

## Upper Harbour Local Board

# OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Upper Harbour Local Board held in the Upper Harbour Local Board Office, 6-8 Munroe Lane, Albany, Auckland 0632 and Via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 24 April 2025 at 9.30am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Anna Atkinson
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Uzra Casuri Balouch, JP
<b>Members</b>	Callum Blair
	John Mclean
	Kyle Parker
	Sylvia Yang

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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chairperson A Atkinson opened the meeting with a Karakia.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies

## 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 UH/2025/35

MOVED by Member C Blair, seconded by Member S Yang:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 27 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 Northcross Elderly Chinese Club - Additional supporting facilities at the Harrowglen Drive playground.

Resolution number UH/2025/36

MOVED by Member S Yang, seconded by Member J Mclean:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from Zhu Ying Yan, Eva Ying and Tong Chunling, representing the Northcross Elderly Chinese Club, and thank them for their attendance and presentation.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 James Rainey - Hobsonville / Scott Point pump track proposal.**

Resolution number UH/2025/37

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Member K Parker:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from James Rainey (Via Microsoft Teams) and thank him for his attendance and presentation**
- b) **tono / request staff work with James Rainey on the proposal for a community led / partnership model to deliver a pump track in Hobsonville.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Sustainable Pāremoremo - Investing in Sanders House: A Community Emergency Hub for Pāremoremo.**

Resolution number UH/2025/38

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Chairperson A Atkinson:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from Phoebe Balle and Martin Allen and thank them for their attendance and presentation**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that a building compliance and fire safety assessment identified the need to restrict access to the upper level of Sanders House to ensure ongoing compliance and that necessary changes would include the following works:**
  - i) **fire separation of the upper and lower levels and staircase**
  - ii) **installation of a type 2 manual fire alarm system**
  - iii) **possible other physical works that may be triggered as part of the building consent**
- c) **tono / request staff investigate and provide the local board with advice regarding the suitability of Sanders House as a community emergency hub**
- d) **tono / request advice from Parks and Community Facilities as part of the 2025/2026 capital work programme development should Sanders House be suitable for a community emergency hub.**

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Keith Aldous - Greenhithe Multi-use Court Options and Club Rooms at Wainoni Park**

Resolution number UH/2025/39

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member K Parker:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from Keith Aldous, Volunteer, Girls, Woman's and Youth Co-Ordinator, Greenhithe Football Club and thank him for this attendance and presentation.**
- b) **tono / request staff consider the location proposed by Greenhithe Football Club for the proposed Greenhithe multi-use court project, noting that the local board do not want to impede any future development of the Greenhithe Football clubrooms.**

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Terry Randell - 11 Te Kawau Pass Heritage Claim.**

Terry Randell tabled a report. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number UH/2025/40

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member J Mclean:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from Terry Randell and Paul Minors and thank them for their attendance and presentation.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 24 April 2025, Upper Harbour Local Board: Item 8.5 - Deputation - Terry Randell - 11 Kawau Pass Heritage Claim report.

**8.6 Cameron Harrison - Greenhithe Multi-use Court - Option 4**

This item was withdrawn.

**9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

**10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.54am

The meeting was reconvened at 11.04am

## 11 Local board views on plan change to amend Historic Heritage Schedule

The Manager Heritage, Noel Reardon and the Senior Advisor Special Projects, Emma Rush were both in attendance (Via Microsoft Teams) to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/41

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Member C Blair:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide local board views on a draft plan change: Amendments to Schedule 14 Historic Heritage Schedule (which proposes the deletion of one historic heritage place and the amendment of one historic heritage place in the Upper Harbour Local Board area), included as Attachments A and B to the agenda report.**
  - i) **acknowledge the feedback from Te Kawerau a Maki in relation to the Te Kawau Pass proposal on the mana whenua value as a historic lookout and communication point**
  - ii) **acknowledge the concerns raised by the private property owner at 11 Te Kawau Pass in relation to the Te Kawau Pass proposal**
  - iii) **acknowledge that over time there has been errors in the historic heritage schedule and associated mapping including, mapping moving from the Taihinui Historical Reserve onto the adjacent property at Te Kawau Pass noting there is no record to indicate why there was a change in location**
  - iv) **request the following amendment to the proposed plan change to Amendment to Schedule 14 Historic Heritage Schedule:**
    - A) **delete the Historic Heritage Overlay Place (dot) from 11 Te Kawau Pass**
    - B) **apply the Historic Heritage Overlay Extent of Place onto the Taihinui Historical Reserve, not on the private landowners property at 11 or 9 Te Kawau Pass**
  - v) **request staff include material provided to the local board at the 24 April 2025 business meeting by the private property owner at Te Kawau Pass as part of the Policy and Planning Committee report on this matter**
  - vi) **support the proposal at 159 and 161 Attwood Road, Paremoremo to delete place from schedule 14 and planning maps.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Chairperson A Atkinson	Deputy Chairperson U	
Member C Blair	Casuri Balouch	
Member J Mclean		
Member K Parker		
Member S Yang		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 5 votes to 1.

