
Komiti mō te Whakarite Mahere, te Taiao, me ngā Papa Rēhia / Planning, Environment and Parks Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 14 March 2024 at 10.02am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Richard Hills	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Angela Dalton	
Members	Houkura Member Edward Ashby	
	Cr Andrew Baker	Until 12.54pm, Item 14
	Cr Josephine Bartley	Via electronic link
		From 10.03am, Item 1
	Mayor Wayne Brown	Until 12.54pm, Item 14
	Cr Chris Darby	From 10.05am, Item 1
		Until 12.54pm, Item 14
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	Via electronic link
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	Via electronic link
	Cr Lotu Fuli	Via electronic link
	Houkura Member Hon Tau Henare	Via electronic link
		From 10.16am, Item 5.1.
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Mike Lee	From 10.11am, Item 5.1
		Until 2.15pm, Item 12
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	Via electronic link
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	Via electronic link
		From 10.54am, Item 5.2.
	Cr Greg Sayers	Until 2.38pm, Item 15
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	Via electronic link
	Cr Ken Turner	From 12.01pm, Item 9.
	Cr Wayne Walker	Via electronic link
		From 10.03am, Item 1
	Cr John Watson	From 10.11am, Item 5.1;
		Until 3.05pm, Item 15
	Cr Maurice Williamson	Via electronic link
		Until 12.54pm, Item 14

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP

HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Cath Handley
Chair Izzy Fordham
Member Alex Bonham

Waiheke Local Board
Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board
Waitematā Local Board

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/9

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from :**

Absence

Deputy Mayor D Simpson – on council business

Lateness

Cr Daniel Newman, JP

Cr Mike Lee

Early Departure

Mayor W Brown – on council business

Cr A Baker – on council business

Cr C Darby – on council business

Cr S Stewart – on council business

Cr M Williamson – on council business.

CARRIED

Cr J Bartley joined the meeting at 10.03am.

Cr W Walker joined the meeting at 10.03am.

Cr C Darby joined the meeting at 10.05am.

Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

The committee acknowledged the passing of former Kaipātiki Local Board Member and Chair Kay McIntyre, QSM.

Kay was an inspiring leader who gave so much to our city, from her local board work, to women's sport, netball, governance, project managing the build of community assets and fundraising for many organisations and causes.

Kay will be greatly missed by many people across the wider council whānau, the North Shore Community and the Auckland region, we send condolences to her family.

A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of Kay.

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Houkura Member E Ashby declared an interest in Item 12 – Spatial Land Use Strategy Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones, however, the meeting agreed that there was no conflict.

3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/10

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- b) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 15 February 2024](#) as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

5.1 Public Input: Omaha Residents Association / Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust - predation by cats of endangered shorebird species within the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary, at the northern tip of the Omaha Spit

Cr M Lee joined the meeting at 10.11am.

Cr J Watson joined the meeting at 10.11am.

Houkura Member T Henare joined the meeting at 10.16am.

Cr A Filipaina left the meeting at 10.23am.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Note: changes to the original motion were made, adding new clause b), with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/11

MOVED by Cr G Sayers, seconded by Mayor W Brown:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the public input from the Omaha Residents Association / Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust relating to the predation by cats of endangered shorebird species within the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary, at the northern tip of the Omaha Spit; and whakamihi / thank them for their attendance.**
- b) **tono / refer the presentation to the Chief of Strategy to report back to this Committee as soon as practicable.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 March 2024, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Item 5.1 - Public Input: Omaha Residents Association / Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust - predation by cats of endangered shorebird species within the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary, at the northern tip of the Omaha Spit

5.2 Public Input: BlueFloat Energy - Offshore Wind Capacity Building

Cr D Newman joined the meeting at 10.53am.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/12

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Chairperson R Hills:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the public input from BlueFloat Energy relating to how their offshore wind project could support the Council's goals in the Climate Plan; and whakamihi / thank them for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 March 2024, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Item 5.2 - Public Input: BlueFloat Energy - Offshore Wind Capacity Building presentation

6 Ngā Kōrero a te Poari ā-Rohe Pātata | Local Board Input

6.1 Local Board Input – Waiheke Local Board – Notice of Motion, Councillor M Lee – Activity Status of Helicopters

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/13

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the local board input from Chair Cath Handley, Waiheke Local Board regarding the Notice of Motion, Councillor M Lee – Activity Status of Helicopters and whakamihi / thank him for his attendance.**

CARRIED

7 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8 Ngā Pānui mō ngā Mōtini | Notices of Motion

Under Standing Order 2.5.1 a Notice of Motion has been received from Cr M Lee for consideration under Item 9 - Notice of Motion - Cr M Lee - Activity Status of Helipads.

