
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, and online via Microsoft Teams, on Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 10.00am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Kendyl Smith	In attendance online via Microsoft Teams
Deputy Chairperson	Margi Watson	
Members	José Fowler	
	Julia Maskill	
	Christina Robertson	
	Liv Roe	
	Jack Tan	

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Rex Smith
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

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

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number AE/2025/1

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member R Smith for absence.**

CARRIED

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number AE/2025/2

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order (SO) 3.3.3 for:**
- **Chairperson K Smith (SO 3.3.3b).**

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/2025/3

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 4 December 2024, 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 - Passing of John Duncan, Chair, Cornwall Park Trust Board

Resolution number AE/2025/4

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Tan:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **express its sincere condolences to the family of John Duncan, Chair, Cornwall Park Trust Board, who passed away recently, and note that John had only assumed the Chair in the preceding 12-18 months and was known to be keen to promote use of the park by the wider Auckland community.**

CARRIED

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 - Emma McInnes - Waterview Primary School Bike Train

Emma McInnes - Coordinator, Waterview Primary School Bike Train, was in attendance to present to the local board a brief presentation introducing the local board to the Waterview Primary School Bike Train and to outline the group's advocacy for more safe pedestrian street crossings.

Two photos were tabled. A copy of both photos has been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as part of the minutes attachment.

Resolution number AE/2025/5

MOVED by Member C Robertson, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **Emma McInnes - Coordinator, Waterview Primary School Bike Train, for her attendance and presentation regarding the Waterview Primary School Bike Train and the group's advocacy for more safe pedestrian street crossings.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20250227 Albert-Eden Local Board, Item 9.1: Public Forum - Emma McInnes - Waterview Primary School Bike Train, Tabled Photos

9.2 Public Forum - Hengi Fusitu'a, Marist Rugby League Football Club Auckland

Hengi Fusitu'a – Chairman, Marist Rugby League Football Club Auckland, was in attendance online via Microsoft Teams, to present to the local board a brief

presentation outlining the rebuilding process and its request for an on-site storage unit for the club's use.

Resolution number AE/2025/6

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **thank Hengi Fusitu'a – Chairman, Marist Rugby League Football Club Auckland, for his attendance and presentation regarding the rebuilding process and its request for an on-site storage unit for the club's use.**

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

10.1 Consideration of Extraordinary Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 2.4.5, an item of extraordinary business is proposed for discussion during Item 23 of the meeting agenda.

The extraordinary business matter is in regard to the local board's feedback on Draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy.

The matter is considered urgent noting that the deadline for local board feedback is today, 5.00pm, Thursday, 27 February 2025.

Governing Body, through the Policy and Planning Committee, will be considering the Draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy for adoption on 13 March 2025.

Resolution number AE/2025/7

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **agree to consider an item of extraordinary business during item 23 of the meeting agenda.**

CARRIED

11 Proposed new community lease with rent and maintenance fees proposal for New Zealand Fellowship of Artists Incorporated's at Nicholson Park, 25 Poronui Street, Mt Eden, Auckland.

Jeimy Figueros Meza - Community Lease Coordinator, was in attendance to speak to the report.

Note: *The local board agreed that this item be left on the table.*

12 Albert-Eden Local Board feedback into the Auckland Council's submission to the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill

Resolution number AE/2025/8

MOVED by Member L Roe, seconded by Member C Robertson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) note the board's formal feedback (Attachment A) on the Auckland Council's submission on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill as authorised by delegation to the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the Urgent Decision process AE/2022/199.

CARRIED

13 Local board views on proposed plan change 106 for filming on Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua

The motion was voted in parts.

Resolution number AE/2025/9

MOVED by Member L Roe, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) note the regular use of the Albert-Eden Local Board area for filming.
- b) note and support the importance of Sites and Places of Significance for Mana Whenua identified in the Auckland Unitary Plan.
- c) note that there are currently 7 Sites and Places of Significance for Mana Whenua identified in the Albert-Eden Local Board rohe.
- e) suggest that up to 30 days as a temporary activity is too long and the length of activity should be shortened.
- f) request that Table D21.4.1 Activity Table (A3A) is amended to read 'Temporary activities for filming in public places for up to 7 days that comply with Standard D21.6.4' is a permitted activity.
- g) request staff to undertake the following amendments to Table 'D21.6.4':
 - i) 'Temporary activities for filming in public places for up to 7 days'
 - ii) Add, as a proposed new c) to 'not involve any structures or whare paku on the site'.
- h) appoint a local board Deputy Chairperson M Watson and Member L Roe to speak to the local board views at a hearing on proposed plan change 106.
- i) delegate authority to the chairperson of Albert-Eden Local Board to make a replacement appointment in the event the local board member appointed in resolution h) is unable to attend the plan change hearing.

