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# Waiheke Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Waiheke Local Board held in the Waiheke Local Board office, 10 Belgium Street, Ostend, Waiheke on Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 1.00pm.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cath Handley	via electronic link
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Kylee Matthews	
<b>Members</b>	Robin Tucker	

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

<b>Member</b>	Bianca Ranson
<b>Member</b>	Paul Walden

### TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

<b>Councillor</b>	Mike Lee
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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

Deputy Chair K Matthews opened the meeting with a karakia.

<b>Whakataka te hau ki te uru</b>	Cease oh winds of the west and of the south
<b>Whakataka te hau ki te tonga</b>	Let the bracing breezes flow
<b>Kia mākinakina ki uta</b>	over the land and the sea
<b>Kia mātaratara ki tai</b>	Let the red-tipped dawn come
<b>E hī ake ana te atakura</b>	with a sharpened edge,
<b>He tio, he huka, he hauhū</b>	a touch of frost
<b>Tihei Mauri Ora!</b>	a promise of a glorious day

*Note: Chair Handley vacated the chair at 1.04pm and Deputy Chair K Matthews assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting,*

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number WHK/2025/32

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whakaae / accept the apology from Member B Ranson and Member P Walden

**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 WHK/2025/33

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 26 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 - Ōmiha Welfare and Recreation Society

Resolution number WHK/2025/34

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the presentation by representatives of the Ōmiha Welfare and Recreation Society and the Ōmiha community – Te Kōmako Forde, Carle Forde, Anton Forde, Tūi Forde, Yvonne O'Brien and Jo Baddley - and thank them for their attendance.

**CARRIED**

#### Attachments

- A Presentation - Proposal for a basketball court
- B Mary Wilson Reserve playground pictures

## 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/2025/35

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive a verbal report from Deputy Chairperson Kylee Matthews.
- b) whiwhi / receive a verbal report from Councillor Mike Lee.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution number WHK/2025/36

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the report.
- b) express concern that Waiheke Local Board feedback and that of many other local boards was not considered prior to public consultation on what is an opaque policy.
- c) acknowledge some changes have been made in light of local board feedback, but does not endorse the policy in its current form as many local boards still have unresolved concerns.
- d) tuhi tīpoka / note that there were only 149 submitters in the region to the Have You Say, reflecting the concerns the Waiheke Local Board raised prior to public consultation, namely that few could relate to the way the policy was expressed, and that 149 responses is insufficient representation on which to base such an important regional policy decision
- e) tuhi tīpoka / note that there were only two submitters from Waiheke and that is an insufficient basis on which to base a board recommendation.

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution number WHK/2025/37

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) tuku / provide the following feedback on staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility:
  - i) note that the allocations proposed do not meet the interests of the Waiheke Local Board sufficiently to advance any new capital projects of scale to meet the changing needs of its community, and those of our visitors.
  - ii) they continue to lock in regional economic development at a central level which may be against our community's interests, which is proven in the case of tourism and visitors to Waiheke in census data and housing costs, but they keep local boards picking up the tab for those impacts.
  - iii) we propose, in the case of the Hauraki Gulf Islands, all council property assets should be owned and governed through the local boards to enable local trade-offs in capital utilisation.
  - iv) formulas applied across the isthmus for "networks" of assets have no bearing because of the geographic isolation, and the small resident base of the Hauraki Gulf Islands vis-à-vis their very large visitor numbers in Waiheke's case.
  - v) these matters need to be reflected in any proposed allocations table.

- b) tuhi tīpoka / note the changes relating to Auckland Transport will be addressed at a later time and request that landowner approval for street trading applications on road reserve be allocated to the local board.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Allocation of decision-making responsibility presentation

*Note: Meeting adjourned at 2.06pm and resumed at 2.08pm*

**14 Waiheke Play Plan 2025**

Resolution number WHK/2025/38

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whai / adopt the Waiheke Play Plan 2025 as set out in Attachment A to the agenda report.
- b) whakamihi / thank Jacquelyn Collins for her expertise and support in developing the Waiheke Play Plan.

**CARRIED**

**15 Public feedback on proposed changes to cemetery bylaw**

Resolution number WHK/2025/39

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend the Auckland Council Ture ā-Rohe mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014 \(Bylaw\)](#) and to revoke Arataki Tikanga mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014 \(Code\)](#) in the agenda report.
- b) tuhi tīpoka / note that Waiheke's Onetangi cemetery does not fit the definition of a lawn cemetery as defined, it is a community cemetery which reflects the idiosyncratic nature of our community, and is threatened by the definitions of lawn cemetery under the existing bylaw; and propose that community cemeteries be defined under the bylaw and excluded from regulations that undermine their character.
- c) whakatuu / appoint the Chair and/or her delegate to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel.

