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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 2 February 2010

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 February 2010, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



5 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this Agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Community Board on matters in the Waitakere Ward.



6 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum:

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting;
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time; and
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for March 2010.

Report

1. At the last Board meeting people opposed to spraying to get rid of the last of the invasive willows in the Te Henga wetland presented in Public Forum. Whilst I personally don't like aerial spraying, in this situation it was the best solution to a serious problem. Unfortunately an injunction has ruled out the spraying for this season. It was the right thing to let people know what was happening, even if this important project has been delayed a season.
2. In recent statistics, it was shown that Waitakere Railway Station has the smallest increase in patronage of any on the Western Line. It is pleasing then that Council will be upgrading the car park and station access. It is just a shame that a station upgrade is not on the horizon. The tunnel means that double tracking is unlikely from Swanson to Waitakere and I am sure that for that reason, as well as the condition of the station, many patrons choose to drive to Swanson rather than catch the train at Waitakere. Swanson Station is in great shape. I couldn't make it to the opening of the new overbridge at Swanson, but it is good to see it in action. A big thank you to everyone involved and a special thanks to Sharon Davies for her vigilance and determination to ensure that this is a facility for everyone to use with ease.

3. It is a battle to seek a better deal for our community halls. It is a tough call to expect Ratepayer groups to meet the full costs of upkeep. This is especially true for aging halls such as the Oratia Hall. The Board will need to ask for help through the Annual Plan to get their windows fixed. This should not be a community responsibility. I have pointed out before, that for most of our communities their halls are critical as they are the only community facilities they have.
4. There is to be consultation about the shape a village at Oratia might take. I hope the community is not too fatigued by all the consultation over the Local Area Plan and will make their views clear.
5. Titirangi residents are also concerned about the shape of their village. They want to maintain the scale of the current buildings and while the proposed plan change will help, it is still going to be difficult to achieve. Maintaining the visual dominance of Lopdell House; preventing a further spread of commercial premises; and keeping the vegetation are all vital.
6. Waiatarua are seeking the Board's support, not just for their hall, but also for a proposal to give them an open park. This is an excellent plan. An open park would really help strengthen this community. Knowing how good they are at organising community events I am sure there will be games, picnics and other activities once they get a site.
7. Wastewater issues are really important in the outer area. Huia has really led the way with the installation of the Wormerator disposal system at the hall. This has been a real success and a domestic trial is planned for Karekare. The developer of the Wormerator is looking to market the system through community organisations which will have a lot of benefits for communities and the environment.
8. As the remaining time for the current Council runs down we need to get as much done as possible. I was delighted that Council has voted money for road sealing. However, it was disappointing that a road in the Massey Ward claimed a higher priority than Te Ahu Ahu, or indeed any of the unsealed roads in our ward, and would be the only road done before the political changes come into effect. If the plan for road sealing was being passed to a democratic body it might not be so bad, but with transport issues to be taken away from the democratic process and handed to a Council Controlled Organisation, I have little faith it will happen. I think the term CCO belongs on a Tui's billboard: COUNCIL controlled ... Yeah Right!
9. The establishment of Council Controlled Organisations is part of the third bill on Auckland local government. It is a complicated, confused and confusing piece of legislation. In my opinion it does nothing to engender confidence that we will have an amalgamated local authority up and running smoothly by the end of the year.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP
CHAIRMAN



8 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Linda Davies
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Elizabeth Francke
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Linda Davies
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
Waitakere Ward Local Reserve Management Plan Advisory Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke Linda Davies (alternate)
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Penny Hulse
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor





9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT



RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 2 March 2010.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	<p>Footpath / Kerb Maintenance in the Waitakere Ward</p> <p>Public Forum 2 December 2008</p> <p>Resolution No. 286/2009 3 March 2009</p> <p>Waitakere Community Board</p>	<p>Service requests tentatively planned for the next three months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otitori Bay Road, Titirangi - outside No. 92 (tentative for late February 2010); • Victory Road, Laingholm - outside No. 54 (tentative for February 2010); • Wood Bay Road, Titirangi - outside No. 89 (this requires design, tentative for February 2010); and • Minnehaha and Woodlands Park Road, (to be completed in February 2010). 	<p>Canute Chandrakumaran</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8716</p>
2.	<p>Parking Stakeholder Consultation</p> <p>Resolution No. 1513/2009 3 September 2009</p> <p>Policy and Strategy Committee</p>	<p>The draft Parking Plans were adopted by the Policy and Strategy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2009.</p> <p>The changes resulting from public consultation and approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee have been incorporated into the draft Parking Plans. It is expected that copies of the final Parking Plans will be available by early March 2010.</p>	<p>Kevin Wright</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8419</p>
3.	<p>Draft Waitakere City Freight Plan Consultation</p> <p>Resolution No. 62/2010 4 February 2010</p> <p>Policy and Strategy Committee</p>	<p>At its meeting on Thursday, 4 February 2010 the Policy and Strategy Committee adopted the Waitakere City Freight Plan with changes resulting from public consultation. It is now expected that copies of the final Waitakere City Freight Plan will be available in March 2010.</p>	<p>Kevin Wright</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8419</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
4.	Grassmere Reserve, Henderson Valley Sheep Grazing Officer's Report	A letter, by way of permit, has now been prepared and sent to the owners of No. 38 Grassmere Road permitting them to continue to graze their five sheep at Grassmere Reserve for one year pursuant to sections 40 and 53(1)(o) of the Reserves Act 1977. The permit will expire in February 2011.	Stephanie Willcox  836 8000 Ext: 8305
5.	Laingholm Reserve Laingholm Playground Design Officer's Report	As part of Council's ongoing playground renewal programme, the playground at Laingholm Reserve is being designed in the 2009/2010 financial year for construction in the 2010/2011 financial year. Mail drop surveys were distributed to the surrounding community in August 2009 to obtain feedback on what equipment local residents would like in the playground. Feedback is being collated and detailed designs are being developed.	Tracy Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha / Karekare And Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	Resolution No. 1725/2004 7 September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext: 8294
Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Report	Resolution No. 1468/2005 3 August 2005 Last updated 1 December 2009	6 April 2010	Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.



