
Albert-Eden Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Albert-Eden Local Board held in the Albert Eden Local Board Office, 114 Dominion Road, Mt Eden on Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 10.00am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Margi Watson	
Deputy Chairperson	Kendyl Smith	
Members	Julia Maskill	
	Christina Robertson	
	Liv Roe	Entered the meeting at 10.02am
	Rex Smith	
	Jack Tan	

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Councillors	Julie Fairey
	Christine Fletcher

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Member	José Fowler	In attendance online via Microsoft Teams.
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson M Watson commenced the meeting with a karakia and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number AE/2023/29

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Tan:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **note the apologies from Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillors Julia Fairey and Christine Fletcher for absence due to attendance at the Governing Body meeting.**

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 AE/2023/30

MOVED by Member R Smith, seconded by Member C Robertson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2023, 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 - The recent passing of Alice Wylie

Resolution number AE/2023/31

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **note the passing of Alice Wylie QSO, JP, a past Deputy Mayor of Mt Albert City and for whom Alice Wylie reserve was named and acknowledge the significant contribution Alice made to Mt Albert and the local board extends its sympathies to her family and friends.**

CARRIED

6.1 Acknowledgement - The recent passing of Eileen Loo

Resolution number AE/2023/32

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **acknowledge the passing of Eileen Loo, of K C Loo Fruit Shop, an institution in Mt Eden and notes that Eileen will be remembered for her hard work in the family fruit shop, her dedicated service to the Mt Eden community for almost 70 years, and the local board extends its condolences to her family at this sad time.**

CARRIED

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation - Chamberlain Park Golf, The Home of Pasifika Golf

A powerpoint presentation and tabled information document were tabled for this item. Copies of both documents have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as part of the minutes attachment.

Resolution number AE/2023/33

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Tan:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **thank Faumuina Michael Annandale – President, Chamberlain Park Golf Club, and Faima Francis Sheppard – Treasurer, Chamberlain Park Golf Club, for their attendance and Deputation presentation regarding the organisation’s ‘The Home of Pasifika Golf’ concept plan.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20230323 Albert-Eden Local Board, Item 8.1: Deputation - Chamberlain Park Golf, The Home of Pasifika Golf - Powerpoint Presentation
- B 20230323 Albert-Eden Local Board, Item 8.1: Deputation - Chamberlain Park Golf, The Home of Pasifika Golf - Tabled Information

8.2 Deputation - Citizens Advice Bureau Auckland City-Local Board Update

Note: This item has been withdrawn.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

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

Resolution number AE/2023/34

MOVED by Member J Maskill, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **receive the Council-controlled Organisations forward work programme and engagement approach for Quarter Four (April-June 2023).**

CARRIED

12 Evaluation of the 2022 Auckland Council Elections

Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, was in attendance to speak to the report.

Resolution number AE/2023/35

MOVED by Member L Roe, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **provide its feedback, as outlined in resolutions b) – j), regarding the Evaluation of the 2022 Auckland Council Elections.**
- b) **note with concern the low turnout in local body elections and recommends:**
 - i) **that Auckland Council continue to explore the most effective means of reminding voters throughout the election period to look out for their ballots and return them on time, by targeted as well as broad messages**
 - ii) **that the election period be timed to avoid school and university holidays**
 - iii) **that the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 be amended to allow voters overseas to receive and return their voting documents electronically, as is permitted by clause 45A in the Electoral Regulations 1996**
 - iv) **that the Local Electoral Act 2001 be amended to allow enrolment until the close of voting**
 - v) **that voting close at 7.00pm on a Saturday, since this is what voters are used to from general elections and some may be caught out by a midday close of voting**
 - vi) **implementation of recommendations for extensive civics education both for school age children and for the community generally so people have both the confidence and the competence to vote**
 - vii) **the Electoral Commission and other agencies should fund impartial, measured coverage of local government decisions noting that the current funding of regional news reporters is already having a beneficial effect in that regard.**

