
Ōrākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Ōrākei Local Board held in the St Chads Church and Community Centre, 38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank on Thursday, 17 April 2025 at 3.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Scott Milne, JP
Deputy Chairperson	Sarah Powrie
Members	Troy Churton
	Angus McPhee
	Penny Tucker
	Margaret Voyce
	David Wong, JP

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson S Milne welcomed those present with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Member D Wong declared an interest in Item 8.1 Deputation - David Broadhead and Barbara Gwilliam - Request for support for East City Community Trust.

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number OR/2025/33

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member T Churton:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 20 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

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation - David Broadhead and Barbara Gwilliam - Request for support for East City Community Trust

Member D Wong declared an interest as a member of East City Community Trust and took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Resolution number OR/2025/34

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation from David Broadhead and Barbara Gwilliam of East City Community Trust on a request for support for the Trust from the Ōrākei Local Board and thank them for their attendance.
- b) request officers respond to the request for Council to offer a legal opinion on the meaning of the Ministry of Education's contribution and the Trust's request to update the conditions of the license to occupy.

CARRIED

8.2 Deputation - Ben and Tom Dobbe - Ōrākei Sauna business venture

Resolution number OR/2025/35

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member A McPhee:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation from Ben and Tom Dobbe on a proposal for a sauna business venture in the Ōrākei Local Board area and thank them for their attendance.

CARRIED

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum - Friends of Churchill Park - Damage to Churchill Park

Resolution number OR/2025/36

MOVED by Member M Voyce, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation on the impacts of a BMX track to the fenced and forested land in Churchill Park and thank Peter Buchanan and Ross Dunlop for their attendance.
- b) request officers to develop a public education strategy and implementation plan for the wider Glendowie area, incorporating local schools, community groups and, if appropriate, Youth of Ōrākei, to highlight the effects of the current vandalism in the ecological areas of Churchill Park and surrounds.
- c) acknowledge the intergenerational project which will be instigated by the Auckland East Community Network as an avenue to bring groups of people together to discuss the issues.

CARRIED

9.2 Public Forum - Catherine Stewart - Deliberation on the proposed changes to local dog access rules

Resolution number OR/2025/37

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation from Catherine Stewart and thank her for her attendance.**

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Deliberation on the proposed changes to local dog access rules

Paul Wilson (Senior Policy Manager), Nancy Chu (Principal Policy Advisor), and Saana Judd (Policy Advisor) were in attendance to speak to the item.

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **thank those people and organisations who gave feedback on the proposed changes to local dog access rules in the local board area.**
- b) **accept the late feedback from four people for consideration alongside all other public feedback received.**

CARRIED

Resolution number OR/2025/38

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **agree that Item 11: Deliberation on the proposed changes to local dog access rules be adjourned to later in the meeting.**

CARRIED

Note: The Chair deferred the item to be considered later in the meeting.

Note: Item 16 was considered before Item 12.

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

John Nash (Programme Manager – Planning & Operations) was in attendance to speak to the item.

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

Resolution number OR/2025/39

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **provide the tabled feedback on 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) **provide the tabled feedback on any other matters requiring review.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 17 April 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 16 - Ōrākei Local Board feedback to the allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house - PDF

12 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw

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

Resolution number OR/2025/40

MOVED by Member T Churton, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **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) **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.**
- c) **note that the standardisation of rules has enabled policy settings to be lowered in the interest of making them understandable.**
- d) **highlight the significant difficulties in implementing prompt enforcement and recommend that animal control officer resources include additional contracted officers to maximise efficiency;**
 - i) **it makes no sense to have bylaw officers who do not also have authority and ability to render animal management enforcement and;**
 - ii) **if it is a resource issue, extra funding be provided for an additional two animal management wardens in Ōrākei.**
- e) **discourage multiple dog walking and recommend that a multiple dog walker should have no more than four dogs under their control at any one time.**
- f) **emphasise that any multiple dogs should never be off-leash due to incidents from single off-leash dogs requiring high management and control, along with the ability for one individual to manage more than two off-leash dogs appropriately as unlikely.**
- g) **recommend that to efficiently manage multiple dog walking and ensure multiple dogs are not off-leash, dog walkers should be licensed and have undertaken unique, specific training to the trade.**
- h) **recommend the following in relation to regional park dog access rules:**
 - i) **all regional park dog access rules must be amended so that the starting position for any regional park is 'dogs are prohibited' and concessions are made from that starting reference. This reinforces a behaviour of respect and improves an awareness of our taonga, and that exercising domestic animals in regional parks is a privilege and not a right. This default prohibition rule sets a clear prioritisation of regional parks as places of environmental and recreational sanctity.**
 - ii) **any foreshore area in any regional park known as a bird nesting area and any native forest area in any regional park must be dog prohibited areas and any dog exercise concession should be restricted to ON-leash only.**
 - iii) **dog access rules in regional parks should be scheduled to acknowledge some defined areas which may be suitably used for ON-leash dog access without generating nuisance or disturbance to wildlife or other park users.**

