

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

(Bethells/Te Henga, Waitakere Village, Swanson, Piha, Karekare, Oratia, Laingholm and Titirangi South including Titirangi Village)

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Waitakere Community Board will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 6 April 2010 **TIME: 7.00 pm**

MEETING ROOM: Council Chamber

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.



29 March 2010

Judith Moore
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

Mr	KJP	Witten-Hannah, JP (Chairman)
Ms	LE	Davies (Deputy Chairman)
Mrs	EG	Francke
Cr	PA	Hulse
Cr	PG	Mitchell
Mr	EN	Taylor

(Quorum 4 members)

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(Meeting Room could be subject to change)

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 2 March 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, Tuesday, 2 March 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 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.



6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

GLOSSARY

Waitakere Ranges Local Board (the Board)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for April 2010.

Report

1. The most exciting news of this past month has been the determination of the Local Government Commission. They listened to us! We will have a Waitakere Ranges Local Board (the Board). It will cover the area from Wairere Road in the north, down to the Manukau Harbour in the south. Glen Eden, as far as Great North Road, has been included in the Board area too. There will be six members elected to this Board. The Waitakere Ranges will be part of a larger ward for the Auckland Council electing two councillors.
2. The creation of the Board recognises the work of the ratepayers groups in our Ward. Some of these people have served their communities for years. All of them give a great deal of time to make their area a better place. Another challenge for them has been the proposed plan changes 35, 36 and 37. Having attended meetings in Oratia, Waiatarua, Henderson Valley, and Titirangi, I got an overwhelming impression that what most people want is to see things stay much the same, with a bit of fine tuning.
3. There are good things in all three plan changes, but they just seem to go too far. Oratia people were keen for a café near the dairy, on the Dragecivich property on West Coast Road, and maybe a little gallery. Plan change 35 suggests a potential 12 extra commercial premises up to 600 square metres each. With Glen Eden and Henderson a few minutes away by car, it is hard to see why so much commercial space would be needed. To make matters worse, the development rights to build commercial premises are in addition to, not instead of, existing subdivision rights conferred by the Oratia Structure Plan.

4. On Tuesday, 3 November 2010, I attended a packed War Memorial Hall meeting in Titirangi. Plan Change 37 does not reflect what I heard expressed at that meeting. People did not want an expansion of the village nor did they want three storey buildings. Consultation that is not reflected in the outcome is not acceptable. If there are strong reasons not to give effect to the results of consultation, then I believe the proper procedure would be to hold another meeting and explain the reasons to the community.
5. The haste to approve the Plan Change prior to amalgamation has meant that there has been no time for consultation with the different communities in the ranges over Plan Change 36. What the Ratepayer and Residents Associations are asking for is, not that all the work that has been done be cast aside, but that Plan Change 36 waits until the Local Area Plan process has taken its course and the communities have carried out their consultation.
6. Waitakere City Council has a strong tradition of committing to effective consultation. It would be extremely disappointing if, even with the best of intentions, Council consultation fell short of its established standards on this important issue.
7. In the last month, we have not only had the determination from the Local Government Commission, but we have also had a discussion paper from the Auckland Transition Agency on the roles of Local Boards. I find it incredible that a document of over 50 pages can say so little. It pays lip service to the principle of subsidiarity, but there is nothing concrete to give effect to it. A meeting of representatives from Ratepayer and Residents Associations was unanimous in recognising the importance of the Local Boards as a conduit between them and the Auckland Council. They identified a number of important issues that need to be addressed. Particularly important is the need for definite structured relationships between the Local Boards and the Auckland Council and between the Local Boards and the Council Controlled Organisations.
8. The structure needs to operate on two levels. There needs to be a system like the pink slip system operated by Waitakere, that ensures requests for service are responded to and there needs to be a political connection that establishes a big picture perspective, so that there is congruity between local and regional planning.
9. Of course with half the rates income going to just two Council Controlled Organisations, effective communication between Local Board and Council Controlled Organisation is also critical. It was also recognised as important for some level of democratic control that the statements of intent for the Council Controlled Organisations are written by the Auckland Council.
10. Community Boards in Waitakere have had strong relationships with Te Taumata Runanga, the Waitakere Pacific Board and the Waitakere Ethnic Board. The Local Boards will need equally strong links with their equivalents under the new structure if they are going to represent our diverse communities effectively.
11. It is concerning that there is still a lack of specifics about delegations in the Discussion Document. The point was made at the meeting that there needs to be a clear process by which the Auckland Council will make delegations to the Local Boards. There also needs to be an assurance that delegations are properly funded.
12. The Boards need not only to be properly funded, but also to be properly staffed. The boards will not be able to carry out their roles without access to expert advice. It is not evident from the Discussion Document that the required level of support will be provided.