CARRIED

Resolution number AE/2025/10

MOVED by Member L Roe, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- d) request that film permitting approval is conditional on the support of Mana Whenua on Sites and Places of Significance for Mana Whenua.

CARRIED

Note: Members J Tan and J Fowler requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

14 Public feedback report on the traffic bylaw review

Resolution number AE/2025/11

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Fowler:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **note low community feedback on traffic bylaw review with only 24 submissions from the Albert-Eden Local Board.**
- b) **support overall proposals to make improvements and efficiencies to the traffic bylaws for Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.**
- c) **request that the board is notified and asked for input before setting up signs banning parking, as the board has the local knowledge.**
- d) **note concern regarding the unintended consequences of strict enforcement of berm parking bans, particularly in areas with narrow streets and increased on-street parking due to the lack of carparks in intensified developments, especially in areas that are not well served by public and active transport.**
- e) **acknowledge the safety concerns and potential damage berm parking can cause and therefore the need to prevent it.**

CARRIED

15 Changes to voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections

Resolution number AE/2025/12

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **request that site C-AE11B – 34 Morningside Drive is amended by adding two new areas within the park as per the map provided by staff.**
- b) **requests that Bridgman Reserve, 333 Mt Eden Road, is added to the election sign sites.**

CARRIED

16 Local Board feedback on Fix and Finish fund

Resolution number AE/2025/13

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakarite / provide the following feedback on the criteria for eligible projects for the Fix and Finish fund:**
 - i) **seek that the eligibility criteria are amended as follows:**
 - A. **project is within legacy Auckland City or Manukau City boundaries**
 - B. **must be a local board capital expenditure (capex) project**
 - C. **must be a community project (limited to community services activity)**
 - D. **renewals (fix), or projects which have undergone planning and are ready to deliver with funding (finish)**

- E. aligns with the strategic direction of the Local Board Plan 2023 (noting that many business as usual renewals projects are not specifically named in the local board plan as it is a strategic document)
 - F. aligns with council's strategic direction for investment
 - G. local board can fully fund the project including ongoing operational costs
 - H. is not fully funded in the latest work programme due to funding constraints, or is funded in future years of the work programme and can be brought forward
 - I. could include unfunded standalone stages of a multi-stage project
 - J. the project can commence physical delivery within the next five years
 - K. project can be jointly funded by multiple local boards, which would then agree to share any consequential operational costs.
- ii) request that if a priority project requires less than the amount given to the local board, they will be able to spend the left over funds on another eligible project.
 - iii) do not support the eligibility criteria that the project must be greater than \$1 million in value and that the local board are best placed to determine about how funds should be allocated.
- b) Whakarite / provide the following feedback on preferred funding allocation model for the Fix and Finish fund:
 - i) support the equitable distribution (based on the local board equitable funding formula).
 - c) whakarite / provide the following feedback on any other matters relating to the Fix and Finish fund:
 - i) request that Parks and Community Facilities provide a list of local projects which meet the criteria of the fund, and provide analysis, advice and a recommended project, to support local board decision making and allocation of funding
 - ii) note that this advice needs to be provided in a timely manner to allow for incorporation into the 2025/2026 local board work programme process
 - iii) note that with fairer funding there is already increased workload to deliver our work programme and this will add further work so delivery timelines need to have some flexibility
 - iv) seek that the Governing Body commit to setting aside no less than \$20 million for the 'Fix and Finish Fund' regardless of whether increased returns have been secured in the Auckland Future Fund in 2024/25.
 - d) request staff to circulate the local board resolutions to other relevant local boards for their elected members' information.

CARRIED

17 **Auckland Council's Quarterly Performance Report: Albert-Eden Local Board for quarter two 2024/2025**

Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, were in attendance to speak to the report.

Resolution number AE/2025/14

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Fowler:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive the integrated performance report for quarter two ending 31 December 2024.
- b) 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 2024/2025 are released to the New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX), which are expected to be made public on or about 28 February 2025.
- c) reallocate \$1,700 operational expenditure from the Event Partnership fund (ID 74) towards the Community grants Albert-Eden (ID 76).
- d) thank staff for their work delivering projects outlined in the Auckland Council's Quarterly Performance Report: Albert-Eden Local Board for quarter two 2024/2025 report.
- e) thank Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, for their attendance and advice.

CARRIED

18 **Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillors' Updates**

Resolution number AE/2025/15

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillor Julie Fairey's November and December 2024 Ward Councillor Report.

CARRIED

19 **Chairperson's Report**

Resolution number AE/2025/16

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Chairperson K Smith's verbal report.

CARRIED

20 **Board Members' Reports**

Resolution number AE/2025/17

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive Deputy Chairperson M Watson's February 2025 board report.
- b) receive local board members C Robertson, J Maskill, J Fowler and J Tan's verbal board reports for February 2025.

