

Name: Kōwhai Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: September 2023

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
4 Sep 2023	EA Interview	
	CE, Kahika and Kōwhai catchup	Weekly catchup to stay apprised of issues or raise colleagues issues that don't seem to be getting traction.
	CE Interview	
	Meeting re the Kaitaia Airport Lease	
5 Sep 2023	CDEM Committee Meeting	Chair the bi-monthly regional civil defence emergency management hui
6 Sep 2023	Waikare River residents	High rates with no services, including road to property and needing to build a jetty for access as the residents in the papakainga age.
	Kerikeri Carbon Neutral	Climate Action staff shared what is happening – and the representatives of KCN shared some of their concerns. Carbon Calculator seems to have disappeared off our website.
7 Sep 2023	Te Huia Executive Review	Monitoring performance of the one staff member we get to hold accountable, therefore holding the organisation to account.
	Te Kuaka workshop and Hui	
8 Sep 2023	Ngā Manga Atawhai launch	Launch of the project created in response to the felled trees, and trees near lines post Cyclone Gabrielle. One of the silver linings from cyclone.
	Pōwhiri Waitangi National Trust	Pōwhiri for Ben Dalton as new Tumū Whakarae (CEO)
11 Sep 2023	Te Koukou workshop and hui	
12 Sep 2023	Mayoral Relief fund	Progressing the more complex applications
	Kaikohe Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wananga on the preferred best practicable option to upgrade plant and renew the consent and discharge to land investigations
13 Sep 2023	Council agenda preview	Reviewing agenda before printing
	Long Term Plan wananga	

	Te Maruata Hui	Future for Local Government Reform. Dealing with the issues of racism and level of violence against Māori elected members.
14 Sep 2023	Housing Portfolio	
15 Sep 2023	CE, Kahika, Kōwhai catchup	
18 Sep 2023	Pōwhiri new staff and cadets	
	Ohaeawai Community hui	Kicking off a community response plan, updating on the stormwater response from NTA, NRC and next steps.
19 Sep 2023	Kawakawa Bowling Club	Concrete wall next to the club, appears to be holding the road up, they wish to dig out next to it and concrete the lawn alongside.
	Housing on whenua Māori	Needing to workout the process for retrospective RC and BC.
20 Sep 2023	Te Ao Māori wananga	Te Tiriti wananga facilitated by LGNZ member
	Representation review	Time to look at the boundaries for our Ngā Tai Tokerau ward. Early conversations around this.
21 Sep 2023	Council Meeting	
22 Sep 2023	Taipa School Placemaking	Presentation by students on what they aspire to see on the spaces they interact with on the foreshore.
	Paihia Water Treatment Plant	Next steps for engagement
25 Sep 2023	Extraordinary Mayoral Forum	Agreement that mayoral forum will draft manifesto for incoming ministers. Sport Northland Board member replacement. Further discussion on waste to energy scoping and made minor clerical changes to terms of reference.
	Hapū Iwi aspirations for LTP Lite	Capturing some of the aspirations from iwi and hapū into the LTP Lite.
26 Sep 2023	Morrison Low	Review of realignment
	Te Hiku Community Board	Council is to note that the land surrounding the Sweetwater bore has new owners. The board is still frustrated by the lack of action on drainage Works. And the lack of enforcing the drainage bylaw (some structures along some drains, that

		if enforced at the time wouldn't be a big a problem today). Too many staff changes also, which is impacting on the drainage committees. They are seeking a workshop this side of Christmas. Lack of Building officers availability for resource consents. Lack of stormwater Works or planning for stormwater to mitigate flooding. Our LGNZ CB rep shared information on a potential remuneration review for Community board members.
27 Sep 2023	Sew Your Story	Fantastic creative initiative which has been in some of the local schools, getting registered as a charity, and becoming a sustainable enterprise.
	Kaitaia Business	Kaitaia BID rate concerns. Need to look at where the reporting mandate sits. Is it with the Business Association, or should that information be available direct from council to the ratepayer.
28 Sep 2023	Business Call	September was motorcycle awareness week. Furniture Zone closure of all stores across NZ. I need to follow up on whether BIDs organisations really need audited accounts, or can the financials be reviewed. There is a huge gap in accounting firms willing to do audits. We welcomed Josh from Farmers Kaitaia as the new chair of Kaitaia Business Association.