- c) note that some confusion remains (including among electoral workers) about eligibility for residents on some categories of visa, and recommends further training for electoral workers on eligibility and clear messaging in publicity materials so that all eligible residents are aware they are able to vote.
- d) note the success of placing voting boxes at Countdown supermarkets as well as libraries and recommends this initiative continue and be expanded if possible to other supermarket chains.
- e) note that there appeared to be more widespread difficulties with voting papers being delivered than in previous local elections, and recommend investigating whether this is indeed increasing, and if so, how it might be addressed.
- f) note that postal delays have increased since 2019 and that postal deliveries no longer take place daily, which can lead to delays both for voters receiving voting packs and in returning ballots to the electoral officer, effectively reducing the voting period and meaning that some ballots arrived too late to be counted; and to mitigate this, the board recommends that votes postmarked as having been sent before the close of voting should be accepted and counted if they arrive before the final count is finished.
- g) note that requesting a special voting pack by mail is also subject to postal delays, which makes it crucial for electors to be able to obtain a special vote in person until the close of voting, and that there were very few places electors could do this (only eight across Auckland, and only one on the isthmus, with most open only during business hours), and the Board recommends:
 - i) Providing at least one 'one-stop shop' with weekend and evening hours in each local board area throughout the voting period, where electors can enroll, obtain a special ballot, or seek advice on difficulties such as damaged or missing voting packs
 - ii) Establishing and publicising a day on which more pop-up one-stop shops are available across the region
 - iii) That these locations be managed similarly to voting booths at general elections, with campaigning and branded party items not allowed within 50 metres
 - iv) That staff ensure that ample voting papers are available at one-stop shops, and develop procedures to ensure quick delivery of more papers if they are needed, noting that both in 2019 and in 2022 some voters missed out on casting a special vote because of a shortage of voting papers. The Board notes that the system proposed in Auckland Council's submission (of providing electronic access to staff at special voting centres to print out ballots in case of running out or not having the correct papers for a voter from a different area) is a promising avenue for investigation
 - v) Developing procedures for allowing electors to authorise another person to pick up a special voting pack for them if the elector is unable to (for instance, if they are isolating with Covid).
- h) support the introduction of a combination of booth and postal voting with booths set up on voting day to enable people to enroll and vote and support those booths closing at 7.00pm on voting day.
- i) strongly recommend further investigation into giving responsibility for all local government elections to the Electoral Commission.
- j) note that security issues around online voting are at present insurmountable.

CARRIED

13 Watercare – Wastewater Network Strategy

Resolution number AE/2023/36

MOVED by Member J Maskill, seconded by Member R Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) provide its feedback, as outlined in resolutions b) – l), regarding the Wastewater Network Strategy 2023.
- b) support the Western Isthmus programme which covers combined sewer separation and new pipes to take flow to the Central Interceptor and away from the awa.
- c) support the upstream Mount Roskill Wastewater Improvements.
- d) request Watercare to work with Auckland Council to achieve more consistent, higher impact and well-directed council education and communication programmes to support behaviour change that will reduce avoidable damage to the wastewater network.
- e) note that, anecdotally, it appears that many residents in Albert-Eden are not aware of the damage that their behaviour causes to the wastewater network, for example by contributing to the discharge of fats, rags and wet wipes.
- f) request that the programmes mentioned in d) are directed to businesses as well as homeowners and are delivered in multiple languages to reflect the make-up of local board area residential and business communities.
- g) support the priorities that have been identified by communities in earlier feedback as criteria for establishing sequencing of works, in particular: protecting public health; improving local waterways/enhancing te Mana o te Wai; preparing for climate change; and recreation values - swimmable streams, creeks, rivers and the harbour.
- h) support the planned improvements to the top four locations of overflows as set out in the table below:

