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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: 12 May 2023

Meetings/Events Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
15 April 2023	Taumārere Flood Management working group meeting	Chaired the NRC working group, which is made up of reps from Motatau to Karetu to address flooding across the catchment. Main project is the Otiria spillway which protects marae and homes from flooding and also will add route resilience for the Ngapipito and Pokapu Roads and State Highway at Turntable bridge.
17 April 2023	Wahi whakawhiti korero	Addressing issues raised around process and elected member support.
	Citizenship Ceremony	A beautiful ceremony to acknowledge Far Northians who have been here for a long time and have chosen to become NZ citizens.
18 April 2023	Te Huia – Executive Review Committee	CE resignation and process for recruitment and interim CE.
	District Plan workshop	Update on where we are in the process of notified proposed plan. To date summaries of the 566 submissions received are 95% complete, resulting in 6066 submission points. To date, 455 people have identified that they wish to be heard at a hearing representing their submissions. The next key milestone is the release of the summary of submissions and call for further submissions.
21 April 2023	MP Te Tai Tokerau Kelvin Davis	Discussion on the work we are doing re Cyclone Gabrielle recovery, and the work he is progressing in his Cyclone Gabrielle portfolio. Also facilitated discussion around the Kaitia Airport and urgency for the lease to enable investment in the main runway, residential dwelling, and terminal building. Operation of the aerodrome is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority

		(CAA), and compliance has decreased along with the material state of the aerodrome. Without a lease in place, it is not appropriate or prudent of FNDC to expend the ratepayer funds on Kaitaia aerodrome, creating significant risks to the Crown and FNDC from the on-going operational needs of users.
	Coast to Coast cat rescue	Microchipping and desexing, the cat and kitten problem in our district is huge and these volunteers are at their wits end trying to manage. Seeking funding support and advancement on a bylaw to address the issue.
	Kohukohu Hall	Reviewing bookings and planning the meeting in May.
	MHUD	Discussion on the housing crisis particularly those in substandard housing impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle.
25 April 2023	Tauwhara Marae Dawn Service	Attended on behalf of council. Cadets were in attendance.
	Kerikeri Domain	To check out the remembrance wall and how the ceremony went. One issue that was raised with me, was a missing flagpole. But this to me is not a necessity.
	Kawakawa Civic Service	Marched down the main street, lovely service at the cenotaph. The community were impressed with how clean the grounds and carpark were. But we need to remember to <i>check and repair the power outlet at the band rotunda before ANZAC services.</i>
	Waikare Marae Service	This will become an annual occurrence.
26 April 2023	Civil Defence Lessons Learnt	Wananga debriefing some of the themes of issues. Staff are collating this information and will bring it back to council with some action points.

	Te Tai Tokerau Waters Wananga	Presented to council on the next water project and the opportunity for council to tap in.
	Council agenda preview	Preview of the May Council Meeting agenda.
	Outward Bound Kotahitanga Celebration	Attended on behalf of council to acknowledge students across our district that have been able to participate in the program thanks to many donors and councils' involvement in the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Kaupapa.
27 April 2023	Business Call	
	Mayor and Councillors Meeting with LGNZ	Mayor of Wairoa, Craig Little in attendance sharing some of the challenges they are facing due to Cyclone Gabrielle. And Susan Freeman-Greene presenting the vision and voice of LGNZ and where the money goes. Our council benefits greatly by having membership of LGNZ.
	Mayor and Councillors catch up	
29 April 2023	Business & Professional Womens Dinner	Guest Speaker for the awards dinner. Speaking on equity in engagement.
1 May 2023	Turner Centre	Met with Gerry to hear his concerns on how the centre is doing.
	Love your work awards and welcome new starters	Council does Love Your Work awards. It was good to see one of our very hard-working staff be recognised for helping resolve a funding issue for a really awesome event.
2 May 2023	Assurance Risk and Finance committee	
	Briefing on Kerikeri Development	

3 May 2023	Breakfast Meeting with Northland CDEM Group and Minister for Emergency Management	Presented the recovery plan to Minister and highlighted some of the key issues for our region. Our recovery plan is the first of its kind, majority of it is community voice. It is a combined recovery plan for the region rather than individual council. And funding proposals can be built from it.
	Northland Civil Defence Forum	This is usually an annual forum for the public and our local volunteers involved in community. Opened the forum and presented our Recovery plan to the forum it highlights our main issues during the cyclone: roads, power, and comms, and who and who and how they will be addressed.
	Solartive	Trying to make access to solar power equitable. Have other councils done targeted rating in this space?
4 May 2023	Council Meeting	
	Kahiha, Kōwhai, Pouawhina Manukura	Check in on the week ahead
5 May 2023	Kaikohe WWTP Working Group hui	Cr Kleskovic and I met with the working group to get good insight on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.
8 May 2023	ERC Recruitment Panel hui	Part of the process determining which recruitment company to use
9 May 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Governance Group	Recovery plan issues and preparation of information for upcoming meetings
	Northland Regional Recovery Plan overview	Our Regional Recovery plan is being presented to recovery practitioners across the country, as an exemplar to others. Joined in on the wananga. Interesting to see a lot of interest in it.
5 May 2023	Kaikohe WWTP working group	A formally established group leading the investigation, supported by technical expertise into a Best Practicable Option

