

Confirmed Minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting

WHEN:

Friday 17 May 2024, at 9.30am

WHERE:

Titahi Golf Cub, Gloaming Hill, Titahi Bay, Porirua

Members Present

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair) Chris Kirk-Burnnand Quentin Duthie Sharli-Jo Solomon

Karakia timatanga

The Board Chair invited Quentin Duthie to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

1 Whakawhanaungatanga

People new to Whitireia Park Board meetings introduced themselves.

2 Apologies

Moved: Chris Kirk-Burnnand / Sharli-Jo Solomon

That the Board accepts the apology for absence from Hikitia Ropata and Caleb Ware.

The motion was carried.

3 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4 Public participation

There was no public participation.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting on 1 March 2024.

Moved: Chris Kirk-Burnnand / Quentin Duthie

That the Board confirms the Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting of 1 March 2024

The motion was carried.

6 Whitireia Park Board Audit Representation and Engagement Letters from Auditor-General

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Sharli-Jo Solomon

That the Board:

- 1 Receives the report.
- 2 Approves the content.
- 3 Agrees that the Board Chair and Board Member representative from Greater Wellington sign on Page 5 of the Representation Letter.
- 4 Agrees that the Board Chair sign on Page 4 of the Audit Engagement Letter.

The motion was carried.

7 Whitireia Park Board Accounts

Moved: Chris Kirk-Burnnand / Quentin Duthie

That the Board:

- 1 Receives the report.
- 2 Approves the content.

The motion was carried.

8 Whitireia Park Board Financial Statement for FY 2022/23

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Sharli-Jo Solomon

That the Board:

- 1 Receives the report.
- 2 Approves the content.
- 3 Agrees that the Board Chair and Board Member representative from Greater Wellington sign on Page 9.

The motion was carried.

9 Whitireia Park Restoration Group report May 2024

Robyn Smith, Restoration Group, spoke to the report. The drought had meant no planting days, but it is now moist enough to start planning for dates. The Board will be informed of the planting days dates.

One poto Estuary was trashed while the Park was closed. There is a lot of do there this winter through to summer. There will be a focus on planting between the track and

estuary to help protect the estuary, but people with dogs let the dogs off leash and the dogs leave the track and trample the seedlings. A sign is needed to educate Park users about the significance of the estuary wildlife and the importance of dogs remaining on leash.

Noted: The Board noted that four-wheel drive (4wd) vehicles have caused damage and requested that Greater Wellington staff look at solutions to minimise this damage, including the installation of a gate.

Noted: The Board noted that it had discussed the Onepoto Estuary situation and installation of signage at its previous meeting and requested Greater Wellington staff to progress this.

10 Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Taiao Update May 2024

Ashleigh Sagar, Resource Management Advisor, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, spoke to the report and advised that the Park Management Plan will be provided at the next meeting and that there was no further update to provide.

11 Whitireia Park Board Operations Report May 2024

Jordan Clear, Mobile Ranger – Western, spoke to the report.

The annual parks satisfaction monitoring will take place over a two week period. This survey will include Whitireia Park. Once completed and results collated, the Board will receive a report on the results.

Volunteers carry out most of the pest control in the Park and they are very efficient and effective. An audit of the network was undertaken and identified that some traps had not been serviced in a while, due to a lack of access from the closure of the Park and limited access.

The fire affected weed control work. In collaboration with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc, Greater Wellington will undertake aerial control of weed spraying on the escarpment. This spraying needs specific weather conditions, and one day was completed the previous week.

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Chris Kirk-Burnnand

That the Board:

1 Receives the report.

The motion was carried.

Moved: Chris Kirk-Burnnand / Jenny Ngarimu

2 Approves the retrospective granting of an appropriate concession for the still photography event noted in section 2 above.

The motion was carried.

Quentin Duthie requested his vote against part two of the motion be recorded.

Noted: The Board requested that:

- Greater Wellington staff review the questions in the Parks Satisfaction Survey to include a question on the fire response and restrictions;
- the Satisfaction Survey be sent to Board members;
- all public communications about the Park be provided to the Park Restoration Group;
- the Board be informed of the planned planting days
- Greater Wellington and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc staff review the process for the granting of concessions, particularly those that require consideration between Board meetings, and to report back on this at the next meeting.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Board Chair invited Ashleigh Sagar to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 10.36am.

J Ngarimu

Chair

Date: 30.08.2024