**CARRIED**

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

The Programme Manager, John Nash, was in attendance to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/42

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide feedback on staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility to either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 for:**
  - i) **the urban regeneration and property management activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku board as follows:**
    - A) **request sufficient resources are provided for local planning and that Albany is prioritised as it is a Metropolitan Centre, noting the local board has been unsuccessful in delivering on a key local board plan initiative to develop an Albany Plan due to lack of staff resource**
    - B) **request that both the Governing Body and local boards jointly approve any disposal of non-service assets noting that this definition has caused issues in the past**
    - C) **request that sufficient resources are provided so that local boards can undertake service property optimisation with appropriate timeliness**
  - ii) **the economic development activities currently governed by the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited board as follows:**
    - A) **express concern that “Local economic development plans, project and initiatives within parameters” falls within Local Board decision making for the following reasons:**
      - 1) **local boards are not funded for this work. Economic Development was previously governed by and funded by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and this work should remain funded by Auckland Council and not devolved to local boards unless this comes with the funding and resources to do so**
      - 2) **Economic Development should be a key regional focus of Auckland Council not allocated to local boards who may not be in a position to be able to fund this**
      - 3) **notwithstanding the above, there should be enough resource to support any local board who do wish to fund a particular economic development role or plan**
    - B) **highlight the key importance of the completion of the Northwest Economic Masterplan which is in development, partly in conjunction with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, noting work is essential to make the most of the opening up of business land in the Northwest**
- b) **tuhi / tīpoka / 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) **tuhi / tīpoka 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) **tuku / provide feedback on any other matters requiring review as follows:**
  - i) request improved communication about the Mobile Library services which is currently allocated to the Governing Body and the opportunity for local boards to request locations within their areas
  - ii) request local board input into the Management Plan to be developed for the Platt Arboretum Greenhithe.

**CARRIED**

### **13 Draft Upper Harbour Ethnic Peoples Plan for consultation**

The Specialist Advisor, Jo Cocker, was in attendance (Via Microsoft Teams) to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/43

MOVED by Member S Yang, seconded by Member K Parker:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the draft Upper Harbour Ethnic Peoples Plan (Attachment A to the agenda report) for public consultation.**

**CARRIED**

### **14 Upper Harbour Play Plan 2025**

The Play Portfolio Lead, Jacquelyn Collins, was in attendance (Via Microsoft Teams) to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/44

MOVED by Member K Parker, seconded by Member S Yang:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

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

**CARRIED**



**15 Kōkiri Update - Hobsonville Road Cycleway Project**

The Auckland Transport Elected Member Relationship Partner, Owena Schuster, was in attendance to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/45

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **ohia / support the Hobsonville Road Cycleway project as outlined on the Auckland Transport website here: [Hobsonville Road Cycleway design](#)**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that this project delivers a key ‘missing link’ in a network of connected cycleways**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that Auckland Transport have removed the proposed raised crossings on Hobsonville Road that were originally planned due to the negative effects that raised crossings on an arterial road would have on traffic**
- d) **express disappointment that the upgrades to Oriel Avenue are not taking place, as Oriel Avenue is a key connection point between the intended Hobsonville Road Cycleway and the State Highway 16 Cycleway and request that Auckland Transport monitors safety at this area and acts swiftly if there are issues**
- e) **tono / request Auckland Transport minimises traffic disruption during construction and provide regular communication with the community and the Local Board about timeframes and disruptions.**

**CARRIED**

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

The Principal Policy Advisor, Aubrey Bloomfield and the Senior Policy Advisor, Cheryl Steiner, were both in attendance( Via Microsoft Teams) to support the item.

Resolution number UH/2025/46

MOVED by Member J Mclean, seconded by Chairperson A Atkinson:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide local board views on the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy in Attachment B of the agenda report as follows:**
  - i) **do not support the final amended Manaaki Tamaki Makarau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy**
  - ii) **support the intent of the five strategic directions, the four key principles and the three policies, however we do not have enough evidence of what this strategy means for our residents to support the whole strategy**
  - iii) **note that Whenuapai and Hobsonville are rapidly becoming densely developed suburbs and we often hear from residents about the lack of open space noting it is unclear based on this material if this strategy would result in more or less open space**
  - iv) **note that Local Boards have the responsibility to ‘acquire and determine the location and use of local parks and local sport and recreation**

facilities', however Local Boards do not have the funding or resources for this to happen

- v) express concern around the terminology and intent of 'innovative open space' and request that if the strategy is passed that there is a monitoring period to ensure that this 'innovative open space' is of high enough quality noting that even in high density areas there is a need for natural open space not just curated spaces
- vi) emphasise the importance of the change in draft strategy objective 7 regarding attempting "to acquire open space early in the development process to minimise purchase cost and ensure the land is secured for Aucklanders", noting this is a key priority especially in areas that are known to be fast growing (for example Auckland's North West)
- vii) request that Local Boards and the Governing Body are kept informed of the process outlined in clause vi) especially if there are financial difficulties in acquiring this land
- viii) express concern that the size of neighbourhood parks is decreasing in size from 3000 to 2000 sqm and request that this is increased back to 3000sqm. Within neighbourhood parks we consider that a grass space of 20m by 20m or 30m by 30m is too small