- iv) the dispensation areas should be independently assessed to ensure dog access will not jeopardise the park environment and returned to boards for recommendations. For example, a well-worn bike track area may be ideal for owners to run/bike with their dog on a leash.
- i) note that greater public education and awareness on the damage dogs do to sports grounds is essential region-wide.
- j) highlight that the default setting for dog access in any public place should be on-leash along with dispensations creating suitable off-leash areas following that default setting.
- k) recommend that for clarity, information regarding the proposed wording changes for regional parks be displayed via a chart showing what the current rule is versus the proposed rule.
- l) appoint Member Troy Churton to present the above views to the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel.
- m) delegate authority to the local board chair to appoint a replacement to any appointed member in l) who is unable to present to the Panel.

CARRIED

Attachments

- B 17 April 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 12 - Public feedback from people in Ōrākei Local Board area - PDF

13 Ōrākei Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025

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

Resolution number OR/2025/41

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member A McPhee:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) provide the tabled views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025 for inclusion in the Governing Body decision report on 1 May 2025.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 17 April 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 13 - Ōrākei Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025 - PDF

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

Resolution number OR/2025/42

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **endorse the Auckland Council submission on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill.**
- b) **support the introduction of enabling legislation for Time of Use Charging, subject to:**
 - i) **the governance structure and process provide adequate representation and decision making for local authorities.**
 - ii) **the revenue allocation includes local authority operational expenses.**
 - iii) **exemptions and mitigations being broadened to exclude local authority bus services, as the charges will likely lead to fee increases to public transport users. Charging buses seems contradictory given one of the purposes of the draft Bill is to encourage more people to use public transport so road space gets freed up.**

CARRIED

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

Resolution number OR/2025/43

MOVED by Member A McPhee, seconded by Chairperson S Milne:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **endorse the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy in Attachment B**
- b) **endorse updating the open space provision standards in the strategy with Option package two – capacity-focused approach: provide more open space than currently enabled in high- and medium-density areas where residents have low or moderate levels of provision.**
- c) **provide the following feedback on the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy:**
 - i) **The board are disappointed at the lack of analysis and commentary on the part Development Contributions (DC) will play in delivering this strategy. Extensive work has been done by officers on indicative DC levels necessary to cater for growth over the next thirty years. Councilors have been strongly lobbied by numerous professional lobbyists funded by developers, and the resulting downward pressure on applicable developer contributions will seriously affect the implementation of the plan.**
 - ii) **One of the key themes of the final Strategy includes a direction to rely less on assets. It is difficult to envisage how this would work for sport and recreation in a growing population.**
 - iii) **The current status quo for maintenance can be improved in Auckland's green and open spaces, noting the following indicators should be considered:**

- A) soil porosity
- B) flood mitigation
- C) growth of biodiversity
- D) reduction of green waste to landfill
- iv) The board note disappointment in the funding mechanisms specified in the final Strategy.
- v) It is important to include stronger wording for developers to provide more open space when building on high density and high/medium density developments, with a request for the development of rules to enforce this requirement.
- vi) The continuous upkeep and maintenance of local assets in the board area, like parks and playgrounds, is of high priority to the board.
- vii) The Ōrākei Local Paths (Greenways) Programme Plan should be considered in relation to the implementation of the Strategy in the board area.
- viii) The board are supportive of Policy 1 but note that open space accessibility needs more focus on youth in the board area for the following:
 - A) cycling infrastructure and connectivity
 - B) pump tracks
 - C) basketball courts
- ix) The board are supportive of Policy 3 but strongly advocate for a partnership and increased collaboration with local assets, such as Barfoot and Thompson Stadium.

