
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, 27 March 2024 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

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Councillor	Kerrin Leoni
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson K Thomas opened the meeting with a karakia.

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.

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

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau	Volunteer
	Western Quilters	Member
	Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board	Chair
	Literacy Waitākere	Board Member
	West Auckland Heritage Conference	Committee Member
	Whau Wildlink Network	Member
Fasitua Aмосa	Equity NZ	Vice President
	Massive Theatre Company	Board Member
	Avondale Business Association	Family Member is Chair
	Silo Theatre Trust	Board Member
Ross Clow	Portage Licensing Trust	Trustee
	Te Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Patron
	Bay Olympic Sports Club	Life Member
	Forest and Bird Society	Member
	Waitākere Ranges Protection Society	Member
	New Lynn Heritage Protection Society	Member
	Trust Community foundation Limited	Trustee
	Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club	Member
	Libraries	Family Member is Librarian

Member	Organisation	Position
Catherine Farmer	Avondale-Waterview Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Bowls	Patron
	Forest and Bird organisation	Member
	Grey Power	Member
Sarah Paterson-Hamlin	New Zealand Down Syndrome Association	Employee
Warren Piper	New Lynn RSA	Associate Member
	New Lynn Business Association	Member
Susan Zhu	Chinese Women Association of New Zealand	Member / Legal Advisor
	Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand	Member / Deputy Chair

External Organisations	Lead	Alternate
The Avondale Business Association	Kay Thomas	Ross Clow
The Blockhouse Bay Business Association	Warren Piper	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin
The New Lynn Business Association	Warren Piper	Kay Thomas
The Rosebank Business Association	Warren Piper	Fasitua Amosa
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Ross Clow	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2024/10

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

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

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

8.1 Deputation: Synergy Sports and SportHub Community Centre

David Guo was in attendance to address the board.

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 WH/2024/11

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank David Guo – GM and founder of the Synergy Sports and SportHub Community Centre, for his attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 27 March 2024, Whau Local Board: Item 8.1 Deputation - Synergy Sports and Sport Hub presentation

8.2 Deputation: Continuing Crescendo's Impact in the Community

Cat Percy and Lisa Carrington were in attendance to address the board.

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 WH/2024/12

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Cat Percy and Lisa Carrington from Crescendo for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 27 March 2024, Whau Local Board: Item 8.2 Deputation - Crescendo Impact Report

8.3 Deputation: Community Waitākere

Kerry Allan and Chris Burton were in attendance to address the board.

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 WH/2024/13

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Kerry Allan and Chris Burton from Community Waitākere for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A 27 March 2024, Whau Local Board: Item 8.1 Deputation - Community Waitākere presentation

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum - Steve McDonald - Waitākere Grey Power Association Inc.

Steve McDonald from Grey Power was in attendance to address the board. Resolution number WH/2024/14

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation on meeting with the Deputy Mayor and discussion points and thank Steve McDonald from Waitākere Grey Power Association Inc. for his attendance.**

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Ngā Pānui mō ngā Mōtini | Notices of Motion

Under Standing Order 2.5.1 (LBS 3.11.1) or Standing Order 1.9.1 (LBS 3.10.17) (revoke or alter a previous resolution) a Notice of Motion was received from Member S Zhu, seconded by Member W Piper for consideration under item 12.

12 Notice of Motion – Member Susan Zhu – Resource Consent Feedback

Resolution number WH/2024/15

MOVED by Member S Zhu, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **kopou / appoint Chair K Thomas as lead, and Member S Zhu as alternate, on resource consent matters and delegate authority to that member, including any alternate, to:**

- i) provide the local board views, if any, on whether a resource consent should proceed as a non-notified, limited notified or fully notified application
- ii) prepare and provide local board's views, if any, on notified resource consents and speak to those views at any hearings if required
- iii) provide the local board's views on matters relating to or generated by the COVID-19 (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 while this legislation remains in force.

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.9.7, Member C Farmer requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

13 Whau Ward Councillor's update

Whau Ward Councillor K Leoni was in attendance online to speak to the report.
Resolution number WH/2024/16

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

14 Allocation of the Whau Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025 remaining budget

Resolution number WH/2024/17

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the allocation of \$375,000 from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025 to the St Georges Road Pedestrian Improvements.
- b) whakaae / approve the allocation of the remaining \$492,132 from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025 to the following projects:
 - i) \$94,600 additional budget required to construct the South Lynn project.
 - ii) \$380,000 to the Rosebank Road pedestrian Improvements near Orchard Street/Rosebank Road Intersection.
 - iii) \$17,532 for lines marking and signage improvements for Green Bay School on Godley Road.
- c) prioritise wayfinding to connect finished portions of Te Whau Pathway e.g from Queen Mary Reserve to Archibald Park to be funded from any cost savings or alternative funding that becomes available.

