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Date: 20 January 26

Meetings Attended:

Meeting name	Date	Comments
Christmas in the Sky	13/12/2025	
Te Hiku Community Board Ordinary Meeting	16/12/2025	
Christmas in the Park	17/12/2025	

Community Issues:

Issue name	Comment
Step access on to Beach at foreshore RD Ahipara (in support of THCBM Te Wake)	<p>This is getting reported as a stair to accommodate the Sauna wrongly, there are multiple requests for better access down the rock wall to the sand from the council playground / carparks on Foreshore Rd – people risk climbing down the rocks or walking a long way from parking to the beach ramp. This is difficult for elderly and the young.</p> <p><i>To be progressed through the long term plan as there is no operational funding available to maintain additional assets.</i></p>
Council Cemeteries	<p>A host of issues raised by Sextons of the Peria, Takahue, Fairburn and Herekino Cemeteries.</p> <p>Query from the Takahue Cemetery as to how ownership of the land was “given” to the FNDC. Historic records may need to be reviewed.</p>
North Park Toilet	Ongoing issue – continued work
Ahipara Dog Issues	Roaming dogs continue to be a problem in Ahipara featuring regularly in social media posts, and also in reports to Animal Control.

Request for Service (RFS):

RFS number	Comment
4281235	<p>Walking path from Pukepoto to Kaitaia township</p> <p>It is terribly overgrown and almost impossible for one-time walkers on the road between Ahipara and Kaitaia (typically Te Araroa hikers) to know where it starts and finishes. It needs weed spraying and maintenance work down so the trail is identifiable but perhaps small or some signage indicating where it starts or runs would be helpful I've seen people in the drains walking on the opposite side of the road trying to avoid traffic on blind corners etc which is crazy when there is a footpath / goat track right there</p> <p><i>Updated 17.12.2025</i></p>

	<p><i>An update regarding your RFS about the overgrown vegetation impacting the walkway from Pukepoto to Kaitaia township. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I have referred this to our Northern Ward Technical Officer, who will engage our contractor City Care to tidy up the walkway and install signage to make it more accessible for users. We will be sure to update you once these works have been completed.</i></p>
4281741	<p>I have spoken with several of the contacts listed on the FNDC cemeteries website and have learned that the person currently shown as the cemetery contact for the Peria Cemetery is a deceased.</p> <p>I spoke with a family member, who advised that since this person passed away, the cemetery has likely been looked after either by another local individual or by the Peria A&P Association.</p> <p><i>Could someone within council please confirm who the current contact should be and provide updated details if possible? It would also be helpful to update the council website to avoid the family receiving any further upsetting phone calls.</i></p>
4281741	<p>I have not had any success contacting the person listed on the council website and other online resources as the Sexton for the Takahue Cemetery using the number provided. I have since been able to track down and speak with the current contact on a different number.</p> <p>During the conversation, I enquired about the other sexton listed on the FNDC website for the Takahue Cemetery. I was advised that this person previously held the role but passed away six years ago.</p> <p><i>As we are updating the website, could we please remove this name from the Takahue Cemetery register.</i></p>

Board Delegations Issues:

Have contacted my delegations:

Fairburn Cemetery
Peria Cemetery
Takahue Cemetery
Herekino Cemetery

After reaching out and making contact with the sextons responsible for the above four cemeteries, it was identified that two of the sextons listed on the Far North District Council website were deceased, and had been so for a number of years. This created the potential for embarrassment for both the Council and members of the public who may have attempted to contact the listed phone numbers, only to learn that the individuals had passed away.

Upon confirming this information, I contacted the families of the deceased sextons to apologise for the oversight and to assure them that the Council's website would be updated to correct the records. The listing for Peria Cemetery has since been updated; however, the Takahue Cemetery information remains pending.

I have arranged meetings with the current sextons for late January and early February to visit the cemeteries in person and hear directly about the issues affecting operations on the ground.