the board would support the whole property becoming a local park. The board has the following reasons:
  - i) the Waitākere Ranges Local Board has had representations from a group at Piha, in person and in writing, supported by the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association, to establish a community garden on one of the sites
  - ii) there is no community garden at Piha and no other available site on a local park
  - iii) the Manager Regional Parks has informed the board that regional parks would “consider and support the transfer of land back to the board for the garden option if it is supported by the board”
  - iv) the major part of the Council-owned parkland at Piha is either regional park, or, if it is local park, it is heavily used by day visitors or covered by leases for campgrounds, sports clubs, and amenities, therefore there is no other parkland available for community use
  - v) residential sites at Piha are generally bush-clad and most covered by SEAs, therefore, residents have little ability to grow food on their own properties
  - vi) because Piha is remote and subject to a number of risks, including slips, wildfires, storms and, in some places, flooding, the board has been working with the community to increase community resilience
  - vii) people using a community garden would not be on site during darkness or during storm weather so there is no risk to human safety
  - viii) the southern parts of these properties are in the residential (Coastal Village) zone of Piha and small pieces of land in this area will be difficult for regional parks to maintain
  - ix) there is considerable volunteer capacity at Piha that could assist in maintenance of the site

- x) although the land in question is not directly connected to local park, there is a community focus on parkland in this area with a community-run gallery at 50 Seaview Road and a Piha Wetland Trust which aims to restore the wetland, manage the old Piha schoolhouse and provide activities for youth at 42 Seaview Road. Both are local park adjoining regional park and the Trust has recently applied to restore some of the regional parkland in Glen Esk Road (first property on north side of the road, no street number) which is heavily weed infested
- xi) there is no need for access to the regional park through the properties at 14 and 20 Glen Esk Road as there is formed access at 34 Glen Esk Road, although this is currently closed for kauri dieback
- xii) a community garden can be developed without the need for raised beds.

**CARRIED**

### 13 Glen Eden Streets for People Cycleway Trial: Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Melanie Alexander, Group Manager Network Management at Auckland Transport, was in attendance to speak to this item.

*Member S Coney retired from the meeting at 5.55pm.*

Resolution number WTK/2022/92

MOVED by Member M Allen, seconded by Member M Clayton:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) receive the Glen Eden Streets for People Monitoring and Evaluation Report (Attachment A of the agenda report), including results of the perception survey and other community feedback.
- b) thank those that have provided feedback on the trial cycleway and acknowledges the large numbers of contributions.
- c) recommend to Auckland Transport that the temporary Glen Eden Streets for People cycleway be removed as soon as practicably possible.
- d) note that:
  - i) the local board affirm its support for separated cycleways and improved footpaths as a response to safety concerns, healthier lifestyles, promotion of alternative modes of transport around town centres and addressing increasing congestion
  - ii) the trial took place during a challenging period with Covid restrictions in place over significant periods
  - iii) the current design has not been supported by many for a variety of reasons, including loss of parking, the design, as well as perceptions that it is not used and makes the road less safe
  - iv) the number of cycling trips has increased though remain low, and the feedback from users suggest improvements to the design or route may bring greater benefit
  - v) speed reduction was a successful outcome of the trial.
- e) recommend Auckland Transport considers the following responses to the trial and report back to the local board in the new term:



- i) permanent traffic calming on Captain Scott Road between Savoy Road and the Oates / Wilson Road roundabout to create a safer road environment for all road users and low vibration for residents
- ii) options for a permanent cycleway to extend the Waikumete Stream shared path to Glen Eden Town Centre, including:
  - A) on the same route, with a widened shared path using the footpath and berm on one side of the Captain Scott Road
  - B) continuing to investigate connecting the Twin Streams shared path to Harold Moody and Duck Park.
- iii) options to improve safety along the length of Captain Scott Road, paying particular attention to the safety for schools at the intersection with Atkinson Road
- iv) feedback from the trial should be used to inform design options, along with further engagement with the community and residents.
- f) note that Auckland Transport is expected to report to the local board in August 2022 on the local impact of a change to the regional budget available for Local Board Transport Initiatives.
- g) note that to achieve Auckland Council's aim of a 50 percent reduction in transport emissions by 2030 walking and cycling facilities are needed in centres like Glen Eden to encourage short local trips by active modes and to improve connection to the rapid transit network, the Western Train Line.

**CARRIED**

**14 Delegated local board feedback on the Auckland Council's submission on the Water Services Entities Bill**

Resolution number WTK/2022/93

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) receive the decision made under delegation on 18 July 2022 providing feedback from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board for inclusion in Auckland Council's submission on the Water Services Entities Bill
- b) considers that the timeframe for providing feedback on Auckland Council's submission on the Water Services Entities Bill was not sufficient for local boards to carry out due diligence on an issue as important as this.

