
Waitākere Ranges Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden on Thursday, 9 February 2023 at 10.00am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Greg Presland
Deputy Chairperson	Michelle Clayton
Members	Mark Allen
	Sandra Coney, QSO
	Liz Manley
	Linda Potauaine

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Councillor	Ken Turner
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Greg Presland opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed those present.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | 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"> - Community Waitākere – <i>Executive Officer</i> - Bethells Valley Fire – <i>Life Member</i> - Waitākere Licensing Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - <i>West Auckland Trusts Services - Director</i>
Michelle Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glen Eden Residents' Association – <i>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> - Te Wahi Ora Charitable Trust – <i>Member</i> - Glen Eden Community House - <i>Member</i>
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cartwright Collective – <i>Member</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> - Pest Free Piha – <i>Partner is the Coordinator</i> - Piha Tennis Club – <i>Patron and Partner is the President</i> - Piha Wetland Trust – <i>Partner is a Trustee</i> - Waitākere Ranges Pest Free Alliance – <i>Partner is the Co-Chair of this group</i>
Greg Presland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental 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>
Liz Manley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Experiences Council, Te Toka Tumai Auckland, Te Whatu Ora - <i>Co-chair</i>

Board Member	Organisation/Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical Ethics Advisory Group, Te Toka Tumai Auckland, Te Whatu Ora - <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Community Arts Council Board – <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents Association – <i>Member</i> - Laingholm District Citizens Association – <i>Member</i>
Linda Potauaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visionwest Community Trust – <i>Employee</i> - New Lynn Rotary – <i>President</i> - Archtists Limited. - <i>Director</i>

Member appointments

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

External organisation	Lead	Alternate
Glen Eden Business Improvement District (Glen Eden Business Association)	Michelle Clayton	Greg Presland
Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group	Mark Allen	Liz Manley
Ark in the Park	Mark Allen	Liz Manley
Friends of Arataki and Waitākere Regional Parkland Incorporated	Michelle Clayton	Sandra Coney
Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre Trust	Mark Allen	Linda Potauaine
Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery	Linda Potauaine	Mark Allen
Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated	Michelle Clayton	Mark Allen
LGNZ Auckland Zone representative	Linda Potauaine	Michelle Clayton

4 Annual Budget 2023/2024 local board consultation content

Resolution number WTK/2023/1

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member L Potauaine:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note:

- i) the mayor has publicly indicated that local board funding was to be cut by five per cent.**
- ii) because of the funding calculation used the cut for the Waitākere Ranges Local Board is nearly ten per cent.**
- iii) the proposed overall operational cost savings in the Mayoral proposal is \$130 million. The potential cuts faced by local boards are disproportionately large. If there are to be cuts they should be made across all areas of Council activity.**
- iv) current proposals suggest that anticipated cuts to Full Facilities Maintenance Contracts and Arboriculture Maintenance will be credited regionally and not locally. This will mean that the cuts to other areas will potentially be disproportionately large.**
- v) this means that environmental projects, the arts and community support will bear the brunt of the proposed cuts.**
- vi) cuts to libraries are neither anticipated nor feasible nor desirable.**
- vii) Auckland has recently been hit by a one in one thousand year storm that has caused devastation to the city but particularly to the Waitākere Ranges local board area. Climate change has clearly played its part. The cost and community resilience effort to rebuild will be extensive. Now is not the time to minimise spending on climate change projects or the environment and we urge the Council to focus on climate change and mitigation measures.**
- viii) the proposed cuts will mean:**
 - A) the Waitākere Ranges Local Board will have to severely curtail its weeds programmes and support for community weed initiatives when the flood clearly showed that weed-infected slopes are unstable and the need to address and improve stability is vital.**
 - B) the Waitākere Ranges Local Board will have to curtail action to address climate change when such action has never been more necessary.**
 - C) arts, programmes and facilities that contribute greatly to the area will have to be cut. In particular funding for Te Uru Gallery, which has transformed Titirangi since its opening and has improved business conditions for the village dramatically, will be compromised.**
 - D) the ability of Community Houses to pay the living wage will be compromised.**
 - E) relationships and the nurturing of community organisations that perform important work very efficiently will be compromised and some community organisations may not survive.**

b) tono / request that the local consultation document content (Attachment A) be amended to replace the first paragraph under the “Responding to our budget challenge” heading (page 2) with the following wording:

“This year, the Governing Body of Council’s proposed response to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 includes a proposed reduction \$16 million to local board operational funding, which is made up of our Locally Driven Initiatives budget and Asset Based Services budgets. As only a small portion of Asset Based Services budget is available to be considered for savings due to existing contractual commitments and the inability to realise savings for 2023/2024, this means that the proposed reduction will likely represent a cut of up to 60 per cent to the board’s discretionary budgets. This will result in a significant reduction in spending on local services such as arts and culture, environment and climate response, community programmes, events and youth. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board would need to reduce its planned operational spend by \$766,000.”

- c) **tono / request that the local supporting information content (Attachment B) be amended to replace the Introduction section (page 1) with the following wording:**
- “This year, the Governing Body of Council’s proposed response to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 includes a proposed reduction of \$16 million to local board operational funding, which is made up of our Locally Driven Initiatives budget and Asset Based Services budgets. As only a small portion of Asset Based Services budget is available to be considered for savings due to existing contractual commitments and the inability to realise savings for 2023/2024, this means that the proposed reduction will likely represent a cut of up to 60 per cent to the board’s discretionary budgets. This will result in a significant reduction in spending on local services such as arts and culture, environment and climate response, library services and opening hours, community programmes, events and youth. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board would need to reduce its planned operational spend by \$766,000.”
- d) **e whakapuaki ana / expresses its concern that the leading nature of the wording in the consultation documents tacitly implies that the adoption of the budget is a foregone conclusion which could lead the public to question whether consultation is genuine.**
- e) **whakaae / approve local consultation document content (Attachment A as tabled and amended) and local supporting information content (Attachment B as tabled and amended) for inclusion in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation material.**
- f) **tautapa / delegate authority to the local board Chair to approve any changes required to finalise the local consultation document and supporting information content for the Waitākere Ranges Local Board for the Annual Budget 2023/2024.**
- g) **whakaae / approve the following Have Your Say event in the Waitākere Ranges local board area during the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation period:**
- i) **The Waitākere Ranges Local Board hearing style event will be held on Thursday 16 March, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Waitākere Ranges Local Board office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden, Auckland.**
- h) **tautapa / delegate authority to the local board Chair to approve any changes required to the Have Your Say event.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 9 February 2023, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 4 Annual Budget 2023/2024 local board consultation content - Local Board Consultation Document Content

B 9 February 2023, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 4 Annual Budget 2023/2024
local board consultation content - Local Board Supporting Information Content

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

Resolution number WTK/2023/2

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Local board feedback on the draft Future for Local Government report.**

CARRIED

10.50am

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:.....