

Member's Report

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Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
12.10.23	KHCB draft agenda preview	Planning for KHCB meeting, Kho
16.10.23	Long Term Plan, local issues	LTP planning with particular regard to Hokianga
17.10.23	LTP Council workshop	Priorities for FNDC work projects and budget 2024-27
24.10.23	CBEC hui online	Community Board Executive Committee online
25.10.23	KHCB monthly hui, strategic plan	Public forum, Community grants allocation,
7.11.23	Rawene Reserve meeting	Discussion with local groups on future use of Rawene Domain
8.11.23	Combined CB hui, Ngawha	Workshops on 'Nothing but Net',
14.11.23	CBEC hui online	Community Board Executive Committee online
16.11.23	FNDC Housing Action Plan	Discussion on issues and potential FNDC direction
22.11.23	KHCB monthly hui	Public forum, Community grants allocation, placemaking workshop
13.12.23	KHCB monthly hui, Ngawha	Public forum, Community grants allocation
15.12.23	Men's Shed meeting	Discussion on Men's Shed project, Rawene

Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Wastewater discharge to Hokianga Harbour	Hokianga is unanimous that there should be zero human waste to water. Hapū and communities of Ōpononi-Ōmāpere and Kohukohu will be discussing future steps, including development of the Working Groups.
Contaminated water from Lake Omapere into Hokianga Harbour	The pollution of Lake Omapere flows into the Hokianga Harbour. NRC have allocated money to create a business plan to restore the health of the Hokianga catchment. This plan should enable NRC and other organisations to attract funding to begin restoring the mauri of the Hokianga waters.

Overgrown vegetation of footpaths, drains and roadsides, Rawene	Mowing footpaths and roadsides in Rawene are not undertaken regularly enough, creating health and safety issues and anger in the community. Alternatives to Glyphosate spray have been discussed with staff, however there is no policy on this, and spraying is still done in places. Improved mowing of berms to reduce the fire hazard and other H&S concerns, the use of toxic spray or alternatives, alongside any cost implications need to be resolved.
Hokianga Community Campus access	The campus is a FNDC asset, leased by Te Puna o Kupenuku as a venue to provide education for the people of Hokianga. There are ongoing discussions around community concerns and the lease of this site.
Litter, waste, recycling	Para Kore (Zero Waste) now supports education on waste minimisation, litter, rubbish, and recycling specifically to improve the problems in our area. A new Waste Management and Minimisation plan has been developed. Less littering, more recycling by individuals and organisations, and putting rubbish out at correct times and places would improve the situation.
Traffic calming, safe accessible footpaths Rawene, Opononi and Omapere	There are ongoing safety concerns around speed, safe cycling and safe footpaths for pedestrians, push chairs and people with mobility issues. We continue to advocate for improvements. The temporary speed bumps in Rawene are in need of repair but are not going to be replaced. Waiarohia Reserve footpath remains in need of improvements for the safety of pedestrians and is an ongoing concern that needs Waka Kotahi to support as well as FNDC. Opononi and Rawene traffic safety is still of concern and we are advocating for action.
Rawene Domain	Several local groups continue to work on a collaborative plan to create a recreational hub on the Domain that will serve a wide variety of people and activities in this public space. A meeting with the various parties was held to find ways to move ahead with development. The Domain is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Animal control	Stock on roads is endangering drivers. Dogs roaming in Rawene, Whirinaki, Opononi and Omapere are a hazard, this has again been brought to Council attention.
Erosion to seawall Clendon Esp. Rwn	The hole has been temporarily filled to prevent risk to children. Community members want this to be fixed and await further information from FNDC.
FNDC assets and reserves	There are concerns about the level of service our facilities receive, such as cleaning gutters, repairs, mowing, weed control, litter. Contracts are due for renewal this year. We have fed back re appropriate levels of service in our area and await the cost implications that this may incur. 'Town-scaping', beautification and levels of service are priorities in the KHCB strategic plan.
Hapū and Community-led priorities	We have a draft KHCB strategic plan with projects prioritised and currently being costed. The draft LTP will be discussed in the next month. Hapū and communities are encouraged to feedback on the draft when it is made public in around March.
Non-notified vs Notified resource consents	There is a need for clear guidelines for communities and discussion with FNDC regarding public interest on new consents.
Safety in Community	There are widespread concerns around safety in our communities. Hokianga are seeking our own solutions. FNDC support for cameras in public spaces is being considered. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Housing	This is an ongoing crisis that needs support at all levels. Seeking guidance from FNDC to support better housing and address homelessness in our ward. FNDC is divesting Elderly Housing (Pensioner Flats) but this has not been finalised as yet.
Housing for Elderly	There is high concern around insufficient and inadequate housing for our Kaumatua Kuia.

