
Rodney Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Rodney Local Board held in the Kumeū Meeting Room, 296 Main Road, Kumeū on Wednesday 16 April 2025 at 10.00am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Brent Bailey |
| Deputy Chairperson | Louise Johnston |
| Members | Mark Dennis |
| | Geoff Upson |
| | Ivan Wagstaff |
| | Guy Wishart |

From 10.05am at Item – 7.1

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member T Holdgate
Member C Smith
Member M Carmichael

HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

Lou-Ann Ballantyne – General Manager Governance and Engagement

1 Nau mai | Welcome

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Member G Wishart led the karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number RD/2025/47

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Members M Carmichael, T Holdgate and C Smith for absence.**

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 RD/2025/48

MOVED by Member M Dennis, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday 19 March 2025, as a true and correct record.**

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

Member G Upson joined the meeting at 10.05am.

7.1 **Raised pedestrian crossing outside Helensville Primary School on Rata Street, Helensville**

Andrew Calder presented a petition on behalf of some members of the Helensville Community in relation to the raised pedestrian crossing on Rata Street, Helensville.

Petition Prayer

Helensville Primary School, nestled within our community, currently benefits from a vital safety provision: a raised pedestrian crossing on Rata Street. This simple yet effective traffic calming measure plays an instrumental role in safeguarding our children as they journey to and from school, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring a secure environment. However, this crucial safety feature is at risk of removal when other options could be considered.

A copy of the petition tabled at the meeting has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number RD/2025/49

MOVED by Member M Dennis, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whiwi / receive the petition in relation to the raised pedestrian crossing on Rata Street, Helensville**
- b) **tono / request the petition be sent to Auckland Transport for consideration.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 16 April 2025 - Rodney Local Board, Item 7.1 - Petitions: raised pedestrian crossing outside Helensville Primary School on Rata Street, petition

8 **Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations**

8.1 **Deputation: Restore Muriwai**

Delwyn Shepherd was in attendance for this item.

Resolution number RD/2025/50

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Ms Shepherd for her attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

8.2 **Deputation: Kaukapakapa Area Residents and Ratepayers Association**

Danielle Hancock was in attendance for this item.

Resolution number RD/2025/51

MOVED by Member M Dennis, seconded by Member G Wishart:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Ms Hancock for her attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

8.3 Deputation: Mahurangi Community Sport and Recreation Collective

Nicola Jones was in attendance for this item.

Resolution number RD/2025/52

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member I Wagstaff:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Ms Jones for her attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

Member I Wagstaff left the meeting at 10.47am and returned at 10.52am.

8.4 Deputation: Te Awaroa Museum

Leigh Bosch and Megan Williams were in attendance for this item.

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

Resolution number RD/2025/53

MOVED by Member G Wishart, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Ms Bosch and Ms Williams for their attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 16 April 2025 - Rodney Local Board, Item 8.4 - Te Awaroa Museum, supporting information

8.5 Deputation: Simon Bennett

Simon Bennett was in attendance for this item.

A 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 RD/2025/54

MOVED by Member G Upson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Mr Bennett for his attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 16 April 2025 - Rodney Local Board, Item 8.5 - Simon Bennett, presentation

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum: Jane Mill

Jane Mill was in attendance to discuss the raised pedestrian crossing at Rata Street, Helensville.

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

Resolution number RD/2025/55

MOVED by Chairperson B Bailey, seconded by Member G Upson:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Ms Mill for her attendance at the meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A 16 April 2025 - Rodney Local Board, Item 9.1 - Jane Mill, supporting information

The meeting adjourned at 11.27am and reconvened at 11.34am.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Rodney Play Plan 2025

Jacquelyn Collins – Play Portfolio Lead was in attendance online for this item.

Resolution number RD/2025/56

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whai / adopt the Rodney Play Plan 2025 as set out in Attachment A to the agenda report.**

CARRIED

12 Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy

Aubrey Bloomfield – Principal Policy Advisor, Ezra Barwell – Senior Policy Advisor and Carole Canler – Senior Policy Manager were in attendance online for this item.

Changes were made to the original recommendations by way of chairperson's recommendations with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number RD/2025/57

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **tautoko / support the changes made to the draft Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy and open space provision standards following public**

consultation and feedback from local boards however request the following concerns be taken into consideration:

- i) the strategy is mainly focused on high and medium density areas with less consideration for rural areas
- ii) the strategy does not address the inequity between open space provision in established urban areas of Auckland and the open space provided for in the strategy for new greenfield developments and this needs to be addressed so there is equity across all of Auckland.

CARRIED

13 Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house

Shirley Coutts – Principal Advisor, Governance Strategy was in attendance for this item.

Changes were made to the original recommendations by way of chairperson's recommendations and the addition of clauses d) and e) with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number RD/2025/58

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) support staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility for:
 - i) the urban regeneration and property management activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku board
 - ii) the economic development activities currently governed by the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited board.

to either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009
- b) note that staff recommendations and feedback from local boards will be considered at the Governing Body meeting on 29 May 2025 and associated changes to the allocation of decision-making table will be implemented as part of Annual Plan 2025/2026 decisions
- c) note that further work is required in relation to determining the future decision-making allocation on:
 - i) funding of new priority urban regeneration or development locations as additional programmes are identified
 - ii) how anticipated demand from local boards for local economic development and urban regeneration advice is to be addressed
 - iii) property management decisions (undertaken as part of the Group Property Review).
- d) express concern that local boards cannot give effect to their optimisation responsibilities without appropriate information and specialist advice such as the Auckland Council list of assets
- e) express concern that Auckland Council does not have an Asset Management Policy to assist with decision-making.

