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Ward: Far North District Council

Date: 17/11/23

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
17/11/23	Brynderwyns Closure meeting	Meeting Waka Kotahi, business representative, and elected members, plus local MP Mr McCallum. See comments below
17/11/23	Rawene campus Staff and CB Meeting in Kaikohe	
16/11/23	Council Meeting	Large number delegations
16/11/23	Housing Action Plan	
15/11/23	DIA Waters Transition Workshop	Update to Council of the progress so far. There was a lot more content on details, showing what is expected of the 3 waters entities, what their role is and how they will work with councils and communities. There is still a lot of uncertainty, especially with the change of government.
14/11/23	I-Site Libraries Presentation	Marian Reed from LGNZ gave a great presentation showing the importance of libraries and how their purpose is moving towards providing a safe and versatile place for all ages. They are becoming community centres.
14/11/23	LTP Workshop	
14/11/23	Health and Safety Risk Workshop	
13/11/23	PHTTCCT (cycleway) Trust Meeting	We had a presentation showing design options for the reinstatement of a cycleway alongside the Kawakawa-Opuia railway line.
9/11/23	Business Call	Was meant to be cancelled but a few of us attended. Concerns raised about the potential closure of the Brynderwyns.
8/11/23	Combined Community Board workshop	Held at Mahinga, Ngawha Innovation Park
8/11/23	PVK	
8/11/23	Ngakahu Steering Group Meeting	Meeting held online to discuss issues and progress the decommissioning of the dam. Several resolution were agreed upon and a

		report of the meeting was tabled at the 16 th November Council meeting. The resolutions are planned to formally come to the December Council meeting.
7/11/23	Te Ao Maori Committee Meeting	
7/11/23	Cycle Trail Executive Meeting	Attended on line; had to leave early because of meeting clashes
7/11/23	FNHL/ FNDC Statement of Intent Workshop	
7/11/23	Risk Workshop	General discussion of council risk framework, supporting reporting and identification of key risks
7/11/23	Localism Advocates	Online meeting from advocacy team at LGNZ. I'm really pleased the level of support for greater local decision making.
3/11/23	LGNZ Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Fly back Wellington-KKI	
2/11/23	Future for Local Government	Second session on the Future for Local Government. This time we got into more detail and I was encouraged to see a good understanding of the issues and problems local government is facing. In a workshop the group I was with put together a very positive strategy for short term and long term goals that would address many of the noted issues.
1/11/23	Strategic Projects Cycleway Trust	Strategic focus on how the Trust can better market the trail, assist the establishment of local businesses, and better open and fix the damage to the Trail from storm events.
1/11/23	Executive Review Committee	
1/11/23	Informal Council Catchup	General catchup with mayor and councillors
1/11/23	Flights to Wellington	Future for Local Government Part 2
31/10/23	Te Miromiro, ARF Committee meeting	
31/10/23	Business Association chair, and CEO Nth Inc catchup	Very productive catchup

31/10/23	Northland Inc Presentation, in chambers	Role and work that Northland Inc does across the whole Far North was covered; also, how all four Councils working together provides a far greater cohesive voice to central government. It was also stressed that Nth Inc needs to be involved at the community level.
30/10/23	Te Koukou Transport Committee Meeting	
30/10/23	Kaikohe & Districts Sportsville Meeting	
26/10/23	Business Call meeting	
25/10/23	Kaikohe Community Board	
19/10/23	Council Meeting	
18/10/23	Northland Inc, Far Nth Holdings discussion	Covering background information with CEO
17/10/23	Long Term Plan Workshop	Chambers
17/10/23	Pioneer Village Board Meeting	Pioneer Village

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.

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Brynderwyn Closure	<p>The north has been hit hard with the reduction in visitor numbers. The hoped for improvement in visitor numbers this season is being put at risk by the planned works on the Brynderwyns beginning in February with the closure of the road. This time of the year is the peak time for visitors in the BOI. A delay of a few weeks would help greatly.</p> <p>In addition it has been estimated that the daily cost to the Far North economy of closure would be something like \$2M.</p> <p>We must stop short term reactive thinking and think proactively. The fix on the Brynderwyns is likely to slip again in future weather events.. An alternative eastern 4 lane bypass, that would create a permanent fix and reduce travel times as well, has been proposed by some. Also it can be built without disruption to normal traffic flow.</p>