Safe Cycling	Rawene road from the ferry to the junction with SHW12 needs to be made safe for the increasing number of cyclists we have.
Climate Change	There is a strong call for FNDC to take action on reducing emissions and supporting community resilience. Discussions with community around potential impacts and plans for climate change action are needed, particularly in areas where impacts are already being felt, such as Pakanae, Koutu, Opononi and Omapere. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Water resilience.	A scheme for FNDC subsidies on water tanks and pumps is being considered for costing. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Roads, dust, 1 lane bridge approaches	South Hokianga are asking for a higher level of service on the maintenance of all our roads, safer approaches to 1 lane bridges, improved dust control on Waima Valley road, Otaua, Waiotemarama Gorge, and sealing outside Otaua Te Kohanga Reo.
Support for Community groups	We are exploring how FNDC can support the development of the various projects and aspirations of our communities and groups across the Kaikohe Hokianga ward. This is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.
Civil Defence response	Civil Defence groups are reviewing local responses across Hokianga, looking at what support that FNDC might offer, what roles FNDC staff and Elected Members take in Emergency response. Equipping Council owned buildings that are used for emergency response with solar power and battery storage is a priority in the KHCB strategic plan.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4121926	5.12.22	Erosion of Seawall Rawene, the hole was filled to prevent risk to children, however erosion under the road is still a concern. Update needed.
4133549	3.11.22	Spray-free Hokianga wish to progress this issue, prefer mowing as an approach where possible, weedeating where necessary and organic spray as a last resort. Levels of Service re mowing roadsides need to be looked at as a part of the solution. Update needed.
4140355	27.12.22	Broken retaining wall below Parnell st, above Nimmo st E. Works to rebuild the rock and concrete supported structure have been programmed and were scheduled to commence during April. Not yet completed as awaiting funding allocation. Update is needed.
4172689	28.8.23	Enquiry re plans for dust control or tar seal on Waiotemarama Gorge rd, Pakanae end. This will be considered by Council in the 2024 Long Term Plan (LTP).
4175318	15.9.23	Paper road Hokianga Harbour Drive to Fairlie Cres, maintenance, pests, pedestrian safety. Ongoing enquiry into FNDC responsibility of mowing of paper roads, possible barriers to prevent quads and motorbikes accessing path.
?	11.10.23	Beach access from Freese Park, Omapere area in general. In support of Opononi Omapere Ratepayers Association rfs regarding the need for public access to the beach, particularly for those with mobility needs.
4181520	11.10.23	Follow up of public rfs re dangerous branch overhanging road. Contractors removed it.

?	11.10.23	Follow up on public rfs for water leak, Omapere. Chlorine testing showed that the fault was not on FNDC waterline.
4183987	6.12.23	Follow up on public rfs for water leak, Opononi. Chlorine testing showed that the fault was not on the FNDC waterline.
4186757, 4187326, 4155801	18.12.23 8.1.24	Overgrown vegetation obstructing footpaths, road edges, kerbs, Rawene. The level of service, policy around sprays in Rawene, contractors understanding of FNDC expectations needs to be resolved to prevent ongoing unmown areas causing H&S problems.
4188068	9.1.24	Follow up of public concern re water safety signage at Opononi Wharf.
4177081	10.1.24	Follow up on public rfs re cleaning wastewater drainage through private property, Rawene.

Other Issues

Concrete bollards were placed at Russell Esplanade, Rawene. Further discussion to be had around the design of the sea wall repair and bollards in this location.