CARRIED

14 Rodney Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025

Changes were made to the original recommendations by way of chairperson’s recommendations with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number RD/2025/59

MOVED by Member M Dennis, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **tuku / provide the following views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025 for inclusion in the Governing Body decision report on 1 May 2025:**
 - i) **express concern that out of sequence private plan changes and fast track consents in the Rodney area will result in these new developments not paying their share of the transport infrastructure and for reserves and community facilities that will be needed to be constructed or acquired sooner than planned**
 - ii) **request that the Future Urban Areas of Wainui, Milldale, Dairy Flat, Kumeū and Warkworth be included as Investment Priority Areas with additional investments included beyond 2034 to ensure that the cumulative effects of this out of sequence development does not lead to an unfair rates burden on ratepayers or a risk of infrastructure shortfalls.**

CARRIED

Note: Item C1 - Storm affected land: options for future land use was considered prior to Item 15 - Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw.

21 Te Mōtini ā-Tukanga hei Kaupare i te Marea | Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution number RD/2025/60

MOVED by Member I Wagstaff, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / agree to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Storm affected land: options for future land use

| Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable) | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 6. | s6(a) - The making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial. | s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good |

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| | In particular, the report contains information that may increase the likelihood of vandalism and break-ins on these properties. | reason for withholding exists under section 6. |
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The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

12.23 pm The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

12.43 pm The public was re-admitted.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

C1 Storm affected land: options for future land use

Resolution number RD/2025/61

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member G Upson:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- e) **agree that there be no restatement of this confidential report or resolutions until the protection of the information is no longer required.**

Note: Item 15 - Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw was considered at this point.

15 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw

Changes were made to the original recommendations by way of chairperson's recommendations with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number RD/2025/62

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston, seconded by Member M Dennis:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council [Kaupapa mo ngā Kurī | Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī | Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#) in the agenda report**
- b) **tuku / provide the following views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback to the proposal in (a) to assist the panel in its deliberations**
 - i) **tautoko / support feedback from Rodney submitters opposed to the changes proposed at Pākiri and Te Ārai Regional Parks and suggest input from the local community should take precedence over a "one rule for all" for regional parks**
 - ii) **tautoko / support the Professional Dog Walkers Association petition (run through change.org which received 3456 signatures) that opposes any restrictions**

- iii) **tono / request that if change is required that a licence for professional dog walkers is implemented with a limit of twelve dogs**
- iv) **tono / request that dog owners and advocacy groups are more involved in the decision-making**
- v) **tautoko / support the intention to reorganise, simplify and clarify policy and bylaw content including:**
 - A) **using a goal, focus area, action and rule structure**
 - B) **clarifying approach to setting dog access rules**
 - C) **clarifying the policy to neuter classified dogs and who can provide behavioural assessments**
 - D) **clarifying Auckland-wide dog access rules such as for council carparks and camping grounds, working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways**
 - E) **removing outdated information in Schedule 2 for example outdated landmarks**
 - F) **updating dog access rules on Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)**
 - G) **removing bylaw content that is covered in the policy or is outdated.**
- c) **kopou / appoint Chairperson B Bailey and Local Board Member G Upson to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel**
- d) **tāpae / delegate authority to the local board chairperson to appoint a replacement to any appointed member in (c) who is unable to present to the panel.**

CARRIED

16 Rodney Local board feedback on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill

Changes were made to the original recommendation by way of a chairpersons recommendation and the addition of clauses i) and ii) with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number RD/2025/63

MOVED by Member G Wishart, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Johnston:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **kohuki / provide the following views on the Auckland Council's submission on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill:**
 - i) **express concern that there is public transport inequity across Auckland and this needs to be addressed as a priority**
 - ii) **congestion charging will impact more on low-income communities and those that have no choice but to drive at peak times and request that consideration of exploring the use of daily caps and exemptions for low income households where there is no viable public transport alternative.**
- b) **tono / request when Auckland Council implements Time of Use Charging, they consider revenue collected be ring-fenced for appropriate alternative transport options.**

CARRIED

17 Rodney Ward Councillor update

Resolution number RD/2025/64

MOVED by Member I Wagstaff, seconded by Member G Wishart:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Councillor Sayer's update on activities of the Governing Body.**

CARRIED

18 Hōtaka Kaupapa – Policy Schedule for April 2025

Resolution number RD/2025/65

MOVED by Member G Wishart, seconded by Member G Upson:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa – Policy Schedule for April 2025.**

CARRIED

19 Rodney Local Board workshop records

Resolution number RD/2025/66

MOVED by Member M Dennis, seconded by Member G Wishart:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the workshop records for 26 March, 2 April and 9 April 2025.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.09 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 RODNEY LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....