

# **NORTH SHORE CITY COUNCIL**

## **Report of a Meeting**

### **BIRKENHEAD-NORTHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD**

**Tuesday, 4 December 2007 at 7.00pm**

**Northcote War Memorial Hall,  
2 Rodney Road, Northcote**

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<b>Present:</b>	Community Board Members Yorke (Chairperson), Burn (Deputy Chairperson), Gillon, Holman, Tyler and Waugh
<b>In Attendance:</b>	General Manager - Community Services (L Burnett), Manager Customer Services (M Nicholls) and Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

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#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Fiona Macky told the Board that she was unhappy with the state of the playgrounds in the Harbour Ward. They were poorly resourced and maintained. Every other area of the City had lovely playgrounds. There was bark underlay in the playgrounds which was a hazard. Shepherds Park playground was unusable in winter. Several of the local parks were chained up and were inaccessible. People wanted to use the parks but they could not do that in this area. The swings were terrible. Every other area had bucket seat swings which were much safer for younger children. There were many users in the area and people wanted spongy matting and useable playgrounds. Ms Macky also suggested that an identifying mark be placed on the map on the Council website which would identify reserves with playgrounds.

The Parks Officer advised that there had been problems with motorbikes in the area of Levesque Reserve, however there needed to be a solution that would allow access for people with prams. He also advised that there was a Citywide playground survey being done at present which would be reported to the Board in the near future.

The Parks Officer was requested to ask the Playground Consultant to report to the Boards meeting on 18 December 2007 on progress with the playground survey.

**BNB-1      Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board Minutes 9 October 2007**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1.      **That the minutes of the Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board's meeting held on 9 October 2007, be confirmed.**

**BNB-2      Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board Minutes 13 November 2007**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1.      **That the minutes of the Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board's meeting held on 13 November 2007, be confirmed.**

**BNB-3      Community Board Structure**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

The Chairperson proposed that all Members of the Community Board be appointed to a Community Services & Parks Committee only at this time. This position could reviewed once the Council had fully reviewed the delegations and another Committee established if required.

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Tyler)

1.      **That the information be received.**
2.      **That the Community Board establish a Committee Services & Parks Committee and that all Members of the Community Board be Members of that Committee.**
3.      **That once Council had finalised delegations to Community Board the structure of the Community Board revisited.**

#### **BNB-4 Election of Committee Chairpersons**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

The Chairperson called for nominations for Chairperson of the Community Services & Parks Committee.

##### **Moved:**

(Waugh/Yorke)

1. That Mr Burn be elected Chairperson of the Community Services & Parks Committee.

There being no further nominations **Mr Burn** was **declared elected**.

##### **RESOLVED:**

(Waugh/Yorke)

1. That Mr Burn be elected Chairperson of the Community Services & Parks Committee.

#### **BNB-5 Delegations for Adoption - Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

##### **RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the information be received.
2. That the delegations as presented, be adopted.

#### **BNB-6 Adoption of Schedule of Meeting for the Balance of 2007**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

##### **RESOLVED:**

(Holman/Burn)

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Community Board adopt the following schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2007:
  - Tuesday 18 December 2007 at 7pm

**BNB-7      New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee elections:      Call for Nominations**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

Mr David Thornton was in attendance and stated that he believed that Mr Cohen had done a great job in the past and with a busy year ahead an experienced person should be in the position. He fully supported Mr Cohen for the position of Chairperson.

The Chairperson believed that the Board should second Mr Thornton's nomination for Deputy Chairperson of the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1.      **That the information e received.**
2.      **That the Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board supports the nomination of Mike Cohen, as Zone 1, Chairperson for the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee.**
3.      **That the Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board seconds the nomination of David Thornton as Zone 1 Deputy Chairperson for the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee.**

**RESOLVED:** (Holman/Gillon)

That item BNB.22 be taken at this point.

**BNB-22      Lindisfarne Hall - Occupation by Northcote Preschool**

Report: Chairperson Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board

Mr Tony Sharrock briefly outlined the proposal and was happy with the current recommendation.

He asked that the lease to be for 12 months as planning had to be done and could not be done if the lease was on a month by month basis. The plan was for the group to find another building to house this group within that 12 months. In 30 years in the area the preschool had never been vandalised.

