

Name: Kōwhai | Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: 28 March 2024

Meetings/Events Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
22 Feb 2024	Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Komiti	
	Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Wananga	
	Solid Waste Services Contract	Consultants took us through the tender and evaluation process for Solid Waste and Community Facilities Contract.
23.Feb 2024	Minister Louise Upston	Hosted the Minister and MSD on a visit to hear how our cadets program is going and what the benefits are for employment.
	Te Whiu Hapū hui	A renewing of our relationship and review of our MoU.
24 Feb 2024	Minister Simeon Brown	Talking through some of our roading and local government challenges and how we think he can best address them.
26 Feb 2024	Waitangi Day debrief	Feedback on Waitangi Day, what went wrong, what could be done better next time.
	Kerikeri BMX Track	Local competitor interested in building one. I have referred on to staff for investigating alongside their work on what happens with the entire land at Te Puawaitanga.
	Mid-term review preparation	Hui with Kahika and staff in preparation for the workshop that I won't be able to attend.
	Whenua Māori Amendment	Implementation of the act changes. Operationally, how does it work
27 Feb 2024	Meeting with business owner	Business idea, requiring some advice around planning constraints.
	Proposed District Plan	Meeting with fellow commissioners to go through how hearings will be distributed over commissioners, locations and expectations.
28 Feb 2024	Job Explore event	Awhi for the Job Explore event with hosted schools and young people to come and take a

		look at careers, employment and training opportunities – held at Kaikohe Memorial Hall.
	Te Miromiro Assurance Risk Finance Komiti	
	Te Maruata Monthly Zui	Catch up with fellow elected members on the current issues facing Māori elected members.
29 Feb 2024	CE: Elected members	Preparation for governance to governance hui with FNHL.
	Business Call	Good catch up with Good catch up with local business representatives and agencies on how things are going.
	Te Huia – Executive Review Komiti	Review of the CE, an opportunity for collaborative conversation on the challenges, and holding the organisation to account.
	Te Aupouri MoU	Hui to discuss ways of working together, ensuring we understand what is in their settlement deed.
	Mahi Tū Whenua	Graduation of students from Impact Training.
4 Mar 2024	Opua site visit	Road drainage
	Housing Portfolio Hui	See portfolio notes below
5 Mar 2024	Council agenda preview	
	Northland CDEM	Bi monthly regional civil defence hui
	Financial Contributions	Questions around financial contributions and mitigating any possible risks
	FNHL	Working towards a resolution for long standing issue
6 Mar 2024	Combined Community Board workshop	Great workshop held at Ka Uri in Awanui. Topics included climate action, who is Northland Inc and what do they do, community board grant structure and timetabling and placemaking.
7 Mar 2024	Business call	
	Governance to Governance	Far North Holdings and Council governance together to talk through issues and the future.

	Ngati Hine Trust – MOU Hui	A great hui renewing the relationship and refreshing the desire to work together.
	Te Otawere Dam	Community BBQ and site visit and reccy on the project.
12 Mar 2024	Proposed District Plan Variation Update	Minor amendments and consideration of how to approach adding a Financial Contributions chapter.
	Extraordinary Council Hui	
	Monthly Council Hui	
15 Mar 2024	Te Pukenga Graduation	Representing the Far North and supporting residents that were receiving their tohu.
18 Mar 2024	Ngāti Rehia	Relationship hui – clarifying the role of Ngāti Rehia and the difference between the representation on spatial plan and their individual mana whenua and ahi ka preferences.
19 Mar 2024	LGNZ Zone 1 Hui	Far North, Whangarei and Northland Regional Councils as members of LGNZ come together with DIA and LGNZ to receive updates from government departments and items that LGNZ have been lobbying on.
	Northland Forward Together	Focus of our workshop was review of the Northland Transport Alliance.
	Housing portfolio catchup	With community board members based in Rawene and Omapere.
20 Mar 2024	Puketiti Discussion	Hui with hapū of Te Roroa of Pumuka's Pa in relation to Puketiti. With FNHL in attendance.
	Hawkings Cres	Is available for sale, good opportunity for a landlord acquisition for worker accommodation.
21 Mar 2024	Tumu Taupua, Kōwhai & Kahika	Catchup with CE on issues
	Wakelin Road issue	Met with rep from Outdoor Access Commission who showed how to identify what really is public access and not, via the pocketmaps app. Next step – NTA to follow up correcting the GiS layer so that it can be updated with google maps etc
22 Mar 2024	Hon Mark Mitchell, MP Grant McCallum and Northland CDEM	Site visit to where the Muti coordination emergency centre will be located and round table discussion.

23 Mar 2024	Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival	Council put in a whakangahau ropu – support team. Really awesome to be a part of this, and uphold the values of our kaunihera.
25 Mar 2024	Hapū engagement	Hui with Waka Kotahi on engaging with hapū on projects
	Citizenship Ceremony	
26 Mar 2024	Breakfast Meeting	Hui with LGNZ CE and Chair on state of play and issues they are advocating on our behalf. A chance for us to air our challenges also.
	Te Koukou Hui	Transport hui
	Te Koukou Wananga	Workshopped our submission to the GPS
28 Mar 2024	Hui with Kaitaia Community Group	Highlighting their concerns with the lack of maintenance at Kaitaia Airport. And wanting to play a proactive role in the refurbishment.

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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Kawakawa Slip	Slip at back of businesses, private landlord addressing – works well underway, Mayflower is still closed, once resolved FNDC need to investigate alleged stormwater impacting on the state highway.
Dog issues	Issues of ownership, communities want to work with council to address. Concerns have been raised about the welfare of dogs in our care, the wellbeing of officers and the lack of education in this space.

Portfolio Update: (Housing)

Council are working with MHUD re the emergency housing accommodation and consents – this is in response to the issue of substandard housing being exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle. These are going to be located across 11 marae or buildings where there is already onsite wastewater and drinking water infrastructure in place as temporary accommodation.

Staff are well connected to Te Pouahi and shared that they have approximately 90 houses in consent phase.

Kainga Ora have put the Kerikeri site on hold, but considering a number of sites across Kaitaia, Kaeo, Kerikeri and Kaikohe as part of Te Tai Tokerau being a housing priority, and addressing the housing crisis.

Project planning and gap analysis underway, looking at AirBNB, and working with Northland Inc and NRC on sharing of data and resource. Acknowledged that many iwi have their own strategies, so need to work in with them. Many have indicated a desire to work with FNDC on the housing strategy.

Discussed the Housing Expo and how FNDC could be involved again in future. The benefits of attending were – building relationships, learning who is involved in the sector and assisting in information sharing.

Staff will continue to monitor and update on opportunities to submit or provide feedback on changes in the legislation space.

Opportunity to bring Orange Sky north which may even appeal to government, addressing the homelessness crisis.

Portfolio Update: (Emergency Management)

Hosted MP Grant McCallum and Minister Mark Mitchell at the site of the new Multi-agency Emergency Coordination Centre. The Minister announced funds to meet our funding short fall. This is great news, our regional response efforts will be greatly improved, with the right sized centre in the right location. At present the operations are run out of a building located in a Tsunami zone.

Following the announcement, we had a round table discussion with the Minister, highlighting some of the issues that affected our region the most. We also shared some of the successes we saw through our experience, such as marae standing up and being a place of refuge. And we highlighted the communications and power outages experienced by majority of the region, and that some of these lasted 3 weeks.