

Name: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: August 2023

Meetings or Event Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
12 July 2023	Puanga Night Ride	Hosted by Twin Coast Cycle Trail at the Pioneer Village. About 60 cyclists, many that hadn't been on the west end of the trail
14 July 2023	Te Tau Hou Māori Puanga Matariki Celebrations	Absolutely amazing showcase of Matariki in the Bay of Islands.
17 July 2023	Kaitaia Airport	Relationships and lease.
	CE, Kahika, Kowhai catchup	
	Affordable Housing	Regarding challenges in infrastructure enablement of housing and looking at it in a new way.
18 July 2023	LGNZ Zone One meeting	Meeting of the Zone 1 local government region (Whangarei, Northland Regional Council and the Far North)
	Northland Forward Together	Hosted by Kaipara District Council we had a presentation on the Waste to Energy proposal from specialists in the field. They talked about the different types of technology, and improvements in the tech. Also, what other countries are doing with their waste. It is waste to energy or keep feeding the methane growth with our waste going to landfill. This was followed by a session from Northland Transport Alliance and then the CE review of NTA. Which recommends each council do their own review.
19 July 2023	Waipuna a Rangi	Otiria Marae hosted. And we were introduced to Wai Tamaki ki te Hiku formerly known as Entity A. Speakers noted that councils did not want to change, and have not done a great job at implementation of and management of wastewater or drinking water. Wai Tamaki ki te Hiku will be responsible for 39 water treatment plants, 49 wastewater treatment plants, 11,000km of water supply pipes, 10,000km wastewater piped and 8,500 stormwater pipes, 47km of open channels. As per Te Mana o Te Wai, the goal is health and wellbeing of the waterways, then people, then everything else and economic use.
20 July 2023	Business Call	

	Mayor and Councillors catchup	
	Paihia Water Treatment Plant	Following on from business case project management presenting to hapū on possible sites.
	EA recruitment discussion	
	Housing Hokianga	Looking to resolve housing crisis affecting up to 177 people but needs substantial support or investment in partnership from council.
21 July 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle	Now moved to monthly.
	Nauti Penguin Licensing Hearing	My last hearing as a commissioner for the Far North DLC. Stepped back, to enable me to have more time for the role of Deputy Mayor.
24 July 2023	EA, Kahika and Kōwhai hui	
	Citizenship Ceremony	
25 July 2023	MSD Regional Commissioner	Te Hiku Alcohol Accord, Local Alcohol Policy development with the change in legislation imminent; Vaping, Housing issues and Cyclone Gabrielle recovery and resilience planning. Looking for council leadership with smoke and vape free parks, footpaths and council spaces.
	Council Agenda preview	
26 July 2023	Kawakawa Police Advisory Group	<p>Tagging mostly resolved and driving behaviours such as burnouts still ongoing. Two new recruits in the Mid North area. We got four to Northland. Re-Sport an initiative where donated sports gear can be rehomed. Launched in May, the Blues donated boots, there have also been donated balls, ripper rugby tags, tennis rackets. Head to the website for more information. You can even organise a pataka day, where you host a day where everyone brings their gear to be repurposed.</p> <p>Recruitment drive for Fire Volunteers will happen at the Kawakawa Night Market. Looking to expand the Fire Station, by going up and enabling the space for their local emergency operation centre to respond from and store a Unimog. 2030 is the Kawakawa Fire Brigade 100-year celebration. The speed limit in place at Otiria Road is not being adhered to. Police observe that there perhaps isn't enough speed signage. Looking at education campaign then enforcement. 18th October. The speed trailer has indicated 71% non-compliance.</p> <p>150-year celebration of Kawakawa Primary is on September 8th – 10th September.</p> <p>Police resignations due to number of fatalities on roads or due to harm and feeling like they are working for undertakers.</p>