CARRIED

17 Reallocation of 2024/2025 work programme operational expenditure for Tagalad Reserve placemaking pilot project

Justin Kary (Senior Local Board Advisor) was in attendance to speak to the item.
Resolution number OR/2025/44

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) approve the reallocation of operational expenditure from their 2024/2025 work programme as follows:
 - i) \$8,000.00 from PO2312642 - Community Programme Coordinator to Placemaking line (ID 306) for placemaking activities delivered by a community organisation at Tagalad Reserve via a funding agreement (in addition to the \$40,000.00 already allocated by the local board with resolution OR/2024/168 on 12 December 2024) for the cost of operating the facility for the 12-month pilot on behalf of the local board. This includes staffing, booking support, customer service, cleaning and utilities and business overhead.
 - ii) \$17,000.00 from PO2312642 - Community Programme Coordinator to Placemaking line (ID 306) for placemaking activities delivered by a community organisation at Tagalad Reserve to equip the facility with the amenity necessary for service. This is a one-off cost for the purchase of

minor assets, including crockery, cutlery, audiovisual equipment, picnic tables, barbeque, and signage.

CARRIED

18 Urgent decision noting report - Ōrākei Local Board input to Auckland Council's submission on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards

Resolution number OR/2025/45

MOVED by Member M Voyce, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the Ōrākei Local Board submission (Attachment B) via the urgent decision process (Attachment C) to Auckland Council's submission on the Proposed wastewater environmental performance standards on 4 April 2025.**

CARRIED

19 Governance Forward Work Calendar and Resolutions Pending Action Report

Resolution number OR/2025/46

MOVED by Member M Voyce, seconded by Member T Churton:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the draft governance forward work calendar at 17 April 2025.**
- b) **note the Ōrākei Local Board Resolutions Pending Action report at 17 April 2025.**

CARRIED

20 Ōrākei Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number OR/2025/47

MOVED by Member T Churton, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the records for the local board workshops held on 6, 13 and 27 March 2025.**

CARRIED

21 Chairperson and Board Members' Report

Resolution number OR/2025/48

MOVED by Member P Tucker, seconded by Member T Churton:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **receive the Ōrākei Local Board Chairperson and Board Members' Report for March 2025.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Member M Voyce left the meeting at 5.00pm.

Member M Voyce returned to the meeting at 5.02pm.

Note: Consideration of Item 11 was continued at this point.

11 Deliberation on proposed changes to local dog access rules (continued)

Paul Wilson (Senior Policy Manager), Nancy Chu (Principal Policy Advisor), and Saana Judd (Policy Advisor) were in attendance to speak to the item.

Resolution number OR/2025/49

MOVED by Chairperson S Milne, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **thank those people and organisations who gave feedback on the proposed changes to local dog access rules in the local board area.**
- b) **accept the late feedback from four people for consideration alongside all other public feedback received.**
- c) **reject the proposed changes and retain the current rules at Madills Farm and Glover Park, including for the following reasons:**
 - (i) **the significant socialisation and wellbeing benefits in the local community associated with responsible dog ownership in Madills Farm and Glover Park.**
 - (ii) **there are alternative solutions to address field damage and dog excrement.**
 - (iii) **the volume of feedback responses wanting to encourage responsible dog ownership to prevent any negative impacts on the sports fields.**
- d) **request the Governing Body to provide additional funding for bylaw compliance activities, including dog management issues.**
- e) **request through the Chief Executive to the manager responsible for Parks and Community Facilities to actively engage with sports clubs at Madills Farm and Glover Park and representatives of the community to explore measures to eradicate field damage and dog excrement.**
- f) **thank Paul Wilson (Senior Policy Manager), Nancy Chu (Principal Policy Advisor), and Saana Judd (Policy Advisor) for their work on the Dog Policy and Bylaw Review.**

CARRIED

5.09 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....