Mrs Menkin advised that their lawyer was currently drawing up the papers for an application to create a community trust for this operation. There had been letters of recommendation received from many organisations and members of the public. She requested that the Board look at the situation. The school provided the lowest fees in the North Shore area and asked that the Board look at the situation of the preschool that was run on Council land in Albany. She believed the parents of the preschool were being discriminated against. She asked that these parents and children be provided the same facilities as others.

The General Manager Community Services advised that Council Officers were looking at this issue. Ultimately this decision should be referred to Council's Community Services & Parks Committee.

Mr Holman believed that the lease should be extended for a minimum of 6 months, preferably 12 months.

Mr Burn felt that the lease should be timed to coincide with the school terms.

**Moved:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the Community Board recommend to Council that expressions of interest, including those from the proposed Northcote Preschool Trust, be called for the future use of Lindisfarne Hall.

**Moved:**

(Gillon/Tyler) (as an addition)

2. That the Community Board recommend to Council that the Lindisfarne Hall Preschool be permitted to continue to provide educational opportunities for 12 months at its present location on the understanding that the expectation is that a Community Trust, on terms set out in letter from Northcote Residents Association dated 1 November 2007, be established or until a suitable facility is found in the Northcote area during that time.

Speaking to the motion:

Mr Gillon understood the concern surrounding this issue. However, preschools operated during the holidays and certainty was required with respect to teaching staff who would be difficult to retain on a short term lease. Parents would also not use the facility. There would also be disruption to the children attending the preschool. He believed that the facility offered a tremendous service. If the group was given 12 months and they undertook to look for other facilities during that time, the situation should be resolved.

The Chairperson advised that the group had already been given 18 months notice to find another location for the operation and they had not chosen to do so.

Mr Tyler believed the Board should be trying to support the community.

Ms Waugh understood that there was no proposal for land to be set aside in the plan for Northcote development to incorporate land for educational purposes. This proposal may not be a viable operation.

Mr Holman agreed that the Ministry of Education land within the area could be an appropriate option for some preschool operation. He agreed with Mr Gillon's motion. He also agreed that group had been tardy about finding an alternative location to operate from.

Mr Burn felt that this Council facility should not only serve the preschool. There were many things that were not in order were this facility and that was why Council needed to be doing the right thing with respect to the ratepayers. Council were now trying to find a solution to this problem. At that end of the day this was a commercial facility.

Mr Gillon felt that as the group had advised that they would try to find somewhere else to operate from, the suggestion at this stage was only fair.

The **ADDITION** was **PUT** and

**DECLARED CARRIED.**

The **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** was **PUT** and

**DECLARED CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the Community Board recommend to Council that expressions of interest, including those from the proposed Northcote Preschool Trust, be called for the future use of Lindisfarne Hall.
2. That the Community Board recommend to Council that the Lindisfarne Hall Preschool be permitted to continue to provide educational opportunities for 12 months at its present location on the understanding that the expectation is that a Community Trust, on terms set out in letter from Northcote Residents Association dated 1 November 2007, be established or until a suitable facility is found in the Northcote area during that time.

**BNB-8 Community Board Representatives on Outside Organisations**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

Members discussed appointments to organisations:

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Holman)

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Community Board appoint a representative/s to the organisations as listed:

Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association	
Beachhaven Birkdale Residents & Ratepayers Association	Waugh/Tyler
Birkenhead Town Centre Association	Waugh/Tyler
Community Facilities Trust Birkenhead Northcote	Yorke
Fernglen Native Plant Gardens	Burn/Yorke
Kauri Point Centennial Park & Chatswood Reserve Management Committee	Gillon
Northcote Mainstreet	Burn/Holman
Northcote Citizens Centre Trust	Yorke
Onepoto Awhina	Gillon
Shepherds Park Management Committee	Tyler
Westshore Community Arts Council (NorthArt)	Waugh/Tyler

## **BNB-9 Youth Representative on Community Board**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

In conjunction with this Mr Gillon wondered whether there was a place to recognise other groups within the community being mindful that there are no tangata whenua or island cultures represented.

### **RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. **That the information be received.**
2. **That the Community Board have a youth representative on the Community Board and any Committee which the Board may form.**

## **BNB-10 Community Board Interaction with the Community**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

The Chairperson briefly outlined the background to this issue. There was a problem with this at present as there was no permanent place for the Board to meet.