CARRIED

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

Resolution number WH/2024/18

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tono / request Auckland Transport to:**
- i) **collaborate with the local board on the following projects or programmes:**
 - Local Board Transport Capital Fund projects:**
 - A) Hepburn Road Raised Crossing
 - B) South Lynn Road Improvements
 - C) St Georges Road Pedestrian Improvements
 - D) Rosebank Road pedestrian Improvements
 - E) Godley Road lines marking and signage improvements
 - People powered streets:**
 - A) Avondale open streets – Great North Road and Crayford Street West
 - Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR):**
 - A) Kelston and New Lynn priority area.
 - ii) **consult on the following projects or programmes:**
 - Community Initiated Engineering Programme:**
 - A) 25 Veronica Street Signalised Mid-Block – Intersection Improvements
 - B) 73 Hepburn Road Pedestrian Improvements
 - C) Kinross Street Pedestrian Improvements -123 Kinross Street (Craig Avon Park), Blockhouse Bay - Pedestrian improvements
 - D) Blockhouse Bay Bus Improvements
 - Road Safety:**
 - A) St Jude Street and Blockhouse Bay Road Intersection improvements
 - B) Tiverton Road – between Blockhouse Bay Road and Pitcairn Place – possible raised Pedestrian crossing
 - Parking:**
 - A) Delta Avenue Car Park
 - B) Stock Street and Drury Street, New Lynn.
 - iii) **inform the local board about the following projects or programmes:**
 - A) Margan Avenue (Astley Avenue to Thom Street – New Footpath)
 - B) Stock Street, Drury Street Paid Parking
 - C) Maoro Street Corridor Improvements.
- b) **whakarite / provide the following projects or programmes for Auckland Transport to consider for inclusion in future work programmes:**
- i) **high-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift, improve utilisation, and reduce carbon**

emissions from our transport system connections to parks and key destinations, from New Lynn to Glen Eden.

- ii) options to deliver a multi-storey New Lynn park-and-ride to increase transit use, reduce vehicle kilometres travelled, and encourage mode shift.
- iii) improved public transport services, including bus services for areas not easily accessible in Whau (with a focus on areas of higher deprivation and the Rosebank peninsula), train network and service improvements (with good alternative options during the Western Line closure), and better wayfinding infrastructure throughout the network.
- iv) progress on the development of the Avondale-Southdown rail line to support freight movement.
- v) cycleway connections west to Glen Eden and ultimately to Twin Stream cycleway.

CARRIED

16 Representation review and local board reorganisation

Resolution number WH/2024/19

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the review of representation arrangements and the proposal to reduce the number of local boards.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that Whau Local Board is not impacted by the review of representation arrangements and will therefore defer feedback to the affected local boards.
- c) tautoko / support the status quo of 21 local boards in Auckland Council, noting that over the past fourteen years local board areas have developed distinct identities amongst their communities.
- d) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the proposed amalgamated boards are not necessarily aligned on communities of interest, with the Henderson Massey and Waitākere Ranges being examples.
- e) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that a reduced number of local boards with the current legislative limit of twelve members per board would impact their ability to fully represent their communities, especially when the large population numbers of the amalgamated local boards are considered.
- f) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note public and elected member concern that the proposal to reduce local boards is primarily a cost saving measure and does not align with the principle of subsidiarity.
- g) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the tightness of the current timeframe between a decision from the Local Government Commission and the 2025 local government elections will create confusion in the voting public and will likely lead to an even lower turnout of voters.
- h) tono / request that if consultation shows substantial public support for a reduced number of local boards, that the reduction process is considered and thorough, with the emphasis on communities of interest rather than utilising the blunt device of ward boundaries.

- i) **tautoko / support the options of the status quo of twenty-one local boards and the option of fifteen amalgamated boards being put forward for public consultation.**

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.9.7, Member W Piper requested his dissenting vote be recorded against clause c).

17 **Proposals for More Empowered Local Boards**

Resolution number WH/2024/20

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on staff proposals for more empowered local boards.**
- b) **tautoko / support the proposal for more empowered local boards, noting the recommendations of the 2016 Governance Framework Review (GFR) and the Governing Body's October 2021 decision to approve Increased Local Board Decision-making.**
- c) **tautoko / support the separation of the More Empowered Local Boards proposal from the Fewer Local Boards proposal and are concerned that the conflation of the two proposals suggests to the public that local boards cannot be more empowered unless the number of local boards is reduced.**
- d) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that while work on empowering local boards has been occurring, local boards have lost Landowner Approval Rights over applications for stormwater connections into our parks and reserves and have also lost the ability to receive advice on these applications from our Parks and Reserves staff.**
- e) **urge Council and council-controlled organisations management and governance support local boards to give full effect to the provisions included in, and envisaged by, the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 (LGACA) and enabled by Auckland Council to do so noting that according to the principle of subsidiarity enshrined in LGACA that nonregulatory decisions should be made by local boards except where decisions are better made on an Auckland-wide basis.**
- f) **tono / request therefore that the allocation of decision-making responsibilities be thoroughly reviewed, noting that regional decisions often impact heavily on local boards and that, despite not being consulted by the Governing Body over the decision to remove local rubbish bins, local board members have had to endure the associated public displeasure.**
- g) i) **tautoko / support the proposal for Auckland Council to develop minimum standards for all or most local community services in discussion with local boards and commit to funding these.**
- ii) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concern that areas of significant deprivation may require local community services beyond agreed and funded minimum service levels**
- iii) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that these areas of deprivation may be within local board areas with fewer assets and lower levels of funding, therefore the local board may be unable to raise funds to advance some or all their local community services beyond agreed and funded minimum service levels.**

