
Horowhenua Lake Domain Board

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Lake Domain Board held in the Ante Room, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Monday 12 May 2025 at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Members

Mr Kevin O'Connor
Mr Charles Rudd
Mr Adrian Henare
Ms Deanna Rudd
Mr Tama-i-uia Ruru
Cr Nina Hori Te Pa
Cr Jonathan Procter
Mayor Bernie Wanden JP

Apology

Present
Present
Present
Present
Present (from 3.12pm)
Present
Present

IN ATTENDANCE

Lacey Winiata
Grayson Rowse

Manager – Parks and Property
Board Secretary

The Chairperson, Kevin O'Connor, submitted apologies for this meeting. The Committee proceeded to select one of its own as Chair person. The Board Secretary called for nominations. Ms Deanna Rudd was nominated and all voted in favour – Ms Rudd took the Chair.

1 Apologies

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Resolution Number HLDB/2025/1

The apology from Mr Kevin O'Connor was accepted, and Cr Hori te Pa noted for lateness.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Reports

Decision on Use of Better-off Funding for Horowhenua Lake Domain Works

Lacey Winiata introduced this item, highlighting areas of common agreement around options for remedial work through the Better -Off funding at Mūaupoko Park.

The Board was advised that the remains of the burnt out pout building have all now been removed. Board members discussed the remaining buildings and asked Council to obtain quotes for their removal.

The status of the rahui was discussed. There were conflicting views on whether the rahui was still in place. The status of the rahui would have an effect on whether or not work could be carried out at the Park. There was a need to ensure safety for kai mahi working at the Park and this extended to ensuring Tikanga was observed. Adrian Henare was to confirm with the Lake Trustees whether the rahui had been lifted, or whether kai mahi could be permitted to undertake work while the rahui remained.

There was a general consensus that all the suggestions for work to be done were worthwhile and needed to be progressed, however it was noted that there were only some that could be finalised by the end of the financial year and therefore covered by the Better—Off funding.

The main aim of the planned works was to tidy up the park and provide additional security.

Some concerns were raised around the status of the Mirren sites, and clarification of who owns or is responsible of these would be needed before any works commenced on these.

The safety of the buildings was also discussed. Communication was needed with the Ake Trustees before any destruction and removal of the buildings, but something would need to be done to make the buildings secure before any removal.

Charles Rudd requested his objection be noted to the Board undertaking any works on any buildings or anything else in the de-watered area as he is of the view the

Board has no jurisdiction over any of the dewatered areas.

Resolution Number HLDB/2025/2

MOVED by Cr Procter, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That the Board request Horowhenua District Council undertake the follow works funded by the Better-Off funding:

- Grounds tidy up (mow, weed spray, rubbish collection, weed-eating, paint over graffiti)
- Solar-powered security cameras and the entrance gate and at the Sea Scout building. If funds allow, consider installing a solar powered camera next to the old train station facing back to the Sea Scout building. Cameras will need to be steel encased for protection.
- Extended fencing at entrance to provide security and limit cars going around
- Installation of removable security gate – allowing the Park to be open generally, but providing a mechanism for securing the Park as needed.
- Making the Fort safe and water-blasting the playground
- Tree pruning

Subject to rahui status.

CARRIED

4.40 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF HOROWHENUA LAKE DOMAIN
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: