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Ward: Bay of Islands – Whangaroa

Date: 2 March 2025

Meetings/Events Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
31 Jan 2025	Council agenda preview	
	Citizenship Ceremony	Always beautiful. Especially with a haka tautoko, and a non-Te Reo Māori speaker doing our anthem in Te Reo Māori after doing her affirmation or oath!
2 Feb 2025 – 6 th Feb 2025	Waitangi Week	Attended a number of pōwhiri welcoming delegates from Iwi chairs, Judicial, local government, international representatives, central government and Te Kingitanga. Attended a number of hui advocating on the priorities of Far North, local government and housing. I am in my 5 th level of studying Te Reo Māori, all of the pōwhiri were valuable for my learning journey. And confidence with Te Reo Māori. A highlight of the week was the re-opening of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Marae and getting inside to see the reinstated carvings, with the beautiful, refurbished interior was amazing. A great week of networking and lifting of the wairua.
10 Feb 2025	Annual Plan workshop	Presented with extensive operational finance information. And an update on the work staff are doing to keep the rates increase to the planned (as per LTP), 11.3% - which still doesn't fit comfortably with me, however, this is as a result of severe weather events and also the increased roading maintenance – this was not going to pay for itself.
	Māngūngū briefing	Final preparations for council presence at Māngūngū Mission – which was the largest signing of Te Tiriti by Chiefs.
11 Feb 2025	Te Huia – Executive Review Committee	Councils' sole employee is the CE. We drive the performance of the organisation through the CE and improvements in the organisation through his KPIs, and measure his performance through reporting on his KPIs. Council has been developing new KPIs since October last year, after our CE had met the majority of his previous KPIs. Looked at the new KPIs we have been working on and looking to workshop them

		before the next Te Huia Komiti where we will adopt them.
	Local Waters Done Well	<p>We received an update on progress since the last workshop in December. Without the legislation having progressed through parliament, it feels a bit pre-emptive. Submissions closed 25 Feb. So, await next steps, but staff still working on proposed new structure for 3 waters. This will be coming out for consultation in March to the public, subject to the Act, we will be consulting on new water services delivery models https://www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-Water-Services-Delivery-Plans#FAQs</p> <p>This includes potential joint arrangements with our fellow Northland councils.</p>
13 Feb 2025	CDEM Radio Interview	Promoting having a household or business plan in place in case of emergencies.
	Council hui	
14 Feb 2025	Office of the Mayor briefing	Looking ahead, reminders for Friday notices, comms and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs updates.
17 Feb 2025	Far North Writers, Readers and Poets Festival	Early discussion with one of the planning team regarding this event coming in August, and potential role of council.
18 Feb 2025	BOI Rec Centre Advisory Group	Terms of reference being reviewed, and an MoU developed between parties over agreed usage and parameters of type of usage of the pool (learn to swim).
	Temu Tapua, Kahika, Kōwhai catchup	Quarry Rd and water outages were the key issues discussed.
	Waitangi and Māngūngū debrief	A debrief of elected members with staff, with expectation our feedback will be taken back to the Waitangi Week organising committee. Huge improvement on traffic management. Still room for improvement here and on the illegal parking situation.
19 Feb 2025	Te Miromiro	The focus of our assurance, risk and finance hui this meeting was primarily around risk.
	BOI Hockey	In preparation for the Masters Tournament

21 Feb 2025	Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board	There to listen, grateful to attend and be able to awahi members, and also be across some of the recommendations coming to the council table.
23 Feb 2025	Hockey Masters Tournament	Opening of the tournament at Lindvart Park.
25 Feb 2025	Te Koukou Komiti	Komiti hui followed by a workshop, hearing about the roading contracts, separable portion 4 – improvements and the process for the new contract going forward.
26 Feb 2025	Te Pātukurea Draft Spatial Plan workshop	After much work by the community and hapū over this last year, we are finally ready to consult on the Draft Spatial Plan for Kerikeri-Waipapa. It includes proposals to allocate 18.5 hectares of commercial land and 4.7 hectares of industrial land which follows the Housing and Business capacity assessment.
	Sportsville AGM	<p>Attended on behalf of my colleagues. Inquiries regarding mowing schedule for the fields they had an embarrassing level of service when the contract was changed.</p> <p>Pavilion – great interest in council retaining this as an asset. Do we need a resolution at council to secure this? Are the public being rated for this asset, is council paying insurance on it, and depreciating it, will there be funds starting to reaccumulate towards maintenance and renewals or is this funding going to the Sportsville operations grant. The Sportsville grant is increasing from 40k to 75k in the coming financial year – have we allowed for this in the annual plan. Note that Sportsville are establishing a Friends of Lindvart Park hui, which is going to be held Sundays (date to be confirmed, monthly). It is for the users of Lindvart Park to come together and discuss operational issues. Which are then escalated by the Sportsville chair to FNDC staff, where appropriate.</p>
27 Feb 2025	Waimamaku Housing Development	Resource consented housing project which will have a positive impact on the housing demand in Waimamaku. Facilitated the conversation between project manager and FNHL.
	Te Kuaka Komiti	
	Kerikeri Retirement Village	Participated in providing my views for perception research

2 Mar 2025	Cruzn the Bays	On behalf of Kahika. Attended and picked best classic car, best dressed Diva. Took in the great music by young band Rumpus Machine & received a lot of feedback on the Waitangi bridge congestion due to cruise ship buses and the classic cars being on the same day.
3 Mar 2025	Z Energy	Z reached out regarding our fleet, and ways that they could assist the organisation in the implementation of full EV. And also, opportunities to work together on install of public charging infrastructure, where appropriate.
	Disability Accessibility Group	Number of mobility carparking spaces under review, including designation of new parking outside the lab in Kerikeri, outside the pharmacy in Kawakawa. And the removal of mobility parking space outside the vets in Kawakawa, which is not generally used by those with accessibility needs.
	Housing Portfolio	Discussed the interim housing implementation plan. One topic that came up was integration of housing shortfall with the district wide spatial plan. And the impact of not addressing growth.
	Keikeri CBD Road Designation Process	Going over the possible options for shortlisting.

Community Matters

Topic	Comment
Russell WWTP	Public works act inquiry – progressing, still waiting for final needs assessment on the land. But it is looking like the demands of the landfill site are going to impact what the resident is seeking.
Hihitahi Rise	Need to ensure funding is sought to deliver this resilience work. Health and Safety issue with the road, and our water storage at this location. Looking for an update on the monitoring data in July please.
Ohaeawai stormwater	Need staff to front up to the community on this issue. <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>
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. Any update?

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.
Rangitane Maritime	A notice to appeal has been lodged as a placeholder, pending a decision of council.

Portfolio Update: Housing

- Workshop to inform elected members on the housing strategy progress and the Airbnb data coming late March.

Portfolio Update: Emergency Management

- Section 17a review of the service level agreement between the four councils underway.
- Multi agency coordination centre final agreements coming to councils for approval.
- Await confirmation of on staff local controller (not a contractor) and staff recovery manager.
- Have requested a hui as portfolio holder, to discuss internal CDEM policies and procedures, however this is not being actioned as it is not deemed a portfolio role. How are elected members supposed to carry out their appointed roles without support from the organisation!
- 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.

Portfolio Update: Climate Action

- Te Rōpū Aumangea Āhuarangi continues to lead FNDC's efforts in climate mitigation and adaptation, progressing the Community Adaptation Programme and emissions reduction initiatives. Engagement with Hokianga communities is underway, supported by new Kaimanaaki Hapori roles to strengthen relationships and local input. FNDC has also completed emissions inventories for certification and joined a national pilot to standardise emissions reporting. Upcoming collaboration with He Pou a Rangi – Climate Change Commission will provide further insights into regional climate challenges and adaptation priorities.