
Waiheke Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waiheke Local Board held in the Waiheke Local Board office, 10 Belgium Street, Ostend, Waiheke on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 1.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Cath Handley	
Deputy Chairperson	Bianca Ranson	
Members	Kylee Matthews	
	Robin Tucker	
	Paul Walden	via electronic link

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Councillor	Mike Lee	from 1:36pm to 2:32pm
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Deputy Chair B Ranson opened the meeting with a karakia.

Tuia ki runga
Tuia ki raro
Tuia ki roto
Tuia ki waho
Tuia te here tangata
Tūturu o whiti
Whakamaua kia tina
Tina! Haumi e, hui e
Taiki e!

Stitch, (unite/combine) the celestial energies
To the terrestrial energies
Within, and without
Bind the kinship strands of humanity
Permanent, consistent are the fibres of light
Draw these matters to a single point and give them substance
The wisdom is bound, it collects
It is held!

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

Note: Member P Walden attended via electronic link.

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 WHK/2024/10

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Ranson:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 28 February 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

The Waiheke Local Board acknowledge, with great sadness, the passing of Vern Whitehead. His legacy is long and impressive, reaching far beyond the shores of Waiheke. As a reporter Vern went on from newspapers to found the Auto Media Group in Rotorua, and as that grew he retained a major shareholding, developing both the highly successful 'Auto Talk' and 'EVs and Beyond'. Vern served as President of the Waiheke Rugby Club for several years and was made a lifelong member when he stepped down. With his wife Besty, Vern founded the Hospice fundraising Garden Party events, which were hosted at private homes for ten years. In the first year they raised \$2,500, and over the ten years raised more than \$600,000 for the Hospice. As its founder, Vern devoted himself to building Electric Island Waiheke. Waiheke has the highest per capita rate of EV ownership in New Zealand, and the formation of this advocacy group contributed to AT's decision to give Waiheke the first electric bus fleet in Auckland.

We are indebted to Vern for his leadership, vision, energy and strength of character.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation - Pam Oliver, Graeme Cooper & Tim Feather - Land-Owner Approval process for volunteer groups

Resolution number WHK/2024/11

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Member R Tucker:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) thank Dr. Pam Oliver, coordinator for both Kaitiaki of Newton Reserve (KNR) and the planting group with the Onetangi Residents Association (ORA), Graeme Couper, co-chair of the Onetangi Residents Association and Tim Feather, coordinator of the Friends of Te Aroha and Hekerua Bay for their attendance and presentation regarding the land-owner approval process for volunteer groups.
- b) sincerely thank the presenters and respective groups for their outstanding work in restoring the ecology and natural environment in their respective areas.
- c) support the requests of Dr. Pam Oliver and approve expediting outstanding issues with respect to land-owner approvals.
- d) attach the statement tabled at the meeting by Dr. Pam Oliver to the minutes.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Deputation statement

Cr M Lee joined the meeting 1:36pm

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Chairperson's report

Resolution number WHK/2024/12

MOVED by Member R Tucker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Ranson:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) receive Chairperson Cath Handley's report.
- b) receive the verbal report from Cr M Lee.

CARRIED

Member K Matthews left the meeting at 1.56pm.

Member K Matthews returned to the meeting at 1.57pm.

12 Project Kōkiri - Setting priorities for Auckland Transport project and programme engagement

Resolution number WHK/2024/13

MOVED by Member R Tucker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Ranson:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) support the proposed level of engagement to the below projects of the proposed work programme:
 - i) collaborate on:
 - A) Local Board Transport Capital Fund (LBTCF) Cycle path project
 - B) The Esplanade, Oneroa project – closing the Esplanade to motorised vehicles.
 - ii) consult on:
 - A. Road Safety, Katoa Ka Ora, Implementation of the regional speed limit changes
 - B. Mātiatia Wharf renewal programme
 - iii) inform on:
 - A. Awaawaroa Road Bridge project
 - B. Road renewals
 - C. Footpath renewals

CARRIED

13 Local board feedback on freshwater management in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland

Resolution number WHK/2024/14

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Member K Matthews:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) support the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland.
- a) note the general support of submissions from the Waiheke Local Board Area for the proposed management approaches.

