



Te Hiku Community Board Member Report

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Subdivision: Doubtless Bay

Date: 21 January 2024

Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Financial contributions workshop 21 February 2024	I have a dentist appointment on that day. As I have waited over one month for it, I intend to keep that appointment so will not be at this meeting. I believe that Council should have a development contribution policy that provides funding towards footpaths, roading, water and reserves. To be used in the area where the development occurs. The council should also take the opportunity to look into giving incentives to those who install water tanks as a resilience measure.
Drainage	We discussed the drainage issues with the CEO but having been copied into emails that involve the Chair of the Drainage Committees we still don't seem to be making progress. What now?
Freshwater Plan – NRC livestock setback proposal	<p>The Board's concern as highlighted by Member John Stewart is that in the event of legal challenges, how will the NRC address these situations, and could ratepayers potentially be burdened with funding court cases? I believe clarity on these matters is essential for maintaining transparency and ensuring that decisions align with legal frameworks.</p> <p>In failing to consider the economic and social impacts of the proposal NRC is failing in its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 to provide social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities, which is the purpose of local government.</p> <p>I haven't got much confidence in the submission process based on our previous experience, but I feel that we should make a submission to show our communities that we are behind them.</p>

Paewhenua Island walk	<p>I recently did this walk with the facilities technical officer-District Facilities, John Haines, Friends of Rangikapiti and others. A shared path between the end of the current boardwalk system and Paewhenua Island is included in the Board’s strategic plan. However, the Paewhenua Island walk itself can be upgraded as a stand-alone project. I understand that a local group is interested in undertaking this upgrade and will complete a funding application. There has been interest from community members regarding this walk, including seeing it as a good place to walk dogs. If that is the case there may need to be some restrictions e.g. dogs on leashes only, as we have been advised that there are several seabirds along the track including banded rail, a pheasant-sized bird whose status is ‘declining’. Since our visit the first part of the track has been mown and a replacement bollard installed at the gate that prevents vehicle access.</p>
Arethusa walk	<p>Can we have an update on this 1.5km walk please. There has been discussion on Facebook about pedestrian safety on Lambs Road, and this should be added to the matrix.</p>
Northland Age article 10 August <i>(from my 13/08/23 report)</i>	<p>Ratepayers who have talked to me want to see resilience and repairs to existing council assets done now so that they can see what their rates are paying for. Perhaps the ‘lite LTP’ will take this into consideration.</p>
Proceeds of Crime Fund Proceeds of Crime Fund New Zealand Ministry of Justice	<p>On June 2023 we were advised by the Justice Department (attached below) that the Proceeds of Crime Fund had paused and that Covid had a major impact on revenue flows. It is now 2024 and crime has not reduced. Community Board Co-ordinator to follow up please on the status of this fund. I believe that proceeds of crime funding would go a long way to paying for street lighting that would make people feel safer.</p>
CEO discussion	<p>Prior to the Board’s December meeting we had a discussion with the CEO that covered several topics including the value of and cost to ratepayers regarding climate change and cultural enhancement when the council should instead by looking at the resilience of its core infrastructure and services. A response would be good please. RFS:4189857 raised. Also noted in a more recent email was the proposal to set up a new Infrastructure Strategy group. Will this be as well as or instead of NTA and once again can the benefit/cost ratio be explained please.</p> <p><i>Head of Infrastructure Strategy position has been created to identify and remediate complex outstanding infrastructure issues, managing financial and reputational impact whilst ensuring best for community outcomes. This position will ensure Council’s infrastructure strategy is fit for purpose, driving infrastructure work programmes, and aligned to Council’s other strategies and plans, including the Long Term Plan. The NTA remains as a separate Alliance. The benefits of having a centralised point of oversight for Alliances etc outweighs the financial cost of having this position.</i></p>

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4160114 4157755	Countless times and in my June 2023 report	Pothole Coopers Beach carpark has been the subject of at least 20 emails and has been 'fixed' at least 3-4 times. The 'fix' lasts a few weeks and then the pothole develops again. Apparently, it will be properly fixed this financial year. <i>Please leave this on here until something is done permanently.</i>

From: O'Connor, Kirsten <Kirsten.O'Connor@justice.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Beverly Mitchell Beverly.Mitchell@fndc.govt.nz
Subject: Proceeds of Crime Fund

Kia ora Beverly,

On behalf of the Proceeds of Crime Fund Secretariat, thank-you for your interest in the Fund, and for your patience as we continue to work through the next steps.

Last year we made the decision not to accept any new applications until we could be confident that there would be sufficient funds available. It was initially anticipated that this would be relatively short delay while the Proceeds of Crime Fund (PoCF) was replenished with recovered criminal proceeds.

As you will know, the PoCF is obtained through the recovery of criminal proceeds. The dual impact of COVID-19 and the global economic downturn have significantly reduced the flow of money into the PoCF. COVID-19 has had a major impact on actual and projected revenue due to significant delays in both national and international justice systems and markets. The global economic downturn has also slowed down asset disposal and reduced asset values.

In accordance with the fund's criteria, Cabinet can draw from the PoCF to support urgent justice requirements to address crime related harm to communities and improve community wellbeing. Details of initiatives funded in this way are available on the PoCF website: [Proceeds of Crime Fund | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#) (being updated later this week).

The Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Amendment Bill was passed in March 2023. This widens Police's ability to seize assets that may have been funded through organised crime. It estimated that this could generate an additional \$25 million for the fund, however this will take time to implement. Given the current slow rate of inflow into the PoCF, it may not be sufficiently replenished to support new applications until 2024.

Regular updates will be posted on the PoCF website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact PoCF@justice.govt.nz

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