9 Notice of Motion - Cr M Lee - Activity Status of Helipads

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) while noting the memo provided to this committee on 20 December 2023 – in accordance with the resolved policy of, the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board, confirmed in March 2023; the Waitemata Local Board, confirmed in December 2023 (and again in January 2024); and the Waiheke Local Board, resolved on 28 February 2024 (all resolutions were carried unanimously):
 - i) request Council staff to progress a plan modification to the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section - making private helipads in residential areas on Aotea / Great Barrier Island and on Waiheke Island a prohibited activity.
 - ii) request Council staff to initiate a plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to make private helipads in residential areas a prohibited activity.
 - iii) note that this plan modification for the Gulf Island District Plan would,
 - A) for Aotea / Great Barrier Island, only apply to Settlement Areas as defined under the Great Barrier Strategic Management Area in the Hauraki Gulf Islands section.
 - B) on Waiheke Island only apply to Residential Areas of the island.
 - C) for areas outside residential areas, e.g. rural areas, the activity status would be modified to become non-complying, consistent with the Auckland Unitary Plan.
- b) note that for the Auckland mainland, the plan change would apply only to residential areas; the Unitary Plan status quo of non-complying activity would be retained for non-residential areas.
- c) direct that this plan change be prioritised within the plan change work program to allow work to begin as soon as possible so this situation of growing public concern can be finally resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 11.54am and reconvened at 12.01pm.

Cr K Turner joined the meeting at 12.01pm.

Mayor W Brown left the meeting and returned to the meeting via electronic link at 12.01pm.

Cr D Newman left the meeting at 12.09pm.

Note: changes were made to the original motion adding new clauses d) and e), with the agreement of the meeting.

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) while noting the memo provided to this committee on 20 December 2023 – in accordance with the resolved policy of, the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board, confirmed in March 2023; the Waitemata Local Board, confirmed in December 2023 (and again in January 2024); and the Waiheke Local Board, resolved on 28 February 2024 (all resolutions were carried unanimously):
 - i) request Council staff to progress a plan modification to the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section - making private helipads in residential areas on Aotea / Great Barrier Island and on Waiheke Island a prohibited activity.

- ii) request Council staff to initiate a plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to make private helipads in residential areas a prohibited activity.
- iii) note that this plan modification for the Gulf Island District Plan would,
 - A) for Aotea / Great Barrier Island, only apply to Settlement Areas as defined under the Great Barrier Strategic Management Area in the Hauraki Gulf Islands section.
 - B) on Waiheke Island only apply to Residential Areas of the island.
 - C) for areas outside residential areas, e.g. rural areas, the activity status would be modified to become non-complying, consistent with the Auckland Unitary Plan.
- b) note that for the Auckland mainland, the plan change would apply only to residential areas; the Unitary Plan status quo of non-complying activity would be retained for non-residential areas.
- c) direct that this plan change be prioritised within the plan change work program to allow work to begin as soon as possible so this situation of growing public concern can be finally resolved.
- d) noting the requests of the three local boards in relation to compliance enforcement, request staff to:
 - i) investigate methods to more effectively measure noise levels and track timings of all flights, on or adjacent to sites with existing consents for helicopter movements, so that information on levels of compliance can be reported on with a greater degree of reliability
 - ii) charge the cost any method from d) A) above to consent holders, as enabled through consent conditions
 - iii) correct wording on the Council website to give residents a clear pathway to lodge complaints in relation to take-off and landing noise problems, which are matters within Council's powers to enforce under each helipad's resource consent obligations
- e) noting the need to integrate the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan with the Auckland Unitary Plan, at a later date, but in the interim:
 - i) direct staff to prepare a plan change to amend Rule 13.8.2 of the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan to add the NZ Coastal Policy Statement as a matter of discretion to be considered in helipad consent applications.
 - ii) confirm that the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan amendments will be funded as part of the Auckland Unitary Plan review budget

The motion was put in parts.

Clauses a), b) and c) were put.