CARRIED

14 Local board input to Auckland Council Submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-34

Resolution number WHK/2024/15

MOVED by Member R Tucker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Ranson:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) note / tuhi ā-taipitopito feedback on the Auckland Council Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport was provided under Urgent Decision as attached to the minutes.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Waiheke Local Board feedback to the Draft Government Policy Statement land transport 2024-34

15 Representation review and local board reorganisation

MOVED by Member R Tucker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Ranson:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the Representation Review and Local Board Reorganisation report.
- b) appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback prior to the Joint Governance Working Party and Governing Body decisions that will lead to wide public consultation across the region.
- c) represent a community that has an abiding interest in promoting more independence of decision-making for local boards along with adequate funding and board resourcing to meet the needs of its residents and ratepayers, as well as the constant and growing number of off-island visitors, the majority of whom are Aucklanders (historic estimates of 65-70%).
- d) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its own limitations to comment on the communities of interest in other local board rohe.
- e) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that community leadership at a local board level is not solely a function of scale as is demonstrated by historically effective leadership at a regional or national level.

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

For

Member K Matthews
Deputy Chairperson B
Ranson
Member R Tucker

Against

Abstained

Chairperson C Handley
Member P Walden

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 3 votes to 0.

16 Proposals for More Empowered Local Boards

Resolution number WHK/2024/16

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Member R Tucker:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whakamihi / thank the staff for the report and proposals and the work that has been done in tight timeframes to progress the analysis and advice.
- b) tautoko / support all of paragraph 15 proposals for providing sufficient strategic advice.
- c) tautoko / support paragraph 16 funding arrangements with the exception:
 - i) that the inference is that to do more, local ratepayers should pay more when local rates are not sustainable for many ratepayers at the current level, and;
 - ii) maintains that it is a matter of appropriate distribution, not necessarily a matter of quantum.
- d) tautoko / support all the examples of paragraph 17 as relevant, other than a) which is an option, but the matter locally is not one of targeted rates, rather a matter of equitable distribution of existing base rates levied against ratepayers of Waiheke.
- e) tono / request that the local boards of the Hauraki Gulf be viewed separately, and a proportion of rates allocated that would provide for sufficient local board governance prior to the allocation into the general rates funds.
- f) tautoko / support paragraph 20 proposals for what council may do differently to support this change.

CARRIED

Cr M Lee left the meeting at 2:32pm.

17 Waiheke Local Board - Resource Consent Applications - March 2024

Resolution number WHK/2024/17

MOVED by Member R Tucker, seconded by Member K Matthews:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) note / tuhi ā-taipitopito the list of resource consents applications (Attachment A) related to Waiheke Island and inner Hauraki Gulf islands 18 February to 15 March 2024.

CARRIED

18 Waiheke Local Board - Hōtaka Kaupapa Policy Schedule - March 2024

Resolution number WHK/2024/18

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Member R Tucker:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) note / tuhi ā-taipitopito the Hōtaka Kaupapa – Policy Schedule for the political term 2022-2025 as at 27 March 2024.
- b) schedule an extraordinary business meeting on 1 May 2024 at 3:30pm and 12 June 2024 at 3:30pm to consider Annual Budget regional input and receive feedback, and the Local Board Agreement, respectively.

CARRIED

19 Waiheke Local Board - Workshop record - March 2024

Resolution number WHK/2024/19

MOVED by Chairperson C Handley, seconded by Member R Tucker:

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) note / tuhi ā-taipitopito the record of proceedings for the local board workshops held on 6, 13 and 20 March 2024.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Member K Matthews closed the meeting with a karakia.

For our work is done
Bless our families
Bless our work colleagues
And peace to the universe
Mauri ora!

2:37 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 WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....