

**Name:** Kōwhai | Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

**Ward:** Bay of Islands – Whangaroa

**Date:** 29 November 2024

### **Meetings/Events Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1 Nov 2024	Pou Herenga Tai and Great Rides Board Hui	Opportunity to meet the board of Great Rides, hosted by Pou Herenga Tai Cycle Trail Trust. Received an update on the cycle trail realignment between the tunnel and Opuā (due to be completed by September 2025); and the section between tunnel and long bridge.
	Policy Manager	Hui to resolve some issues
	Elected Members catchup	Briefing on State of the Far North
4 Nov 2024	Temu Taupua: CE catchup	
	Joint Climate Change Adaptation Hui	
5 Nov 2024	Council agenda preview	
	Far North Holdings Governance to Council Governance	
6 Nov 2024	Annual Plan 2025/2026	Workshopping capital works and operational spend, another workshop planned. As not enough reading time provided to elected members of the supporting information.
7 Nov 2024	Business Call	
	Te Huia Executive Review Committee	
9 Nov 2024	P & I Waimate Show	Te Pātukurea Engagement on the FNDC stand
12 Nov 2024	Disability Action Group – Working with those with accessibility needs	
14 Nov 2024	Council Hui	

15 Nov 2024	Hui with concerned resident	Regarding Mt Pokaka breach of RMA and Building Act. This is re the shed buildings that have been built on the peak of the maunga, not the portacom.
19 Nov 2024	LGNZ Zone 1 Hui	
	Northland Forward Together	
20 Nov 2024	Temu Taupua: CE Catchup	
21 Nov 2024	Business Call	
26 Nov 2024	Temu Taupua: CE Catchup	
	Te Koukou Hui	
	Te Koukou Wananga	
	Hui with concerned resident	Provided me with some slides which may be beneficial for groups looking at sourcing grant funding for development at Kaitaia Airport, should it be desired, in the future.
27 Nov 2024	Kaitaia Community Trails Hui	Northland Trails invited me to attend this hui. It was about the Far North Trails and how to progress these. We discussed the Walking & Cycling Strategy and how some of the cycle trails have been delivered across the region. Many have got off the ground through volunteers driving these projects. There is an expectation that because we have listed trails in a document that council will deliver these. Plans and strategies could be delivered by anyone in the community, in partnership with council. But council does not have the capacity or resource to deliver on all aspirations of the community. It is hoped that the community members that attended, may start a group to ensure momentum towards achieving delivery.
	GM Delivery & Operations	Working through outstanding issues to resolve
28 Nov 2024	Business Call	
	Te Pātukurea briefing	Focussed on the process to date. Framework document was adopted by council at beginning of this term, that has been used to come up with the multi assessment criteria. With feedback from the consultation, we will decide on a scenario or a mix of scenarios. Then that will go towards a draft spatial

		plan being developed to go out for consultation early next year.
	Waterflow	Met with Waterflow – provides onsite waste treatment systems. Looking for collaboration on behalf of the industry for a site to do testing to benchmark their systems to be template of the shelf. This may streamline onsite waste treatment consents.
29 Nov 2024	CDEM Agenda Preview	With CDEM manager, CEG chair and myself.

## Community Matters

Topic	Comment
Russell WWTP	Public works act inquiry – still work in progress
Hihitahi Rise	Investigations for Te Haumi Slip Options assessment were due to finish 27 <sup>th</sup> September, with 12 month monitoring to start in September. Hihitahi resident advocating for this mahi, contact at council has been sorted. Need to ensure funding is sought to deliver this resilience work.
Ohaeawai stormwater	Need staff to front up to the community on this issue. <b><i>They did an LTP submission, and I was assured it was in hand by staff, otherwise I would have fought for it in deliberations.</i></b>
Laundromat	Moerewa has no wastewater treatment plant. Community and hapū are concerned that a consent may be granted for discharge into the river for the new laundromat. A consent was erroneously granted. And then cancelled. Currently no consent in place. Applicant working on a new one. Protests weekly are ongoing, and there is a call for the building consent to be publicly notified, however this is a government legislation issue.
Coopers Beach Playground	RFS4172972 still unresolved. <b>No response from Infrastructure team.</b>
Kohukohu Town Hall	Concerns regarding the unsuccessful funding application. What next, for this high-profile historic hall please, ensuring it stays open, and is not degrading.
Omaunu Road	Community seeking confirmation there are plans to address resilience of this road in the future. What is the budget and timeline. Staff are working with NRC on this matter – and a response will provided to the Kaeo Flood Working group December.
Rangitane Maritime	<b>Awaiting the decision on consent, then, as per the resolution, it must come back to the table with a full picture of cost implications, should we proceed or not proceed for our final decision.</b>
Wakelin Road	Need to build relationship with the landowners. <i>To follow up a hui urgently.</i>

**Portfolio Update: (Housing)**

- Hui with onsite wastewater provider (as above)
- There is a good lot of information coming through for housing strategy early next year – housing vs tourism accommodation; rating AirBnB, how to collate data of short term accommodation and enable rating, so we have a fair approach to user pays. Staff have been working with Rotorua and Hastings and other councils, accessing information to support our progress.
- Homelessness is an ongoing issue

**Portfolio Update: (Emergency Management)**

- Section 17a review of the service level agreement between the four councils will be conducted.
- Multi agency coordination centre final agreements coming to councils for approval.
- Roll out of new Tsunami Alarms almost complete. They will be operational for next daylight saving testing.
- Funding has been allocated for spares and the shortfall, via CDEM contingency budget.
- It was highlighted that our council has a constant churn, and these interruptions cause significant frustration due to a repeating of information sharing.
- Our council does not have a local controller on staff anymore. In a regional response, we are only as strong as our weakest link. Also our council is supposed to be a backup to the other councils in case they endured a long lasting disaster. I feel like we would not be able to assist.
- We need to work with iwi to see if they have any CIMs trained staff and could become part of our pool of controllers in a significant event.