#### Pocket Parks

- ix) request that pocket parks in medium density areas should be acquired even if there is a cost to council, as they are valuable for the residents – e.g Kopuru Reserve pocket park in Whenuapai is very popular
- x) request that in medium and high density areas, that pocket parks can be within 100m of other publicly available open space if they are acquired at no cost to council, noting that in medium and high density areas we need as much green and open space as possible
- xi) support Attachment D to the agenda report, preliminary findings for improving advice to local boards and:
  - A) request that information to be provided on a suburb basis
  - B) request that monitoring against this listing of advice be routinely provided
- xii) do not support the use of streets as an alternative to green open space
- xiii) restate resolution number UH/2024/165 clause a) ii) l) from the November 2024 business meeting as follows:

*"request the opportunity for local board input into the methodology to identify future regional park acquisitions' noting that there are no regional parks in the Northwest of Auckland between Muriwai and Long Bay and recommend a future regional park is within the Northwest Region given the growth in this area"*

#### Sport

- xiv) note that the sport needs of Aucklanders are changing, and indoor sports are increasing at a fast rate, we need to ensure we keep up with investment to meet the demand for different types of sports
- xv) consider that in some instances, when supported by evidence, there should be investment in 'high performance sport facilities'
- b) tuku / provide local board views on the proposal to update 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 as follows:

- i) do not support this proposal as:
  - A) Whenuapai is the largest Future Development area close to the City Centre of Auckland and is rapidly developing
  - B) it is unclear looking at these metrics what this will mean for this area, noting that residents are often letting the local board know that they need more open space
- c) **tono / request advice from officers on what the Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy would mean for Te Onekiritea Point (Bomb Point).**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 12.58pm

The meeting was reconvened at 1.28pm

## **17 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw**

Resolution number UH/2025/47

MOVED by Member J Mclean, seconded by Member S Yang:

**That the Upper Harbour 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 Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel in its deliberations as follows:**

### **Walking multiple dogs**

- i) **do not support the proposed limit on walking multiple dogs noting that 66 percent of individuals at 70 per cent of organisations did not support the proposed change**
- ii) **request a licensing approach where licensed dog walkers can walk up to 12 dogs and that a licensing or code of conduct scheme be cost efficient for professional dog walkers to join to minimise costs passed onto clients**
- iii) **is of the view that limiting the number of dogs that a walker can take, will increase the costs substantially and fewer owners will be able to take advantage of dog walking services, noting the potential unintended consequence of this will be more dogs that are unsocialised and in need of exercise and potentially aggressive.**

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution number UH/2025/48

MOVED by Member C Blair, seconded by Chairperson A Atkinson:

**That the Upper Harbour 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.

**CARRIED**

**19 Three new public road names, two new private road names, and the extension of one existing public road name at 23-27 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai (Stage 2A and 2B, Spedding Block Precinct)**

Resolution number UH/2025/49

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member K Parker:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) whakaae / approve the following names for the three new public roads and two new private roads created by way of subdivision undertaken by Spedding Land Company Limited at 23-27 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai, in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 (resource consent references BUN60430351, SUB60430353, road naming reference RDN90121856)
- i) John Hull Road (Public Road 1)
  - ii) Rawa Nui Crescent (Public Road 2)
  - iii) Industry Drive (Public Road 3)
  - iv) Wai Rahi Road (Private Road 1)
  - v) Te Kokanga Lane (Private Road 2)
- b) whakaae / approve the extension of the existing road 'Spedding Road' (Public Road 4) created by way of subdivision undertaken by Spedding Land Company Limited at 23-27 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai, in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 (resource consent references BUN60430351, SUB60430353, road naming reference RDN90121856).

**CARRIED**

**20 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance forward work calendar**

Resolution number UH/2025/50

MOVED by Member K Parker, seconded by Chairperson A Atkinson:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) whiwhi / receive the Upper Harbour Local Board Hōtaka Kaupapa / governance forward work calendar for May 2025 – July 2025 (refer to attachment A to the agenda report).

**CARRIED**

**21 Workshop records**

Resolution number UH/2025/51

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Member S Yang:

**That the Upper Harbour Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the records of the Upper Harbour Local Board workshops held on Thursday 13, 20 and 27 March 2025 and 3 April 2025 (refer to attachments A, B, C and D to the agenda report).**

**CARRIED**

**22 Local Board Members' Reports - April 2025**

Resolution number UH/2025/52

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member S Yang:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the verbal local board members reports from Member K Parker, Member S Yang, Member J Mclean, Chairperson A Atkinson, Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch and Member C Blair.**

**CARRIED**

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.48 pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and closed the meeting with a Karakia.

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**CHAIRPERSON:**.....