	Site visit to a slip in Te Haumi	Road and land slip and its impact on pipes, power, homes and what the way forward is. Involves supporting development of a response plan in case they are cut off and works to mitigate the humps within the next two weeks. Long term solution will need to be addressed through the roading team, may involve a massive retaining wall.
27 July 2023	Business Call	Seeking volunteers to drive the community response in emergency for Kaitaia and Kerikeri.
	Water reform in the Far North	Welcomed contractors/suppliers into chambers to meet Jon Lamonte from Wai Tāmaki ki te Hiku. Where he outlined the opportunities, the benefits to our people, debunked the disinformation around 3 waters reform – and Affordable Waters.
31 July 2023	CE, Kahika, Kōwhai catchup	
	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development catchup	Portable homes in response to Cyclone Gabrielle, how we can enable.
	Mayflower Takeaways	Met in Whangarei to assist. Relocating due to storm damage and needs to know what council compliance it is going to take to get this new location approved. They have done all their food control certificates and owned and operated Mayflower for 5 years before a slip that went untended by their landlord had them in a position where they had to close.
	Rangitoto Reserve	Sought out enlightenment on this issue from staff, and look forward to the report being either on Te Kuaka or next council agenda.
1 Aug 2023	Chinese Consulate General visit	Discussed the interest in promoting commerce trade and sharing of culture and educational opportunities with our sister city Liaoning Province.
	Kāinga Ora	Have been working with GemScott to come up with something that addresses concerns around parking, open spaces.
2 Aug 2023	Kauri Dam	Meeting with mana whenua on their long-standing frustrations with council constantly pushing out this work to decommission the Kauri Dam.
3 Aug 2023	Mayor and Councillors catchup	Issues that are causing stress and elected members wanting to see resolved.
	Council hui	

	Planning engagement	Kohukohu Hall hui coming up. Hall restoration project & Heritage New Zealand requirements. Tender process and potential timeline. Funding via Council vs Lotteries Commission.
4 Aug 2023	Housing Portfolio	Building Consenting, IAF/Capital Projects information sharing sit down.
	Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee	ETS not included in terms of reference for this Committee, but FNDC have an audit of council plantation forests underway and a report coming to council in October on potential use of other council land for insetting and offsetting using the ETS. Our tangata whenua rep was not present for hui. FNDC have an ambitious plan on adaptive planning engagement with a particular community, a large scale multi issue plan due end of September. What will come out of that, is who are our most vulnerable communities. Due in January. Going to use adaptative planning to address some of the smaller issues. Four communities in January. External and internal adaptation program. Partnering with Far North Waters – looking at a flood gate just out of Paihia. Adaptive planning requires substantial resources from councils.

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.

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Stormwater issue	Marinne Place, Tokerau Beach: Mix of private and DOC ownership, still waiting on proposed design for remedy to discuss with the landowners, and confirmation of the funds to complete.
Stormwater issue	Neumann Street, Kawakawa timeline for remedy confirmed. Moerewa Stormwater project – need an update from project manager to elected members.
Mayflower Takeaways	This business was in the Ford Building in main street Kawakawa which has been impacted by a massive slip behind. Landlord appears to once again be evading doing the remedial work, and Mayflower are keen to get up and running again. They are considering another location in Kawakawa. And as was offered by staff last year, working with the business on due diligence on a new location (Fire, Code of Compliance and Food Control Plan). In lieu of a lease, a site visit to advise is not able to occur. - <u>Monitoring and enforcement need to manage that slip work before the entire building becomes a health & safety risk.</u>
Puketiti	Still waiting on Heritage status of the site.

Waiau Collective	Concerns over a consent granted. And earthworks having started. When there should be kaitiaki alongside to supervise. It is not right to rely on the landowner to report. From experience, many koiwi go unreported during earthworks.
Cycle trail at Beaufort Street	Some signs and fencing appear to be going up. Landowner has been interrupting cyclists. People are concerned about behaviour. The trust is aware and managing.
Matauri Bay	Rating of whenua Māori – hui being arranged.
Hihitahi Rise	Landslip affecting our infrastructure. Road, Pipes, and power have been impacted as the earth continues to drop. Going to take a huge retaining wall to secure everything. Including our water storage tank. Request from one landowner to be included as a category 2 property, as can't ever build on their site.
Waitangi Occupation	The council reserve which is being occupied, now has a number of make shift buildings on it. Council has been through the process of proving it is council reserve, court order for the eviction, and now the final stage is court order invoking the powers of police to do the eviction. This is likely to have an impact on unbudgeted expenditure, as council (ratepayers) will bear the cost of removing the dwellings and putting in secure fencing.

Portfolio Update: (Housing)

- Relocatable housing in response to those displaced in the severe weather events.
- Cr Kapa and I wishing to host a Housing Symposium.

Matters for Discussion

This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.

Rates increases – we need to listen to ratepayers about what they don't want to pay for. And incorporate this in to the new long term plan.