**CARRIED**

Note: Under Standing Orders 1.9.7, Member G. Presland requested his dissenting vote be recorded against clause b).

**15 Local board feedback on the strategic direction of Auckland's Future Development Strategy**

Resolution number WTK/2022/94

MOVED by Chairperson S Toms, seconded by Member M Clayton:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the strategic direction for the Future Development Strategy.
- b) support the proposed focus on the following seven 'big issues' in the Future Development Strategy with the addition of biodiversity and ecological health outcomes:
  - i) hapū and iwi values and aspirations for urban development
  - ii) climate change, emissions reduction and urban form
  - iii) inundation and natural hazards
  - iv) intensification – dispersed or focused
  - v) infrastructure
  - vi) greenfields and future urban areas
  - vii) business and employment.
- c) generally shares and supports the view of the neighbouring Whau Local Board  
*Partnership with Māori*
- d) support the focus on iwi and hapū aspirations in urban development, alongside a general approach focused on treaty partnership and elevation of the principles found in Te Ao Māori around environmental management, including kaitiakitanga and improving the mauri of both eco-systems and human wellbeing
- e) urge staff to ensure that engagement with Māori has a strong focus on mataa waka in addition to mana whenua, as it is critical that the needs of Māori in the community be understood and addressed, noting that Māori are disproportionately affected by deprivation, including in their housing and access to essential services as well as economic, recreational and social opportunities  
*Environment*
- f) express its concern that strategy should go further in its focus on climate change, and supports bold changes which will enable us to meet our commitments under Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri and our commitment
- g) note its commitment to delivering on Aotearoa/New Zealand's commitment to the Paris Agreement, and Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland's obligations as a C40 city, to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue all possible efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels
- h) express its concern about Tāmaki-Makaurau/Auckland's growth and how this is managed noting that, while there is a housing crisis, there is also a climate crisis and biodiversity crisis which must be considered together
- i) support a transition to a high-quality compact urban form, but is concerned to ensure that emissions reduction is a key driver of policy direction around urban planning

- j) support an approach to urban development and associated infrastructure that is designed to meet the challenges of climate in terms of resilience to extreme weather events and sea level rise
- k) support incentivisation of building to the highest possible green star or home star rating, incorporation of passive principles for heating and cooling, inclusion as a default of rainwater tanks, solar panels and waste minimisation tools like bokashi buckets (particularly for apartment-dwellers)
- l) support an overall increased focus on our environment including consideration of biodiversity in our urban planning, with a much bigger focus on provision of parks and publicly accessible green spaces, restoration of our urban ngahere (tree cover), protection and restoration of our streams and waterways, and limitation of impervious concrete surfaces where possible
- m) urge consideration of all possible mechanisms to enable tree protection and increased provision of publicly accessible green open space, noting that current resource management rules are inadequate, and it is not clear whether proposed resource management law reforms will adequately address these issues
- n) support the reinstatement of much wider tree protection (removed in 2012) to reduce carbon emissions, noting local government's relative inability to protect its significant trees and canopy cover under the RMA as it stands
- o) note its general opposition to greenfields development, particularly in areas where infrastructure does not already exist to support development, and supports reconsideration of the status of land currently designated for future urban growth, in particular in areas that are:
  - p) at risk of flooding or natural hazards
  - q) a great distance from the city centre or other metropolitan centres (unless located in the immediate vicinity of current or future Rapid Transit Network connections)
  - r) productive land that is currently used for (or is particularly suitable for) food production, noting the need to ensure sufficient growing land.
- s) express its concern that some of Auckland Council's key planning documents and strategies (and those of the CCOs, in particular Auckland Transport) still assume sprawling greenfields development as the default norm.
- t) consider that the current Auckland Development Strategy should place more emphasis on retention and enhancement of permeable surfaces to support biodiversity, amenity and resilience and contribute to minimising the urban heat island effect.