		for upgrading the plant to improve standard of the discharge.
10 May 2023	Kauri Dam	Wananga to iron out some of the delays to progressing the decommissioning of the dam. Looking forward to a GANNT chart with timelines and milestones in 3 weeks' time.
	Otiria Spillway and homes visit	After the deluge the days before and very scary evening for residents, went to check how things were. Pushes spillway work out a few weeks. Some living areas flooded, but people are ok.
	Mangamuka Network Resilience Programme	Whilst works are underway to address slips in the Mangamuka gorge – a business case is being developed for addressing resilience. This was the 2 nd of three workshops I was able to attend. It was more engagement rather than workshop. Testing the prioritisation that they have reached, of the routes Mangamuka, SH10 and Broadwood.
11 May 2023	Arvida Te Puna Waiora – Mauri Stone Blessing	Invited to participate in the placing of the kohatu (stone) for the new clubhouse at Arvida Retirement Village. Which will include a green space for outdoor sports and activities and art by Ngati Rehia. I acknowledged that the people living at Arvida have made it a community. And the far-reaching economic impacts, especially as I looked out at apprentices I know from Moerewa and Kawakawa.
	Healthy Families	Te Pūtahitanga to check out some of their mahi such as co-design of Te Amo Pūtoro, the new māra hūpara being built at the Sports Complex in Kerikeri. A community-led project aims to elevate kōrero tuku iho, narratives and stories of Ngāti Rēhia to bring a deeper meaning to activities and Tākaro Māori.

	Habitat for Humanity	Introductory hui and ensuring we know what they do (housing) and that we know how to engage with them on housing should we need to.
	Meeting with resident	Regarding concerns about Kainga Ora and their process of acquiring land and contracting out the consenting and building process.
	Meeting with resident	Disability accessibility issues and meeting the building code or permits.
12 May 2023	Site Scope	Site visit to show us the cabins they are building and sending to Tai Rawhiti as part of the cyclone response and ensuring we know what they do (portable cabins) and how they can connect into the housing system to help alleviate the housing crisis.
	Group Manager Strategic relationships and team	Progressing the stand up of Te Kuaka Komiti
	CE/Mayoral weekly catchup	Keeping abreast of items top of mind for staff and elected members
	Minister Willow-Jean Prime and our Moerewa community response group, and Chantez from NRC	Regarding the flooding this week, and update on progress of the spillway works and how it will improve things.

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.

Topic	Comment
Kerikeri development	Contacted by a number of residents embarrassed by some of the behaviour at the public meeting.
Kohukohu Hall	Usage is underway. Huge mihi to staff, and community board rep Harmonie Gundry for doing the bookings and Chair Chicky Rudkin for taking a lead. Meeting at the hall was postponed due to clash with the Rawene hui.

BOI Rec Centre	Has reopened. But not without a huge number of hours that staff have had to put into it. But I do recall the contract council tendered included hours for the management of the contract, to ensure AMP and maintenance was carried out. So we need to get things right on this, especially as the contract is coming up for renewal.
Culverts	The latest in the culvert issues – contractor put the wrong sized culvert in at Otiria Road, and it gauged out the underneath of a brand-new driveway which is now left hanging there.
Drainage committees	Noting some productive minutes from the drainage area committees. Will be keeping an eye on those action points being delivered – especially financials and the work programme
Kawakawa Slip	Slip at back of businesses, private landlord addressing but hindered by the bad weather. Has meant the Mayflower Takeaways closure for some time. Awaiting response from staff on an update on this matter. 12/5 still have not had a staff response on this. And the shop is still closed, and still has water coming from the rear of the building through the shop and to the front door and down the stormwater drain – I expect this does not help keep those drains from getting blocked.

Portfolio Update: (Housing)

- Matauri WWTP operationalisation and the delays impact on potential for housing. *Still waiting for staff response on the action to resolve this.*
- Housing for the Elderly divestment – resolution 23.3.2023 to commence workshops, and suggested a phased approach as many are empty and potentially easier to divest than others. *I will be at LGNZ hui so will miss our workshop on this. Divestment should not be for loads of money, and not all to FNHL.*
- Development Contributions - Consultants are assisting with this work: looking into the state of the information Council has on growth. A draft report will be completed week ending 21 April with a final report delivered by 28 April. *Have followed this up.*
- District Plan – district plan workshop to bring everyone up to speed on the notified plan was a good refresher! Understanding the number of hearing days for the District Plan, I am not sure any elected members will have time to be on the hearing panel.

Northland CDEM Joint Committee

- Recovery Group & Plan – signed off by governance group and launched.

Matters for Discussion

This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.

- **Parvo threat is high in our district – everyone please spread message to vaccinate your dogs. It's a killer no matter what age they are.**

Training / Conference Attendance

This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.

Name of Event:

Date of Event:

Learnings:

Value for the organisation: