



**Far North
District Council**



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

Te Hiku Community Board Meeting

6 October 2020

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Mr. Darren Axe

The Houhora Residents & Ratepayers Assn. group approve of the name Northwood Park for the new sports field. It was brought up at our last meeting and it is lovely to keep a bit of history alive.

Linda Wagener
Secretary/Treasurer



TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**Member Name:** Sheryl Bainbridge**Subdivision:** Doubtless Bay**Date:** to 12 September 2020

REPORT**1) Meetings**

4 August – I was invited to attend tree planting on Rangikapiti Reserve by children from Mangonui School.

8 August – attended the presentation from Minister Shane Jones regarding funding for Mangonui.

11 August – attended Mangonui Development group meeting.

Strategic Plan workshops

2) Issues

Email and phone enquiries.

Richmond Road extension proposed footpath. I queried the wisdom of including a footpath along an unformed road in the matrix but have not heard whether it was taken on board. RFS4015252

Rangitoto Reserve – ongoing

Request to include a small reserve in Mangonui on the mowing schedule. No response received.

I have a major issue with the lack of staff responses to matters raised both during meetings and outside of meetings. We have been told that members' reports are for the purpose of letting other Board members see what our activities have been. If this is the case, we would (and do) simply communicate with each other outside of the meeting forum. Initially members' reports were set up to inform the community of what their representatives have been doing on their behalf, because it is not Board members, but communities that are being let down under the present system. Also at the beginning of this triennium, as a result of the last council being the most unpopular council that we have had for at least 20 years, there was lip service from management about the way we were all going to work together as a team and that there would be more transparency in dealing with the public. Sadly, 12 months on I see little evidence of this. In this instance, the meeting is being held in Mangonui. I have been told informally that staff will attend the meeting to discuss community planning. Community planning is very important to communities and helps to inform decisions on how funding and projects will be included in strategic plans and the Long Term Plan. Their value can be clearly seen in the strategic plan and concept plans included in the supplementary agenda for this meeting. In order to inform the Doubtless Bay community that there will be staff in attendance, I have repeatedly asked that reference to community planning be included on the agenda. The request has been ignored, as has the request for further information on local issues including Rangitoto Reserve (2 matters), and the funding application from Mangonui Lions. In addition, when requests for service are lodged, or other issues raised, we as Board members do not receive anything to say they have been dealt with.

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For example, when I raised awareness of a footpath that is proposed to go between Mill Bay Road to Richmond Road along an area that is completely unformed and covered in vegetation instead of continuing down Mill Bay Road that is used daily by many, many people, the response was that the *Integrated Transport Strategy will, through the development of criteria for prioritisation ensure that projects are practical, realistic and workable. A goal we all aim for.* This is simply defending staff's existing position without taking a blind bit of notice of either the practicality of the situation, or anything I said. I wish I could say it was the only example that I have encountered in the past twelve months but unfortunately it isn't, but is simply a reflection of culture that shows little indication of valuing its communities.

Therefore, due to extreme frustration at the lack of interaction, I intend to move a notice of motion at the next meeting that Community Board agendas include an action sheet regarding issues raised by Community Board members on their reports, and that a process is instigated so that Community Board members are appraised of the outcome of requests for service they are asked to put forward by community members. From my point of view it is not necessarily the Board that is important, it is the communities for which Boards have the mandate to represent and act as advocate for. Presently they are not being well served.

3) Resource Consents

Nil

4) Requests for Service

As above.

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