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) while noting the memo provided to this committee on 20 December 2023 – in accordance with the resolved policy of, the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board, confirmed in March 2023; the Waitemata Local Board, confirmed in December 2023 (and again in January 2024); and the Waiheke Local Board, resolved on 28 February 2024 (all resolutions were carried unanimously):

- i) request Council staff to progress a plan modification to the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section - making private helipads in residential areas on Aotea / Great Barrier Island and on Waiheke Island a prohibited activity.
- ii) request Council staff to initiate a plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to make private helipads in residential areas a prohibited activity.
- iii) note that this plan modification for the Gulf Island District Plan would,
 - A) for Aotea / Great Barrier Island, only apply to Settlement Areas as defined under the Great Barrier Strategic Management Area in the Hauraki Gulf Islands section.
 - B) on Waiheke Island only apply to Residential Areas of the island.
 - C) for areas outside residential areas, e.g. rural areas, the activity status would be modified to become non-complying, consistent with the Auckland Unitary Plan.
- b) note that for the Auckland mainland, the plan change would apply only to residential areas; the Unitary Plan status quo of non-complying activity would be retained for non-residential areas.
- c) direct that this plan change be prioritised within the plan change work program to allow work to begin as soon as possible so this situation of growing public concern can be finally resolved.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr C Fletcher
Cr L Fuli
Cr M Lee
Cr K Leoni
Cr G Sayers
Cr K Turner
Cr W Walker
Cr J Watson

Against

Cr A Baker
Cr J Bartley
Mayor W Brown
Deputy Chairperson A Dalton
Cr C Darby
Cr J Fairey
Cr S Henderson
Chairperson R Hills
Cr S Stewart
Cr M Williamson

Abstained

Houkura Member E Ashby
Houkura Member T Henare

The motion was declared LOST by 8 votes to 10.

Clauses d) and e) were put.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/14

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- d) **noting the requests of the three local boards in relation to compliance enforcement, request staff to:**
 - i) **investigate methods to more effectively measure noise levels and track timings of all flights, on or adjacent to sites with existing consents for helicopter movements, so that information on levels of compliance can be reported on with a greater degree of reliability**
 - ii) **charge the cost any method from d) i) above to consent holders, as enabled through consent conditions**

- iii) correct wording on the Council website to give residents a clear pathway to lodge complaints in relation to take-off and landing noise problems, which are matters within Council's powers to enforce under each helipad's resource consent obligations
- e) noting the need to integrate the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan with the Auckland Unitary Plan, at a later date, but in the interim:
 - i) direct staff to prepare a plan change to amend Rule 13.8.2 of the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan to add the NZ Coastal Policy Statement as a matter of discretion to be considered in helipad consent applications.
 - ii) Confirm that the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan amendments will be funded as part of the Auckland Unitary Plan review budget

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For

Cr A Baker
Cr J Bartley
Deputy Chairperson A Dalton
Cr C Darby
Cr J Fairey
Cr C Fletcher
Cr L Fuli
Cr S Henderson
Chairperson R Hills
Cr M Lee
Cr K Leoni
Cr G Sayers
Cr K Turner
Cr W Walker
Cr J Watson
Cr M Williamson

Against

Cr S Stewart

Abstained

Houkura Member E Ashby
Houkura Member T Henare

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 16 votes to 1.

CARRIED

Note: During the division, Mayor W Brown did not respond and therefore did not register a vote.

Note: The chairperson accorded precedence to Item 14 – Auckland Unitary Plan - Making operative Private Plan Change 87 (301 and 303 Buckland Road, Pukekohe), at this time.

14 Auckland Unitary Plan - Making operative Private Plan Change 87 (301 and 303 Buckland Road, Pukekohe)

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/15

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve Private Plan Change 87 to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) under clause 17(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 as set out in Attachments A and B to the agenda report**
- b) **tono / request staff to complete the necessary statutory processes to publicly notify the date on which the plan change becomes operative as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements in clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 March 2024, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Item 14 - Auckland Unitary Plan - Making operative Private Plan Change 87 (301 and 303 Buckland Road, Pukekohe) presentation

Cr A Baker left the meeting at 12.54pm.

Mayor W Brown retired from the meeting at 12.54pm.

Cr M Williamson retired from the meeting at 12.54pm.

The meeting adjourned at 12.54pm and reconvened at 1.30pm.

Cr J Bartley and Cr D Newman were not present.

10 Regional Event Grants Allocation 2023/2024 Round 2

Cr J Bartley returned to the meeting at 1.34pm.

Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 1.38pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/16

MOVED by Cr J Fairey, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the following funding allocations for the 2023/2024 Regional Events Grant Programme Round 2:**

Applicant	Event	Recommended funding allocation
The Korean Society of Auckland Inc	2024 Korean Day	15,000
YMCA North Incorporated	Walk the Line 2024	9,000

Applicant	Event	Recommended funding allocation
Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Association	Auckland Regional Sprint Regatta	12,000
Auckland Rugby League Incorporated	ARL College League Finals	15,000
Te Pou Theatre	Whānau Day - Kōanga Festival 2024	12,000
Pacific Music Awards Trust	Pacific Music Awards	30,000
Te Whānau o Waipareira	Matariki Ki Waipareira	20,000
Total		\$113,000

- b) tautapa / delegate authority to the General Manager – Regional Services and Strategy to apply, in accordance with the Events Policy, the amount of any unallocated or unpaid Regional Events Grant Programme budget for the 2023/2024 financial year to:
- i) requests from grant recipients, for additional funding due to increased costs or reduced revenue.
 - ii) short notice requests for funding from regional events in key priority areas such as supporting additional activities celebrating Matariki.
 - iii) meeting council savings targets for the current financial year.

CARRIED

11 Priority submissions for Auckland Council Group

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/17

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) whakaae / approve Auckland Council Group to prepare submissions to the following consultations: draft GPS Land Transport 2024, Fast Track consenting, RMA Amendment Bill (Te Mana o te Wai provisions), Emissions Reduction Plan 2 – 2026-2030, Restoration of polls for Māori wards and Local Electoral (Abolition of the Ratepayer Roll) Amendments.

CARRIED

Cr M Lee retired from the meeting at 2.15pm.

12 Spatial Land Use Strategy Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones

Cr A Filipaina rejoined to the meeting at 2.06pm.

Note: changes to the original motion were made, adding new clause d) with the agreement of the meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/18

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the public feedback received on the draft Spatial Land Use Strategy for the Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones and the proposed changes made as a result**
- b) **whai / adopt the Spatial Land Use Strategy for the Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones as shown in Attachment A.**
- c) **tautapa / delegate to the General Manager Plans and Places authority to approve any minor amendments that may be necessary prior to publication on the council website.**
- d) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that staff will contact all those who provided feedback on the Strategy and advise them of the key changes to the Strategy and that further work will be completed before urban development can take place, including the preparation of a catchment management plan, a detailed structure plan and a statutory plan change.**

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested that their dissenting votes be recorded as follows:

- Cr G Sayers
- Cr K Turner
- Cr W Walker

Attachments

- A 14 March 2024, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Item 12 - Spatial Land Use Strategy Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones presentation

13 Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) - delegating authority to confirm council's position for legal proceedings

Note: changes to the motion were made, amending clause a) with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/19

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) **tautapa / delegate to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Cr C Darby, Cr J Fairey, and a member of Houkura, the authority to make decisions on the council policy position for the following matters:**

- i) any appeals on council decisions relating to plan changes or plan variations
 - ii) any appeals on decisions relating to designations
 - iii) any declaration proceedings that seek to clarify the interpretation of provisions
 - iv) the hearing on the remaining submission on the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan, and any subsequent appeals on council decisions
 - v) any judicial review proceedings.
- b) whakaae / agree that at least three of the members identified in clause a) above are required to be in agreement for a decision to be made on the council's policy position.
- c) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the delegation in clause a) above excludes any matters relating to Plan Change 78 for which there is already a delegation in place (PEPCC/2022/5).
- d) whakaae / agree that the delegation in clause a) will only be applied for those decisions which are required under urgency.
- e) tautapa / delegate to the General Manager Plans and Places the authority to confirm the council position in respect of technical changes (as opposed to a change in policy position) in relation to the matters in clause a) above, for the purposes of expert conferencing, mediation sessions and/or hearings.
- f) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that any decisions made by the delegations in clause a) and e) will be summarised and reported to the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee via memorandum updates.

CARRIED

Note: Item 14 - Auckland Unitary Plan - Making operative Private Plan Change 87 (301 and 303 Buckland Road, Pukekohe) was considered prior to Item 10 – Regional Event Grants Allocation 2023/2024 Round 2.

15 Customer and Community Services update

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr G Sayers retired from the meeting at 2.38pm.

Cr J Watson retired from the meeting at 3.05pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/20

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Houkura Member E Ashby:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) whiwhi / receive the update from Customer and Community Services.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 14 March 2024, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee, Item 15 - Customer and Community Services update - presentation

16 Summary of Planning, Environment and Parks Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) - 14 March 2024

Resolution number PEPCC/2024/21

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the progress on the forward work programme appended as Attachment A of the agenda report
- b) whiwhi / receive the Summary of the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings – 14 March 2024.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.25pm

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 PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT
AND PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....