### **RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. **That the information be received.**
2. **That the Community Board set up a sub-committee comprising Community Board Members Waugh, Tyler and Yorke to investigate the matter and bring options back for discussion.**

## **BNB-11 Hearings Commissioners - Roster**

Report: Sandra O'Toole, Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

Mr Gillon indicated that he was unavailable on Friday mornings to undertake hearings.

The Chairperson asked Members to arrange a replacement if they were unable to attend their rostered time.

### **RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. **That the information be received.**
2. **That the Hearing Commissioners roster be drawn up for 2008.**

The Chairperson reopened the Public Forum.

Steven Cook spoke on the Kneijber Family of Birkenhead. The family had recently suffered a family bereavement and would like to now establish a grove of trees in memory of that family member. He briefly outlined the place that had been chosen and was hoping that the Board will permit the new grove of trees will be planted.

The Parks Officer also briefly outlined where the grove was planned and advised that he would write a report for the Board to consider at its meeting on 18 December 2007.

Item BNB.21 was considered at this stage.

#### **BNB-21 Birkenhead Library and Civic Centre Project Status November 2007**

Report: Sharron Cleghorn, Birkenhead Library and Civic Centre Project Manager

Sharron Cleghorn advised that there was never clear certainty that the resource consent would be granted on a non-notified basis however every effort would be made to ensure there were no issues associated with the building. There would be a workshop in late January 2008 with user groups to try and iron out everyone's requirements.

Mr Gillon advised that Council had lifted the designation over the carparking area to allow the building to be constructed.

Mr Holman advised that the Council had resolved that the Community Board appoint two Members to the Steering Committee and believed that the Board could appoint those members at this meeting.

Members discussed appointments.

#### **RESOLVED:**

(Waugh/Yorke)

- 1. That the report be received.**
- 2. That the General Manager Community Services and Birkenhead Library and Civic Centre Project Manager be thanked for explaining the position to the Board.**
- 3. That Mr Burn and Mrs Yorke, be appointed to the governance and Advisory Group with Mr Tyler and Ms Waugh as alternates.**

**BNB-12 Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project Inc. Monthly Report**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-13 Highbury House and Crèche Report Monthly Report**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

**RESOLVED:**

(Holman/Yorke)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-14 Onepoto Awhina Monthly Reports**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Holman)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-15 Fernglen Native Plant Gardens Monthly Report**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-16 Kauri Point Centennial Park & Chatswood Reserve Management Committee Monthly Report**

Report: Community Board Secretary - Harbour Ward

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Holman)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-17 Le Roys Bush/Little Shoal Bay Management Committee Monthly Report**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Holman)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-18 Shepherds Park Management Committee Monthly Report**

Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

**RESOLVED:**

(Burn/Yorke)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-19 Parks Update Report December 2007 Birkenhead-Northcote**

Report: Parks Officer (B Wallace)

Members briefly discussed the report. Members were impressed with the progress that was being made.

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Holman)

1. That the information be received.

**BNB-20 Aikido Yuishinkai New Zealand, Renewal of Lease**

Report: Property Management Officer (M Buchanan)

**RESOLVED:**

(Holman/Burn)

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board recommends to the Community Services and Parks Committee that the lease of Part Lot 10 DP 53310 occupied by Aikido Yuishinkia New Zealand be renewed for a period of ten years from 1 December 2007.

**BNB-23 Councillors Reports from Council Committees and Matters of Interest**

Report: Community Board Secretary (S O'Toole)

Mr Holman - delegated powers to Community Boards - report from Officers to set out where delegated powers are and outlining the legal changes - workshop with all Community Boards - each Board to work through suggestions - then Council to decide on delegations to Boards

- Chelsea Appeal - submissions close on 18 December
- Paul Thompson Communications Manager had resigned
- Regional Amenities Bill discussed
- Royal Commission on Auckland discussed
- Whenuapai Airport discussed
- Annual Plan process getting underway
- Beachhaven Wharf project moving forward
- Completion of Birkenhead Wharf - funding not available from ARTA

Mr Gillon - Regional Amenities Bill, more detailed submission

- Gateway Lighting at Onewa Interchange

**RESOLVED:**

(Yorke/Burn)

1. That the information be received.

**The meeting closed at 9.43pm.**

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**Chairperson**