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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: 9 June 2023

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
15.5.23	Cyclone Gabrielle Resilience and Recovery	Looking to build a Resilience Plan which builds on the cyclone Gabrielle Recovery plan, to prepare communities for the impacts of extreme weather events, including increases in frequency and severity with climate change. The plan will include a clear set of priority actions/projects with indicative costs to build resilience for Northland. Actions will range in size from large scale projects that require significant funding, to smaller scale “easy wins” projects that can be delivered on the ground in a shorter time frame.
	Weekly CE:Mayoral catchup	
	Tokotoru Tapu	catchup with Pouawhina Manukura
	Communication & Engagement	Catch up on process for many requests for media
	CDEM agenda preview	
16.5.23	Te Kuaka wananga	Workshop on what the committee will do, how can it work effectively
17.5.23	Annual Plan Oral Submissions	
	CAPEX Q & A session for Annual Plan	
	Recovery Governance group with Minister Davis	Meeting with Minister Davis CDEM committee and members within isolated communities.
18.5.23	Council Agenda Preview	
	Pipi Patch Hearing	Popped in during a break in the day to observe the hearing in Paihia. Good to see a lot of locals watching.
	Community Response	Debrief with a community member in Hokianga over challenges during severe weather and goals going forward.

19.5.23	Kerikeri Development	Meeting with resident wishing to hear the facts on the development and the role of council
	Senior Leadership social housing staff	Met with the staff that look after customers in social housing. They shared with us their processes, where staff are located and how they deal with any issues. We shared ways of working with iwi health providers and hapū and community. It was good to hear the myth tenants are not evicted dispelled. If a location does not work, tenants are moved.
20.5.23	Nohoanga Motuhake o Te Kooti Whenua Māori - Kaiwhakawā Thomas	Wonderful to attend the swearing in of Judge Thomas of Ngati Rehia.
21.5.23	Rangitane Jetty	Met with residents and hapū to discuss the jetty and developments with the resource consent application.
22.5.23	Weekly CE:Mayoral Catchup	
	LGNZ Zone 1 Hui	Discussing which remits we will tautoko to go on this year's AGM. FNDC will receive all the remits to be voted on before the LGNZ Conference.
23.5.23	Annual Plan Workshop	
	Matawii Dam Official Opening	
	Extraordinary Council Hui	
25.5.23 – 26.5.23	LGNZ Sector meetings and workshops	Sectors Together, bringing the Metro, Regional, Rural and Provincial sectors together for two days
26.5.23	Presenting Te Tawhito – hīkoi to Te Papa Museum	Accompanying Northland artist Medina Koni with her raranga (weaving) - "Te Tawhito". It has been an honour to watch this talented local take her beautiful work to the next level. And get paid for it.
	Interim CE Interview	
	National Sustainability Showcase	Ballance Farm Environment Awards hosted by The New Zealand Farm Environment Trust.
30.5.23	Interim CE Interviews	
	Housing Portfolio	See notes below

31.5.23	Presentation to Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga	In light of recent extreme weather events, community leaders from Tairāwhiti, Heretaunga and Te Tai Tokerau were asked by Auckland University what they really need for recovery and future resilience. The conversation will aid researchers in orientating their work more effectively towards these communities and their issues. Which may present some research reports of use to hapū, iwi and communities in their resilience and retreat journey.
1.6.23	Introductions re Infrastructure Acceleration Fund	Meeting the new staff member responsible for this tranche of mahi.
1.6.23	Council hui	
2.6.23	SLT Update re Interim CE	
	Introduction to Integrated Planning & Growth Planning Team	Some familiar faces, in some new roles to address spatial, growth and master planning alongside the district plan team. A brief for elected members coming which will propose a workshop on the definition and differentiation between Spatial Planning, Master planning and Placemaking and then start working through the projects for this across the district going forward that will be picked up by the Growth Planning and Placemaking Team
	Workplace Insights	Studio DB presentation on what their spaces can do for workplace productivity and recovering from the societal issues which impacted us through the pandemic.
	Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Governance Group	Agreed in principle the scope of works document for the resilience mahi we will have purview of.
	Kaitaia Airport	I missed the workshop the previous week, so was good to have an update on where we are at. Council appetite to have an operational airport in Kaitaia stands. Prepared to work with our partners to achieve this.
	Tokotoru Tapu Catch-up	Our EA trying to organise and support Kahika and Kōwhai. It is a challenge I am sure.
6.6.23	Northland CDEM Joint Committee	Good presentation on the accumulated rainfall and tsunami alarm upgrades. Noted that there was no FNDC rep on the CEG which is held before the Joint Committee.

7.6.23	Kaikohe tangi for a wahine that has left an amazing legacy	I saw Kaikohe in it's truest spirit this week. Loads of outpouring of support and aroha for one another.
8.6.23	Business Call	Some of the districts business and agency representatives sharing what's hot and what's not, and what may need a little support from the mayors office.
	Iwi and hapū disaster preparation	Researcher seeking more information on what is needed in the way of disaster research.
	Karangahape Marae, Matangirau	Site visit to gain some understanding on a vehicle crossing consent and compliance.
8.6.23	Frank Aldridge	Pre-planning for our strategic wananga
9.6.23	Housing developments	Hui with resident wishing to share property availability and concerns over the method of engagement by Kainga Ora for Kerikeri when the time comes.

Community Matters

This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.

Topic	Comment
Kohukohu Hall	We have the interim AGM coming up. There will be 3 members appointed to this committee, in lieu of a chair being appointed later in the year, Kaikohe – Hokianga Board chair, will be the chairperson. And board member Harmonie Gundry will continue to be a committee member.
Roads	Have been assisting people with lodging RFS's under their own names, and am noticing a prompt response.
Culverts	The issue is not going away. Culvert cleaning is a huge issue. The fact some culverts have not been cleared since last year or even before then, reflects terribly on this council. Another thing not dealt with.
Water outages	We need regular reporting on our levels of service. I am noticing reports of lots of water outages. And I feel like it is more frequent. One in Opuia was recently 19 hours and I want to assess whether that meets our level of service and inquire whether it was dealt with appropriately.

Portfolio Update: (Housing Portfolio)

- Have been meeting 1:1 with residents raising concerns over the Kainga Ora consent. Was able to dispel the myths that the Clark Rd development would impact on the proposed CBD ring road. It will not. It's not going to be 6 storeys. The waitlist for Kerikeri housing is at 265

homes. Perception that social housing requires a different type of consultation, that differs from provision for higher income families. It does not.

Matters for Discussion

Are staff and elected members being subjected to more frequent derogatory comments or verbal abuse? I don't tolerate it and am calling out bad behaviour. I am on the verge of taking out a protection order on one person. I suspect as the campaigning for general elections picks up the abuse will increase. (Mostly consists of racist and sexist comments but also some name calling and accusations). Meanwhile, what is our organisation doing to ensure that staff are kept safe and managing their wellbeing?

Training / Conference Attendance

This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.

Name of Event: LGNZ Combined Sector

Date of Event: Thursday 25th May and Friday 26th of May 2023

Learnings: Key take away for me was from Girls Who Grow – 5th generation farming and now farming sustainably. She explained how her family had done this. And the role local government plays in this, and how to approach it. She recommended respect, empathy, and compassion.

Value for the organisation: On day one we had a mix of political speakers and workshops. It was all about local government influencing central government decision making. Day two we got into issues that impact our specific sector (Rural & Provincial). The funding of roads, climate change and sustainable agriculture hot topics. The value is good networking, being able to share and learn new ways of doing things. What's normal, what's not.