

Franklin Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Franklin Local Board held in the Leslie Comrie Board Room, Level One Franklin: The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe and via Microsoft Teams videoconference on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 9.30am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Angela Fulljames
Deputy Chairperson	Alan Cole
Members	Malcolm Bell JP
	Sharlene Druyven
	Gary Holmes (from 9.39am)
	Amanda Hopkins
	Andrew Kay
	Amanda Kinzett

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Logan Soole
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed everyone present.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number FR/2023/1

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) accept an apology from Member Soole
- b) accept an apology for lateness from Member Holmes.

CARRIED

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number FR/2023/2

MOVED by Member A Kinzett, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Cole:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2022 as true and correct.

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

6.1 Acknowledgement - Jill Naysmith

Resolution number FR/2023/3

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) acknowledge the service of Jill Naysmith, a former Franklin Local Board elected member for the Waiuku subdivision, who passed away on 23 December 2022. Jill served on the Franklin District Council Waiuku/Āwhitu Community Board from 2004 - 2007 and was elected to the Franklin Local Board of Auckland Council, serving from 2010 – 2016. She was Deputy Chair of the board 2013-2016 and the inaugural Chair of the Manukau Harbour Forum.

Jill was a prominent part of the Pakuranga Hunt and was a passionate representative for the equine industry and horse racing fraternity. She will be remembered for her commitment in representing the Waiuku community.

CARRIED

6.2 Acknowledgement - George Flavell, QSM

Resolution number FR/2023/4

MOVED by Member S Druyven, seconded by Member M Bell:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **acknowledge the service of George Flavell, who has been awarded the Queens Service Medal, for services to Māori culture and heritage preservation.**

George (Ngaati Te Ata Waiohua) has dedicated more than 20 years to the protection and preservation of Māori cultural sites and significant places within Ngaati Te Ata iwi ancestral lands. His work includes identifying, recording and documenting sites which are of special significance to Ngaati Te Ata, protecting and ensuring the appropriate management of the cultural sites and taonga and providing educational resources for the iwi and future generations. He also educates and informs property owners, councils and the general public of the importance of Māori cultural sites.

George has documented significant historical sites across the whole of the Āwhitu Peninsula, was involved in the Mahanihahi restoration underway on the Āwhitu Peninsula. His work continues to contribute positively to the future of the Franklin Local Board area and Aotearoa.

CARRIED

6.3 Acknowledgement - Logan Kemp

Resolution number FR/2023/5

MOVED by Member M Bell, seconded by Member A Hopkins:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **acknowledge the service of Logan Kemp who passed away on 11 December 2022, who was a Clevedon Community Board member of Manukau City Council from 1998 to 2010. He was Deputy Chairman of that board from 2007 to 2010.**

Logan was a member and representative for the Maraetai Beach Boat Club during the construction of the breakwater; a member of the Pohutukawa Ratepayers and Residents Association and served on Te Puru Trust. He actively revived the Maraetai Bowling Club, holding numerous positions, taking bowls to the schools as well as being a successful player.

Logan will be remembered for his commitment to the community and determination in achieving practical community outcomes in the local area.

CARRIED

6.4 Acknowledgement - Auckland floods community response

Resolution number FR/2023/6

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member A Kay:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **acknowledge the response by local people during the Auckland flooding on Auckland Anniversary Weekend 2023. Emergency Service organisations, community groups, iwi, volunteers and businesses from across the Franklin Local Board area have worked together in very difficult circumstances to support those affected by the floods locally, and when called upon as part of the regional effort. The support given to our community and wider Auckland is highly valued and appreciated.**

CARRIED

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

There were no deputations.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Local board feedback on the draft Future for Local Government report

Resolution number FR/2023/7

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member A Hopkins:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **provide feedback as follows on the draft report by the Future for Local Government Review Panel to inform the council's submission:**

Revitalising citizen-lead democracy

- i) **note that communities, particularly deprived and isolated communities, are increasingly time-poor. An overemphasis on deliberative and participatory democracy could unintentionally exacerbate inequity in communities**
- ii) **support a local government led review of legislative provisions relating to engagement, consultation, and decision-making if the cost, including consequential costs to local government of changes, comes with increased funding from central government**
- iii) **note that it is important that any government led review of requirements for engaging with Māori across local government-related legislation is a three-way conversation between central government, local government and Māori to agree what works best and;**
 - A. **in the Auckland context local government is not restricted to the governing body of council and therefore must include local boards**
 - B. **central government would need to plan to provide funding to both local government agencies and iwi for the time and capacity to contribute**
- iv) **support councils developing and investing in their internal systems for managing and promoting quality engagement with Māori**
- v) **suggest that to increase community understanding about the role of local government and encouraging participation, civics and citizenship education be compulsory as a part of the social studies curriculum in schools. This should include components on local government, as well as central government, with education on the Auckland context. Age-appropriate civics education should be included in the primary curriculum**

Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and local government

- vi) **suggest if central government leads an inclusive process to develop a new legislative framework for Tiriti-related provisions in the Local Government Act, that a co-design process with central government, local government, Māori and community is preferable, inclusive of local boards in the Auckland governance context**
- vii) **support a transitional fund to subsidise the cost of building both Māori and council capability and capacity for a Tiriti-based partnership in local governance**
- viii) **note that care needs to be taken not to place unrealistic expectations on iwi that may lack the resources to be able to participate in a meaningful way, or indeed on local government which operates in increasingly constrained budgets**

Allocating roles and functions in a way that enhances wellbeing

- ix) **note that it is important that where governance roles and functions overlap, there are good processes to ensure that the responsible organisations work together. An example of this often not working well**

currently is Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi, where the interface between local road and state highway responsibilities can create issues

- x) suggest that when considering the allocation of roles, the capacity of local government to deliver a newly allocated function and lead-in times to prepare to be able to deliver must be taken into consideration, and devolution of roles or functions to local government needs to be accompanied by appropriate funding allocation
- xi) suggest that decision making should be devolved as close to the local level as possible, with appropriate funding to deliver. In the Auckland Council context this may mean at local board level

Local government as champion and activator of wellbeing

- xii) suggest that wellbeing needs to start with central government providing education, healthcare and other basic needs so that local government is not forced to use resources to intervene and supplement these services according to local variables
- xiii) note that local government would need to have significantly increased funding from central government to achieve greater social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing outcomes

A stronger relationship between central and local government

- xiv) note that there needs to be respect from both parties for the other's role. Central government needs to respect the capacity of local authorities to make decisions and carry them out. If decision making responsibilities are devolved to the local level, then the budget needs to be devolved with it

Replenishing and building on representative democracy

- xv) support a mandatory professional development and support programme for elected members; and local and central government develop a shared executive professional development and secondment programme to achieve greater integration across the two sectors
- xvi) support the proposals to enable councils to undertake regular health checks of their democratic performance and develop guidance and mechanisms to support councils resolving complaints under their code of conduct including a specific option for local government to refer complaints to an independent investigation process, conducted and led by a national organisation

Equitable funding and finance

- xvii) support including impacts on local government in regulatory impact statements
- xviii) suggest that devolution of roles or functions to local government should always be accompanied by appropriate funding allocation from central government
- xix) support the proposal for the development of a central government intergenerational fund for climate change, with the application of the fund requiring appropriate regional and local decision-making input
- xx) note that in the Auckland context, legislation does not currently prescribe funding levels for local boards. Auckland Council's governance model is based on the concept of shared governance between the governing body and local boards. However, there cannot be true shared governance when one side controls the level of funding allocated to the other side. Legislative review should extend to include aspects specific to the Auckland environment i.e. defined minimum funding levels for boards

- xxi) support the proposal that central government agencies pay local government rates and charges on all properties
- xxii) suggest that some or all GST paid on rates should be returned to local bodies as funding
- xxiii) note that aligned, cohesive and collaborative approach to co-investment in local outcomes is currently not achieved through the current approach to funding partnerships, particular in a complex environment of scale such as Auckland. The Auckland ATAP process is an example of a funding 'partnership' that is not successful i.e. where a power imbalance leads to national imperatives outweighing local and community need

System design

- xxiv) agree that local government supported by central government should invest in a programme that identifies and implements the opportunities for greater shared services collaboration.

CARRIED

12 Annual Budget 2023/2024 local board consultation content

Georgina Gilmour, Local Board Senior Advisor, tabled Attachments A and B and spoke to the report.

The attachments will be made available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number FR/2023/8

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member M Bell:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) approve local consultation document content (Attachment A – tabled at the meeting) and local supporting information content (Attachment B – tabled at the meeting) for inclusion in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation material.
- b) delegate authority to the Local Board Chair to approve any changes required to finalise the local consultation document and supporting information content for the Franklin Local Board for the Annual Budget 2023/2024.
- c) approve the following Have Your Say event in the local board area during the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation period:
 - i) Have Your Say event, Tuesday 7 March 5-7pm at Franklin: The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe
- d) note that the board intends to support further Have Your Say events across the Franklin Local Board area to ensure the Franklin community has an opportunity to ask questions and understand the local implications of the draft Annual Budget and share their views with Franklin Local Board members
- e) request that local engagement staff produce a video that can be shared through local channels, to enable Franklin communities to access and understand the draft budget and implications for Franklin local board area communities
- f) delegate authority to the Local Board Chair to approve any changes required to the Have Your Say event.
- g) delegate to the following elected members and staff the power and responsibility to receive feedback and hear from the public through “spoken (or New Zealand sign language) interaction” at the council’s public engagement events during the consultation period for the Annual Budget 2023/2024:

- i) local board members and Chair
- ii) General Manager Local Board Services, Local Area Manager, Local Board Senior Advisor, Local Board Advisor, Local Board Engagement Advisor
- iii) any additional staff approved by the General Manager Local Board Services or the Group Chief Financial Officer

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 February 2023 Franklin Local Board draft local consultation content
- B 7 February 2023 Franklin Local Board draft local supporting information

13 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

The closing karakia was led by the Chair.

9.42 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 FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....