

Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden on Thursday, 22 February 2024 at 4.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Councillor	Ken Turner
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson G 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"> - 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>
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> - 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>

Board Member	Organisation/Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literacy Waitākere – <i>Board member</i> - Waiatarua Community Patrol - <i>Member</i>
Linda Potauaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visionwest Community Trust – <i>Employee</i> - Henderson Rotary – <i>Member</i> - Archtists Limited. – <i>Director</i> - Glen Eden Community Patrol - <i>Member</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

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTK/2024/1

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 7 December 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 Acknowledgements: The passing of Efeso Collins

Resolution number WTK/2024/2

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / acknowledge the recent passing of Efeso Collins, a figure whose presence left an indelible mark.**

Over the years, our paths crossed regularly as we both were part of the left wing of the Labour Party. We were both proud sons of South Auckland.

Efeso possessed a great gift for oration. There was a lyrical rhythm to his speech deeply rooted in the strong Christian Samoan tradition of public discourse. On his day he was one of the best I have witnessed and he would leave listeners captivated.

I vividly recall a decade ago, when Efeso took part in the Manukau East selection for the Labour nomination for the seat. His speech that day was remarkable and resonated deeply with all who were present. It remains perplexing to me why Labour did not choose him as their candidate, for he embodied the values of the community.

He was a dedicated advocate for the South Auckland and Pacifica communities. His pride in his Samoan heritage was evident in everything he did. He was generous to a fault, always extending a helping hand to those less fortunate.

During his campaign for the Auckland mayoralty, I played a role behind the scenes. His loss was deeply felt, for he would have been an inspirational Mayor and the Pacifica celebration would have been prodigious.

While aligned well with the Green Party, Efeso maintained strong ties with Labour's Pacifica sector. His maiden parliamentary speech was nothing short of outstanding, and he succinctly summarised four decades of New Zealand's class politics.

In a passage from that speech, he said:

"It's hard to be poor, it's expensive to be poor, and moreover, public discourse is making it socially unacceptable to be poor. Whether it's bashing on beneficiaries, dragging our feet towards a living wage, throwing shade on school breakfast programmes, or restricting people's ability to collectively bargain for fairer working conditions, we must do better to lift aspirations and the lived realities of all our people. To that end, I want to say to this House with complete surety that the neoliberal experiment of the 1980s has failed. The economics of creating unemployment to manage inflation is farcical when domestic inflation in New Zealand has been driven by big corporates making excessive profits. It's time to draw a line in the sand, and alongside my colleagues here in Te Pāti Kākāriki, we've come as the pallbearers of neoliberalism, to bury these shallow, insufferable ideas once and for all. And this, sir, is our act of love."

Efeso cherished his family dearly. I often saw him in the company of his wife Fia and their daughters, his pride in them knew no bounds. My deepest condolences go out to them.

Moe mai ra e hoa, okioki mai ra.

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7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

There were no deputations.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum: Kevin Murphy - Local Board priorities

Resolution number WTK/2024/3

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation on Local Board priorities and thank Kevin Murphy for his attendance.**

CARRIED

9.2 Public Forum: Steve McDonald – Waitemata Table Tennis Association

Resolution number WTK/2024/4

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation on the Waitemata Table Tennis Association and thank Steve McDonald for his attendance.**

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Waitākere Ward Councillors' Update

Resolution number WTK/2024/5

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Waitākere Ward Councillor Ken Turner for his verbal update.**

CARRIED

12 Auckland Council's Performance Report: Waitākere Ranges Local Board for quarter two 2023/2024

Resolution number WTK/2024/6

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / approve the allocation of budget for the Waitākere Ranges Dark Sky Project from the available \$7,700 in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area work programme to purchase equipment for light monitoring, to register a pre-application to Dark Sky International to become an International Dark Sky Place, and for any associated activities or expenses.**
- b) **tinaku / defer consideration of the performance report for quarter two ending 31 December 2023, until the 28 March 2024 meeting.**
- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the financial performance report in Attachment B of the agenda report will remain confidential until after the Auckland Council Group half-year results for 2023/2024 are released to the New Zealand Exchange (NZX), which are expected to be made public on 28 February 2024.**

CARRIED

13 Chair's Report - Greg Presland

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/2024/7

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Chair Greg Presland's February 2024 report as tabled.**
- b) **tono / request Auckland Transport to provide an update on:**
 - i) **long-term proposals for grade separation of the rail at Glenview Road, Glen Eden**
 - ii) **current and predicted traffic congestion measurements**
 - iii) **planning for changed train frequency once the Central Rail Link is opened**
 - iv) **proposals for addressing safety concerns raised by the Glen Eden Residents Association during their deputation to the local board on December 7, 2023.**
- c) **pōwhiri / invite Healthy Waters and Watercare to engage in discussions with the local board regarding the creation of a project aimed at restoring swimability at Wood Bay, Titirangi, and Foster Bay, Huia.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 22 February 2024, Waitākere Ranges Local Board Item 13 Chair's Report - Greg Presland, February 2024 report

14 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WTK/2024/8

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

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme for February 2024.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Chairperson G Presland closed the meeting with a karakia.

5.33pm

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:.....