CARRIED

21 Hōtaka Kaupapa/Governance Forward Work Programme Calendar

Resolution number AE/2025/18

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa/Governance Forward work programme calendar for February 2025.**

CARRIED

22 Albert-Eden Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number AE/2025/19

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Fowler:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **receive the Albert-Eden Local Board Workshop Records for the workshops held on 5 and 12 December 2024, and 5 and 13 February 2025.**

CARRIED

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

23.1 Local Board Feedback on Draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy

An information document was tabled for this item. A copy of the information document has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as part of the minutes attachment.

Resolution number AE/2025/20

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **provide the following requests and feedback on the draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy to the Governing Body, for consideration by the Policy and Planning Committee at its upcoming meeting:**
 - i) **the draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy has not been developed as per Auckland Council's own policy framework which gives effect to the local board's right to provide input into the development of policies that impacts its areas, as required under the Section 48(J) of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 15 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009**
 - ii) **the process outlines community benefit as one of the matters to be considered however without local boards being part of the process for policy development and decision, local views and preferences could be limited and not reflect wider community needs**
 - iii) **the Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee endorsed in principle (Resolution number TICCC/2025/12) the draft policy on the 13 February 2025 without giving consideration to local board views as required by legislation**
 - iv) **given these issues, the local board's time and ability to provide feedback has been negatively impacted.**

- b) provide the following requests and feedback on the Draft Storm-affected Land Use Policy to the Governing Body, for consideration by the Policy and Planning Committee at its upcoming meeting:

General matters relating to the policy

- i) request that the definition of Category (b) includes an explicit reference to Local Board Plans so that other locally determined priorities that go beyond core service needs may be considered
- ii) enable local boards to acquire Category (a) properties for any local activities or community priorities provided they have a viable funding plan, for example, a service optimisation business case or local rates proposal

Policy principles

- iii) strengthen the policy principles by amending Principle 2 (Make best use of storm-affected land) to include an explicit reference to Local Board Plans or community priorities, thereby broadening and maximising the community value derived from the programme
- iv) request an additional policy principle being 'engage early, and often, with both arms of Council's shared governance structure on land use opportunities' noting that local boards are key to good outcomes and will become governors of service assets and land

Decision-making roles and responsibilities

- v) welcome further discussion on the management of residual land and land retained for hazard management purposes, acknowledging that all council land within local board areas are vital components of local open space networks and ecological corridors
- vi) establish a clear escalation process when local board views on land use differ from staff recommendations, ensuring such matters are referred for a political decision through the Governing Body, rather than being resolved through staff delegation
- vii) request that the composition of the Storm Recovery Political Advisory Group which currently consists of the mayor, deputy mayor, a representative of Houkura (formerly the Independent Māori Statutory Board), the chair of the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee and the chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, initiates the inclusion of local board representatives from significantly impacted local boards

Local Board funding requirements

- viii) remove the requirement for local boards to commit operational funding (opex) as a precondition for the internal transfer of properties already assessed as meeting a service need by the Auckland Council Group. This requirement creates an unnecessary barrier to addressing service gaps
- ix) request that if a property meets a service need and local boards support retaining or repurposing it, the Governing Body should expect that the necessary maintenance costs will be incorporated into the local boards existing maintenance contracts with any budget top-up requirements to be considered by the local board as part of its work programme process

- x) request that if land is retained to meet a service need and it requires remediation, that the Governing Body, which holds statutory responsibility for the network of facilities and service capacity, should fund or contribute to the remediation rather than leaving these costs to local boards
- xi) acknowledge that where local boards wish to retain land for a community outcome that goes beyond core service needs, it is entirely appropriate to provide upfront assurance of funding availability

Implementation approach

- xii) ensure that service needs assessments consider not only Local Board Plans but any other relevant service needs assessments and plans undertaken by local boards
- xiii) support the expedient removal of building from purchased properties, noting the number of properties purchased in the Albert-Eden Local Board area, and the negative impact empty and damaged buildings have on neighbours and the local community

Wider considerations: Private properties outside buy-out scheme

- xiv) request investigation into properties which did not opt-in to the buyout scheme, but may now be open to sale through regular council acquisition processes. These should be focused to where purchase of an additional property may be strategically beneficial to Auckland Council, for example, creates a sensible cluster of contiguous properties, meets a service need
 - xv) request advice on the approach to ensure an acceptable level of maintenance and upkeep for properties which may appear 'abandoned', to ensure they do not become derelict, safety hazards or a risk to the wider community, or attract illegal dumping.
- c) ensure surrounding neighbours are all kept informed and consulted about Auckland Council's plans.
 - d) tono / request that the local board receive information relating to the number and location of affected properties in the local board area.
 - e) tono / request that the above resolutions are circulated to all local boards and governing body members for their information.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20250227 Albert-Eden Local Board, Item 23.1: Local Board Feedback on Draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy, Tabled Report

12.01pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....