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	Marreine Place – will leave in here until engineering works are completed during this summer period.
Stormwater issue	Neumann Street, Kawakawa COMPLETED – this is something that was on my list last term. So YAY! Moerewa Stormwater project – need an update from project manager to elected members.
Ōhaeawai	This community has been putting up with the stormwater issue exacerbated by our footpath and lack of maintenance for decades. They are dealing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> having to take children aged 3 – 15 yrs out in the middle of the night to the public toilet, from Tennyson Street. As their toilets wont flush. For a couple properties it is after only a day's rain.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a school and a playcentre in this town. Each morning, the children go for a run, and they are running along streets that have been flooded with stormwater mixed with sewerage. • There is also a swale/drain which when full is two metres deep. There is no barricade to prevent children from running or falling into this dangerous hazard. • Council have made no attempts to remedy. • One family have done work to upgrade their onsite septic, but it has made no difference. • This is said to have well-draining soil, but the infrastructure is blocked. It is the fact that the stormwater gets stuck, doesn't have a path to flow away because our footpath is in the way, and because the drains are blocked. • Wastewater infiltrated by stormwater. <p>What they still need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culverts and blockages have now been dealt with. Still need to address the footpath. It would be really good if staff would meet with residents onsite. Or be willing to come to a meeting with Ohaeawai Residents Association. <p>What they need in the long-term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still await a meeting with Northland Regional Council flooding and rivers team to discuss the Pekapeka River and catchment as there is also the risk to the community when logs come down the river and block it, which floods the state highway. • No response re unmaintained drainage along the state highway with Waka Kotahi, whether they are doing their part towards flood mitigation on their stormwater infrastructure. <p>These issues have going on for too long and the community are prepared to work with council to address. They have already done some scoping, and if we would like them to deliver good value for money, they could make a bit of money go a long way to address on a larger scale.</p>
Mayflower Takeaways	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Monitoring and enforcement need to manage that slip work before the entire building becomes a health & safety risk. Further – concerns were raised at a stakeholders hui regarding the potential threat that slip poses, should it give way completely and cause the building to collapse and block state highway 1</u>
Puketiti	Still waiting on Heritage status of the site.
Matauri Bay	Rating of whenua Māori – tentative date for hui
Hihitahi Rise	Residents appreciate the temporary repairs, they have made a huge difference. Emergency response meeting still to come and need to make sure this road is captured by NTA – it will likely need a business case, its not a small slip.

Portfolio Update: (Housing)

Kainga Ora are setting up a reference group for the planned investments in Kerikeri, which will be jointly led by Ngati Rehia. Representatives from community groups and stakeholders have been invited to be a part of this group, as have I – which Cr Kapa stood in for me on the first hui.

Housing for the Elderly team are pulling together all the information from the presentations, and likely next options workshop with council.

District Plan hearings – Two externally appointed chairs, and they set the hearing schedules, question about “who” selects who will be on the panels. It is council, not the hearing commissioners. Logistics being worked through re venues, and ideally housing issues could be addressed up front, which could address a bottleneck in resource consent processing.

In Te Huinga, the elected members online lounge – there are monthly business reports for Delivery and Operations, really detailed dashboard reporting on the building and resource consenting compliance.

Emergency relocatable housing in response to Cyclone Gabrielle by MHUD – likely to start in December, still doing the planning assessments. Building consents will be required if going to have plumbing, and this is being worked through.

Housing strategy action plan coming to the October council meeting.

Portfolio Update: (Emergency Management)

Tsunami testing took place, and the upgrade of the alarms is underway. Northland Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) are monitoring the potential drought and our internal comms have started planning for early comms on water conservation.

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Governance group adopted the resilience plan, which I look forward to sharing with everyone as soon as final edits are made.

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.

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: Ngā Puawai Te Oneroa ā Tohe

Date of Event: Thursday Sep 28th – Saturday Sep 30th

Learnings: Three-day Ngā Puawai o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Wānanga with approximately 90 people to reach a common ground and agree on actions to regenerate and protect Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. Utilising the Future Search method - a globally recognised, large scale planning programme that brings the

‘whole system’ into the room. The object is to finish the wānanga with a clear action plan and movement to regenerate and protect Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

Value for the organisation: Council has a role to play in the implementation of the desired outcomes, so it was so good to be in the room with iwi, hapū, community, business and agencies on this huge Kaupapa. Kahika was invited as a “beach board” member, so I attended on his behalf.