**CARRIED**

**16 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw**

Resolution number WHK/2025/40

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

That the Waiheke 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 its 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 as follows:
  - i) support all of the proposed changes in the Bylaw but does not provide any feedback on regional parks not in the Waiheke local board area,
  - ii) support the proposal for the Whakanewha Regional Park as the majority of Waiheke respondents supported the proposed change,
  - iii) should the Governing Body not support proposal P1 (limit the number of dogs walked), the Waiheke Local Board requests a Waiheke Local Board regulation supporting P1 because the overwhelming majority of Waiheke locals have requested that, noting that Waiheke has a higher ratio of dogs per capita than any other local board area and there have been significant concerns expressed locally for several years.
  - iv) support the licensing of dog walkers.
- c) whakatuu / appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel.

**CARRIED**

## 17 Deliberation on the proposed changes to the local dog access rules

*Note: the resolution was taken in parts*

Resolution number WHK/2025/41

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) mihi / thank those people and organisations who gave feedback on the proposed changes to local dog access rules in the local board area.

**CARRIED**

Resolution number WHK/2025/42

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- b) whai / adopt the decisions contained in the deliberations table attached to this resolution in the minutes of this meeting of the local board that:
  - i) respond to the public feedback on the proposed changes
  - ii) adopt the proposed changes as publicly notified at Big Oneroa Beach and Blackpool Beach

**CARRIED**

Resolution number WHK/2025/43

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- c) whai / adopt the decisions contained in the deliberations table attached to this resolution in the minutes of this meeting of the local board that:
  - i) amend the proposed changes at Onetangi Beach to remove the off-leash area at the eastern end of the beach.

*Note: Under Standing Orders 1.9.7 Member K Matthews requested that her dissenting vote against item 17 clause b)iii) be recorded.*

**CARRIED**

Resolution number WHK/2025/44

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- d) whai / adopt amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019 contained in the comparison table attached to this resolution in the minutes of this meeting of the local board that gives effect to the decisions in b), with a commencement date of 1 August 2025
- e) whakaū / confirm that the amendments to the policy in c):
  - i) are consistent with the policy, principles and criteria for deciding dog access rules in the Auckland Council Kaupapa mo ngā Kuri | Policy on Dogs 2019
  - ii) are not inconsistent with any decision in relation to region-wide dog access rules contained in the Auckland Council Kaupapa mo ngā Kuri | Policy on Dogs 2019



- iii) are in accordance with all relevant legislative requirements, in particular the Local Government Act 2002 and Dog Control Act 1996.
- f) delegate authority through the Chief Executive to the manager responsible for the policy on dogs to make editorial changes or to correct errors or omissions to the amendments in c).
- g) allocate up to \$1,000 from the local board's capital budget for costs to implement the amendments in the policy in c) and request advice from Parks and Community Facilities staff to incorporate the cost as part of the 2025/2026 work programme

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Competed deliberation table

*Note: Meeting adjourned at 3.33pm and resumed at 3.48pm*

Note: items 18, 19, and 20 were taken together

**18 Waiheke Local Board - Resource Consent Applications - April 2025**

**19 Waiheke Local Board - Hōtaka Kaupapa Policy Schedule - April 2025**

**20 Waiheke Local Board – Workshop record – April 2025**

Resolution number WHK/2025/45

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

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) tuhi tīpoka / note the list of resource consents applications (Attachment A) related to Waiheke Island and inner Hauraki Gulf islands 16 March to 5 April 2025.
- b) tuhi tīpoka / note the Hōtaka Kaupapa – Policy Schedule for the political term 2022-2025 as at 23 April 2025
- c) tuhi tīpoka / note the record of proceedings for the local board workshop held on 2, 9 and 16 April 2025.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Chair K Matthews closed the meeting with a karakia.

**Unuhia, unuhia**

**Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui**

**Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngakau**

**Te tinana. me te wairua, I te ara takatū**

**Koa rā e Rongo**

**Whakairia ake ki runga**

**Kia tina! TINA!**

**Haumi e. hui e,TAIKI E!**

Release, release

Release us from this sacred state

to clear and set free the heart

body and spirit so that we are prepared

Let peace and humility

be raised among us

And be made manifest (indeed!)

Draw it together! Affirm! It is done!

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.02 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:**.....