
Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Whau Local Board held in the Whau Local Board Office, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 1.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Kay Thomas
Deputy Chairperson	Fasitua Amosa
Members	Ross Clow
	Catherine Farmer
	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin
	Warren Piper
	Susan Zhu

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Kay Thomas opened the meeting with the karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number WH/2023/12

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Aмосa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / approve the request for electronic attendance from member Susan Zhu to accommodate the member being at a place that makes her physical presence at the meeting impossible or impracticable.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 3.3.1, members of the local board have the right to attend meetings by means of an electronic link, provided conditions of the standing orders are met.

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.

The following are declared interests of elected members of the Whau Local Board:

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau • Western Quilters • Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board • Literacy Waitākere • West Auckland Heritage Conference 	Volunteer Member Chair Board member Committee member
Fasitua Aмосa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity NZ • Massive Theatre Company • Avondale Business Association 	Vice President Board member A family member is the Chair
Ross Clow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portage Licensing Trust • Te Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust • Bay Olympic Sports Club • Forest and Bird Society • Waitākere Ranges Protection Society • New Lynn Heritage Protection Society • Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club 	Trustee Patron Life Member Member Member Member Member

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries 	A family member is a Librarian
Catherine Farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avondale-Waterview Historical Society Blockhouse Bay Historical Society Blockhouse Bay Bowls Forest and Bird organisation Grey Power 	Member Member Patron Member Member
Sarah Paterson-Hamlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Zealand Down Syndrome Association 	Employee
Warren Piper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn RSA New Lynn Business Association 	Associate member Member
Susan Zhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Women Association of New Zealand Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand 	Member / Legal Advisor Member / Deputy Chair

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2023/13

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023, including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

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 Whau Ward Councillor's update

Resolution number WH/2023/14

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the report and thank Whau Ward Councillor, Kerrin Leoni, for her update.**

CARRIED

12 Chair's Report - Kay Thomas

Resolution number WH/2023/15

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Chair Kay Thomas' March 2023 report.**

CARRIED

13 Avondale Local Parks Needs Assessment

Resolution number WH/2023/16

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **awhai / adopt the Avondale Local Parks Needs Assessment (Attachment A) to inform future development of parks in this area**
- b) **thank Thomas Dixon, Parks and Places Specialist for his work on the Avondale Local Parks Needs Assessment.**

CARRIED

14 Evaluation of the 2022 Auckland Council Elections

Resolution number WH/2023/17

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **welcome the opportunity to give feedback on the Evaluation of the 2022 Auckland Council elections**
- b) **tautoko / support the combination of postal and booth voting whereby booths are staffed on election day**
- c) **reiterate feedback provided for inclusion in Auckland Council's submission to the Justice Committee on the Inquiry into 2022 Local Elections, specifically:**
 - i. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the role of officials and elected members is to encourage all eligible people to vote and to remove barriers that might prevent them so doing, especially in consideration of more transient populations where the need for a current/fixed address makes postal voting problematic**
 - ii. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note a significant proportion of Whau residents do not appear to be on the electoral roll**
 - iii. **tono / request that more one stop shops enabling enrolment and voting are available in public spaces in the 2025 elections, noting fewer were available in the 2022 elections as compared to the 2019 elections and the "pop-up shops" in 2022 only enrolled people, who then had to find a "super-centre" at which to vote**
 - iv. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that a smaller number of "super-centres" for special voting in 2022 resulted in lengthy queues for potential voters, especially close to polling day, with several Whau residents informally complaining about the lack of clear signposting and guidance on how to access special voting at our nearest "super-centre"**
 - v. **recognise the value in 2022 of having more sites where voting papers could be deposited and request that these sites are advertised more widely in future**
 - vi. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that as mail is used less regularly fewer people are lodging Change of Address forms and suggest that property**

managers, real estate agents and social housing case managers could be utilised to ensure people remain enrolled when they move.

CARRIED

15 Reporting back decisions made under delegation

Resolution number WH/2023/18

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the decision made under delegation on 21 February 2023 providing feedback from the Whau Local Board for inclusion in Auckland Council's submission on the Water Services Legislation Bill (Water Services Entities Bill 2).**

CARRIED

16 Council-controlled organisation forward work programme and engagement approach for Quarter Four (April - June 2023)

Resolution number WH/2023/19

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the council-controlled organisations forward work programme and engagement approach for Quarter Four (April-June 2023)**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concerns with the level of detail provided by Auckland Transport as the lack of information does not meet the intended goals of the Whau Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) Local Board Joint Engagement Plan**
- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concern on the lack of certainty around the future of the Unlock Avondale project and acknowledge the importance of the work Eke Panuku has already completed.**

CARRIED

17 Urgent decision - Local Government New Zealand membership

Resolution number WH/2023/20

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the urgent decision of the Whau Local Board, made on 15 March 2023, to provide feedback to the 23 March Governing Body meeting when it considers council's ongoing membership of Local Government New Zealand.**

CARRIED

18 Hōtaka Kaupapa (Policy Schedule)

Resolution number WH/2023/21

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa (Policy Schedule) for March 2023.**

CARRIED

19 Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WH/2023/22

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **note the records of the workshops held on 1, 8 and 15 February 2023.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.15 pm

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 WHAU LOCAL BOARD HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....