*Housing and urban development*

- u) support a transition to a high quality, compact urban form but is concerned about the current focus on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development on increasing housing stock with little regard for quality of housing
- v) support a strong, directional and aspirational approach to urban development and town planning is critical for supporting quality high density urban environments, noting that Aotearoa/New Zealand has an unfortunate history of ad hoc, low-quality infill leading to poor social, aesthetic, and environmental outcomes
- w) request that staff consider what more could be done in respect of waste minimisation and focus on the circular economy, in particular waste associated with the construction industry

- x) support incentivising the retrofitting of heritage buildings to meet modern standards noting that there are relatively few heritage buildings.
- y) support in principle council staff working with Kainga Ora and other agencies to enable housing solutions to respond to economic deprivation and inequality
- z) note that there needs to be a shift in our understanding of housing to be an integral part of our social fabric and more than just an investment asset, and support development of housing to meet diverse needs rather than housing that achieves the highest yield for developers
- aa) note its support for the development of new, fit-for-purpose, social housing but at the same time express its concern about the pace of development by Kainga Ora without the involvement of local government in respect of open space and community/recreational facilities planning
- bb) support local government moving towards a much stronger and more formalised relationship between Auckland Council and Kainga Ora to ensure that community and green open space infrastructure are planned for proactively and in a strategic way rather than having infrastructure developed by multiple agencies in a piecemeal or reactive way

*Transport*

- cc) support, strongly, intensive development focused around key transport hubs but note the need for a focus should be on proactive provision of transport infrastructure and services to brownfields areas where growth is already taking place, including feeder buses to areas of intensive development that sit outside walkable catchments
- dd) support, strongly, improved walking, cycling and micromobility connections that are safe, accessible and appealing
- ee) support small improvements to key corridors like planting more trees within the road reserve (thereby creating green corridors) would create incentives to uptake of active modes but this would also in itself assist in mitigating carbon emissions
- ff) support an increase focus on technical innovation, including the development of new and innovative approaches to demand management, to reduce carbon emissions
- gg) support the development of new and innovative approaches to demand management, to reduce carbon emissions including more investment in high-speed broadband and telecommunications tools to reduce the need for travel
- hh) note its concern about the impact of parking reductions (both off-street as a result of the provisions of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and on-street as a result of Auckland Transport proposed parking strategy) in our neighbourhoods and town centres
- ii) reiterate ongoing advocacy for a park and ride in New Lynn, and an increase in park and ride capacity along the Western Line, to serve the population from parts of the Waitākere Ranges and its foothills which are not accessible by walking, cycling, or public transport
- jj) express its concern that its advocacy on this matter has been ignored, and that the only advice provided by Auckland Transport is to note that the Waitākere Ranges is not a future growth area, noting that this is not an adequate response, and the logical conclusion of this approach is that people living in the Waitākere Ranges will drive the whole way into the city due to inability to park at local Western Line train stations

- kk) support incentivising uptake of not only EVs but also micro-mobility devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters provided that they are safe, and that regulation keeps pace with innovation, noting that access to private EVs is out of the question for many
- ll) support expansion of the Rapid Transit Network to ensure access to the places people need to travel but is concerned about lack of public transport connection between the southern and western parts of the Auckland Region, which are at risk of severance
- mm) support investigating opportunities for public education around the carbon emissions associated with freight supporting the moving of discretionary consumer goods and encouraging people to consider the environmental impact of their purchases and to find greener ways of fulfilling consumer demand.

**CARRIED**

**16 Joint Council-Controlled Organisations - Local Board Engagement Plan (2022-2024); with an update on Quarter 3 (2021/2022)**

Resolution number WTK/2022/95

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) adopt the Joint Council-controlled Organisations – Waitākere Ranges Local Board Engagement Plan 2022-2024 as an agreement between the local board and Auckland Council's substantive Council-controlled Organisations: Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku Development Auckland, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Watercare
- b) note that the agreed work programmes of the four substantive Council-controlled Organisations are appended to the Joint Council-controlled Organisation (CCO) Local Board Engagement Plan 2022-2024 (Attachment A to the agenda report) and these work programmes will be updated as needed by the CCOs, with changes reported to the local board each quarter
- c) authorise the Chair of the local board to sign this agreement on behalf of the local board, alongside representatives from the four Council-controlled Organisations
- d) note the quarter three update to the Joint Council-controlled Organisations (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan 2021/2022.

**CARRIED**

**17 Chair's Report - Saffron Toms**

A copy of the report was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2022/96

MOVED by Member M Clayton, seconded by Chairperson S Toms:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) receive Chair Saffron Toms' July 2022 report as tabled.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 28 July 2022, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 17 Chair's Report - Saffron Toms: Report

**18 Governance Forward Work Programme**

Resolution number WTK/2022/97

MOVED by Chairperson S Toms, seconded by Member M Clayton:

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) receive the governance forward work programme for July 2022.

**CARRIED**

**19 Workshop Records**

Resolution number WTK/2022/98

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

**That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:**

- a) receive the workshop record and supporting materials for 2, 9, 16 and 23 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**20 Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

7.04pm

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 WAITĀKERE RANGES  
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....