Facility Name	Volume Range	Frequency Range	Overflow Type	Address	Network Type	Receiving Environment	RE Type	Rec Class	Public Health Risk
Branch 8 Mt Albert MH3	High	High	2	93 Haverstock Road, Sandringham	Combined	Meola Creek (Haverstock Road)	Small waterway	3	Moderate
Branch 8 Mt Albert MH7	High	High	2	17c Verona Avenue, Mount Albert	Combined	Meola Creek (Norwood Reserve)	Large waterway	3	Moderate
Edendale Branch MH17	High	High	2	19 Morning Star Place, Saint Lukes	Combined	Meola Creek (Lyon Avenue)	Small waterway	2	Very high
Orākei Main Sewer MH38	High	High	2	2 Moray Place, Point Chevalier	Combined	Lower Meola Creek	Large waterway	2	Very high

- i) support the joint Watercare Services Limited and Healthy Water’s Western Water Quality Improvement Programme to identify and remove sources of stormwater into the sewerage network, and in addition, request consideration of adding the following strategic principles:

- i) promoting environmentally and water-sensitive designs that promote ecosystem health
 - ii) improved overflow management as technology and practices improve over time
 - iii) aligning future planning to ongoing development and intensification, noting the Kāinga Ora development in the Roskill South/Ōwairaka area.
- j) note that the Carrington Residential Development will put significant pressure on the existing wastewater infrastructure which currently does not have sufficient capacity to service this development and planning to provide additional capacity sufficient to service the development, and its construction, is urgently required.
- k) note and share the concern expressed in the community feedback that the planned works do not go far enough, and that the local board believes that the remaining number of overflows projected into the future once the planned works have been completed is still unsatisfactory taking into account the criteria referred to above.
- l) request that the local board speak at the hearing in response to community feedback.

CARRIED

14 Albert-Eden Local Board feedback on Local Government New Zealand – membership of Auckland Council

Resolution number AE/2023/37

MOVED by Member J Maskill, seconded by Member L Roe:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) note the board's formal feedback (Attachment A) on Local Government New Zealand – membership of Auckland Council, as authorised by delegation to the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the Urgent Decision process AE/2022/199.

CARRIED

15 Albert-Eden Local Board feedback on Water Services Entities Bill 2

Resolution number AE/2023/38

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) note the board's formal feedback (Attachment A) on Water Services Entities Bill 2, as authorised by delegation to the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the Urgent Decision process AE/2022/199.

CARRIED

16 Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillors' Updates

Resolution number AE/2023/39

MOVED by Member C Robertson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillor Julie Fairey's report for the period December 2022 - February 2023.

CARRIED

17 Chairperson's Report

Resolution number AE/2023/40

MOVED by Member J Tan, seconded by Member L Roe:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Chairperson M Watson's verbal March 2023 report.

CARRIED

18 Board Members' Reports

Resolution number AE/2023/41

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Member C Robertson's verbal Board Report for March 2023.

CARRIED

19 Albert-Eden Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number AE/2023/42

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive the Albert-Eden Local Board Workshop Records for the workshops held on 2 and 9 March 2023.

CARRIED

20 Hōtaka Kaupapa/Governance Forward Work Programme Calendar

Resolution number AE/2023/43

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa/Governance Forward work programme calendar for March 2023.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

22 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution number AE/2023/44

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

a) exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 **CONFIDENTIAL: Appointments to the Mount Albert Grammar School Community Swimming Pool Trust board**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. In particular, the report contains personal information regarding trustees of the Mount Albert Grammar School Community Swimming Pool Trust.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

11.11am The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

C1 **CONFIDENTIAL: Appointments to the Mount Albert Grammar School Community Swimming Pool Trust board**

Restatement

- f) agree that the report will remain confidential due to the private information relating to individuals contained in the report.
- g) note that at the conclusion of the appointment process, the decisions on candidates appointed will be made publicly available.

CARRIED

Motion

Resolution number AE/2023/30

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson K Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) agree to move the Albert-Eden Local Board meeting of the 23 March 2023 back in to open session.

CARRIED

11.28am The public was re-admitted.

11.28am.

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 ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....