10 **KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2010 - TREES FOR BABIES PLANTING PROGRAMME**

GLOSSARY

Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT)
Trees for Babies (T4B)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to secure approval of a park for this year's annual Trees for Babies (T4B) community planting in the Waitakere Ward, and to request the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

The park option recommended for Trees for Babies for 2010 has been selected based on its suitability for a Trees for Babies event, following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT) Board and Council Officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2010 Trees for Babies Planting Programme report.
2. **Approve** that Owen's Green be accepted as the confirmed venue for the 2010 Trees for Babies event in Waitakere Ward.
3. **Approve** that a representative from the Waitakere Community Board be nominated to speak at the 2010 Trees for Babies event.

BACKGROUND

1. T4B is an annual event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four wards as part of KWBT, Plunket and Council project for the past 15 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve each year.
2. Park sites for the T4B event are assessed according to the following range of issues:
 - The park's suitability to accommodate a large area of planting;
 - Proximity to a school, kindergarten or playground;
 - Good access to the park;
 - Amenity of the site (i.e. is it a nice park to be in?); and
 - Level of use and visibility to the community.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

3. The T4B event for Waitakere Ward will take place on 15th May 2010 from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.

4. A Community Board representative on the KWBT Board and/or the KWBT Programme Manager will be present at the Community Board meeting to answer any questions regarding the event.

Options Identified

5. Waitakere Community Board requested consideration of Owen's Green and Upland Glade for 2010 T4B plantings.

Assessment of Options

6. Following site visits to the parks nominated, the following assessment of the short listed sites provides details which have determined the proposed preferred option.

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
Owen's Green (Laingholm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Good parking and access Can extend the existing planting along the fence line, providing a windbreak and some shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL
Upland Glade (Huia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> too small to accommodate 100 trees to be planted for T4B no suitable site for the T4B planting

7. Based on the above evaluation, Owen's Green is considered the preferred option. Upland Glade was nominated, however it is considered to be unsuitable due to the above reasons.

Consideration of Community Views

8. There has been continued community support for the T4B planting programme as highlighted through the numbers of residents taking part in the event each year and taking an active ongoing interest in the progress of their trees. There continues to be a demand from the community for T4B opportunities within Waitakere.
9. T4B is now in its 15th year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long-term partnership between KWBT and Council. The following table summarises the popularity of the event over the past five years:

Year	Number of Trees Planted	Number of Registered Attendees
2005	400	930
2006	435	1335
2007	400	1310
2008	435	996
2009	400	1480

Preferred Option

10. The preferred option for the Waitakere Ward 2010 T4B is Owen's Green.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. The T4B project is an ongoing project identified in the Long Term Council Community Plan which contributes to achieving two key community outcomes. 'Green network' (through revegetation) and 'Strong communities' (through fostering a sense of belonging).
12. T4B is a green network project which directly implements the Council's environment strategy by enhancing park amenity. T4B is also consistent with objectives in the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan directed at empowering communities with a sense of identity and shaping and managing open spaces.

CONSULTATION

13. Community Boards were asked to submit possible sites for the 2010 T4B. From the list of sites gathered and from other options put forward by Council officers and the KWBT Board, a shortlist of suitable sites was selected.
14. Consultation with the local community adjacent to the proposed T4B sites has yet to occur. It is proposed that this consultation will occur after the preferred site is chosen.
15. Community Boards have previously commented that they would like more details on the proposed planting sites and the impact on the chosen reserve. As such, Parks are assisting KWBT by now producing planting plans for all the preferred T4B sites for use in consultation with the Community Board and local residents and to ensure implementation of the planting in the best location within the reserve and with the most appropriate mix of tree species.
- A1-A2 16. A detailed planting plan (attached at pages A1 to A2) showing the T4B site within the nominated park will be presented at this meeting. This planting plan will provide the details to undertake consultation with the local community to ensure there are no issues with the proposed planting location from a community perspective.
17. Past community consultation on possible sites has only rarely resulted in objection from the community. The planting plan will allow for amendments to be made based on community consultation that should address most of the issues related to tree size, location, and shading that have in the past been the key issues with the proposed T4B planting sites.
18. If any objection to the proposed site becomes evident during this consultation process, then it is proposed that the second highest rated option is then progressed for the T4B planting programme for 2010 as an alternative.

RESOURCES

19. Funding for T4B has been approved through the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019, as provided in the Annual Plan 2009/2010 (\$20,500) and is one of the key programmes funded by Council through the KWBT.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

20. All the implementation of the T4B planting programme is undertaken by KWBT. Planting is carried out in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice specifications and is supervised by suitably qualified experts.
21. An underplanting of low shrubs will be planted to minimise weed maintenance and weed incursion issues on the T4B site, as well as providing enhanced growing conditions for young native plants.
22. Once the T4B site has been planted and the asset information passed onto Parks Assets from KWBT, the maintenance of the planting is then carried out by Council's Parks Assets Section through a landscape maintenance contract.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

23. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Estée Farrar, Parks Community Assistance Co-ordinator, Parks Planning.



11 NOTICES OF MOTION