13. The other critical concern of the Ratepayer and Residents Associations was the fate of important aspects of the Council's interactions with local communities that might be lost in amalgamation. Included were commitments to long term projects like Lopdell House and the Huia seawall. Community support through the grants to local halls and community houses and other community activities are vital to the health of our communities. So too are the Local Water Agenda Groups and established film and event protocols. We need to protect Trees for Babies and Keep Waitakere Beautiful. We also need the Local Board to be responsible for developing the remaining Local Area Plans, in partnership with the Ratepayer and Residents Associations.
14. With so many issues to talk through in the countdown to amalgamation our Ratepayer and Residents Associations are keen to continue with regular meetings. The next meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, 12 April 2010 and if deemed appropriate by our Ratepayer and Residents Associations, we will continue with monthly meetings for the remainder of our Board's term.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP

CHAIRMAN



7 **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

8 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 6 April 2010.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Footpath / Kerb Maintenance in the Waitakere Ward Public Forum 2 December 2008 Resolution No. 286/2009 3 March 2009 Waitakere Community Board	Service requests tentatively planned for the next three months include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Bay Road, Titirangi – outside No. 89 (this requires design) and should be undertaken in March – April 2010; • Victory Road, Laingholm - outside Laingholm school to be completed in March 2010; • 22A Minnehaha Rd, Titirangi - outside the Woodlands Park Kindergarten, to be completed early April 2010. • Swanson Road, Swanson (opposite railway station) planned for April 2010. 	Steve Cavanagh  836 8000 Ext: 8731
2.	Laingholm Reserve 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.	Tracy Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969
3.	Seymour Road / Parris Cross Road, Sunnyvale Proposed Roundabout Officer's Report	The road widening on the south-east corner has been completed and currently a retaining wall and footpath is being constructed. The road will then be widened on the western side of Parris Cross Road, followed by the roundabout construction. Side islands will be installed and resurfaced with asphaltic concrete. It is	Duncan Campbell  836 8000 Ext: 8019

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		programmed to be completed by mid / end April 2010 (weather permitting).	
4.	<p>Safety Issues with the Relocation of the Bus Stop at the Junction of Henderson Valley Road with Mountain and Opanuku Road.</p> <p>Public Forum 2 March 2010</p>	<p>Following a site visit on Friday, 12 March 2010 with a Council officer and a member of the Henderson Valley Road Ratepayers Association, the following issues raised in the letter dated Monday, 1 March 2010, were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relocation of the bus stop: The bus shelter at 421 Henderson Valley Road is in poor condition and cannot be relocated. A new glass bus shelter cannot be installed at 1 Opanuku Road without consent from the affected owners. As agreed on site, the Henderson Valley Residents Association is going to approach the residents at 1 Opanuku Road to see if they still object to the bus shelter, as they did in November 2008. Council will proceed once feedback on the consultation is received. 2. Bus bay on Opanuku Road: A bus bay is not warranted for the 1 Opanuku Road site and no allowance has been made in the capital works to install a bus bay at this location. 3. Removal of the sealed shoulder at 421 Henderson Valley Road: The request to remove the seal from the 3.5m wide, 20m long sealed shoulder at the obsolete bus bay has been declined. There is sufficient room for parked vehicles to remain clear of the traffic lanes. 	<p>Vicki Daley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8794</p>
5.	<p>Piha Domain Campground Wastewater System Upgrade</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>As part of Council's ongoing services renewal programme, the wastewater systems at Piha Campground and Piha Beach toilet are being designed in the 2009/2010 financial year for a major upgrade in the 2010/2011 financial year.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>

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		<p>Works will involve decommissioning the system at Piha Beach toilet and connecting into the upgraded system at Piha Campground. The upgraded system will also receive wastewater flows from the Piha Bowling Club and Piha Returned Services Association. The Auckland Regional Council is currently processing the renewal to the discharge consent. Physical works are programmed to be undertaken by November 2010.</p>	
6.	<p>Unsung Hero Awards 2010 Update Officer's Report</p>	<p>The Unsung Hero Awards (the Awards) will be held for a third and final year in 2010. The Awards celebrate individuals who make grass roots contributions to the Waitakere Community.</p> <p>Advertising for nominations for this year's Awards began in community and online newsletters, Waitakere News and the Western Leader in March 2010. The nominations period runs from 11 April 2010 – 11 May 2010. All nominations should be sent to Events and Special Projects Manager for collation.</p> <p>The Awards night is scheduled for Friday, 11 June 2010. A "save the date" meeting request has been sent to all Community Board Members, Councillors, and local Members of Parliament who are invited to this event.</p> <p>The Community Boards may like to consider promoting the concept for the Awards to the incoming Local Boards in October / November 2010, for implementation in the first term of the Auckland Council. This would ensure these contributions to the Waitakere Community continue to be acknowledged.</p>	<p>Barbara Cade ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8780</p>

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.