- iv) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concern that such situations would further entrench inequity in the provision of services across the Auckland region.**
- g) **tono / request information on whether delegated decision-making over local transport activities such as town centre improvements and street trading activities, would be funded by Auckland Transport.**
- h) **welcome the opportunity for local boards to have greater opportunities for local procurement.**
- i) **tautoko / support the opportunity to have decision-making over local planning and policy development for local community services for such things as open space and town centres.**
- j)
 - i) **tautoko / support the ability of local boards to acquire and develop open space acquisition in high-growth areas (including through demolition of under-utilised assets to free up open space).**
 - ii) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the Whau Local Board area has few under-utilised assets**
 - iii) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the Whau Local Board will be unable to fund the acquisition of the most significant open space in our area, Avondale Racecourse and that that open space and the sports fields on it are likely to be sold for housing development once the rezoning process is completed.**
- k) **tono / request that staff investigate ways that common and / or generic advice can be shared with all local boards without staff having to attend twenty-one workshops.**

CARRIED

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

Resolution number WH/2024/21

MOVED by Member W Piper, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the Whau local board area is located at one of the narrowest parts of the Auckland isthmus with coastal areas along the Waitematā and Manukau Harbours. There are several waterways throughout with the Whau River and its tributaries. The Whau River is the historical Māori portage route between the two harbours and several areas within Whau have mahara tapu (sacred memory) and significance for Māori throughout Tāmaki Makaurau.**
- b) **tautoko / support the direction being proposed in the region-wide vision statement of the plan.**
- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the board area sits within both the proposed Hauraki and Manukau Freshwater Management Units (FMUs), and any issues caused by crossed boundaries will need to be managed.**
- d) **tautoko / support using land use controls in the AUP to mitigate the effects of urbanisation on freshwater systems, recognising the importance of permeable spaces such as parks and open spaces.**
- e) **tautoko / support adding resilience as a value to the AUP so that our freshwater systems are resilient to climate change.**

- f) tautoko / support adding amenity as a value recognising the connection Aucklanders have with water and that this contributes to people's mental health and well-being.
- g) tautoko / support setting aspirational targets for water quality to be included in the AUP.
- h) tautoko / support increased investment programmes into waterways so that degradation is halted and reversed.
- i) tautoko / support the restoration of Whau wetlands, streams and rivers which feed into the Waitematā and Manukau harbours, noting that the southern coast of the Whau has a high levels of E-coli.
- j) tautoko / support embedding matauranga Māori in the plan.
- k) tautoko / support promoting community stream restoration programmes as an approach to achieving targets and acknowledge the work of volunteers along the Whau River including Ecomatters, Whau River Catchment Trust, Te Whau Pathway Trust, Whau Wildlink and Sea Cleaners.
- l) tono / request staff include a new freshwater impact statement within the Climate impact section of meeting agenda reports for project effects on surrounding freshwater areas.

CARRIED

19 Local board input to Auckland Council Submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-2034

Resolution number WH/2024/22

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the deadline for local board feedback on Auckland Council's submission to the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-2034 was Tuesday, 26 March as the Transport and Infrastructure Committee had an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, 27 March to approve the council submission.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the tabled delegated decision of the Whau Local Board, made on 26 March 2024, to provide feedback to the Auckland Council Submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-2034.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 27 March 2024, Whau Local Board: Item 19 - Feedback on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-2034

20 Update on Watercare and Eke Panuku work programmes for Quarter Three (Jan - Mar 2024) and CCO Engagement Plans

Resolution number WH/2024/23

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the update on council-controlled Organisation Engagement Plans and Watercare and Eke Panuku work programmes for Quarter Three (Jan-Mar 2024).**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its disappointment that Council-controlled organisation engagement plans have not been updated since June 2022, despite these plans being recommended in the 2020 Review of Auckland Council's Council-Controlled Organisations.**
- c) **congratulate Watercare on the completion of the upgrades to the New Lynn Water Pump Station and Dunsdale Avenue Central Interceptor site.**
- d) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the cost of installing a playground has increased exponentially since Watercare began to occupy the Miranda Reserve site and request staff investigate the possibility of Watercare contributing a higher proportion of the funds required to restore a playground at the reserve.**

CARRIED

21 Chair's Report - Kay Thomas

Resolution number WH/2024/24

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Chair Kay Thomas' March 2024 report.**

CARRIED

22 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WH/2024/25

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

23 Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WH/2024/26

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the records of the workshops held on 7, 14, 21 February, and 6, 13 March 2024.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

2.30pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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