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Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
5/12/22	Manaaki Tinana, Men's Shed, Sailing Club Rwn	Use of Rawene Domain, how FNDC and KHCB can support development of community projects
13/12/22	Rwn Volunteer Brigade and FNDC walk onsite fire hydrants	Issues identified with FNDC staff.
14/12/22	KHCB public meeting, NTA footpaths	Community grants, public forum, NTA systems and processes for footpaths priorities.
14/12/22	Omapere Opononi Ratepayers and Residents Assoc.	Beach access, water issues, traffic calming, rates review water and wastewater, community safety.
19/12/22	KHCB Strategic Planning hui	Developing values, goals and objectives for the KHCB to support community aspirations.
17/1/23	Weka Trust, Waimamaku	Community concerns and questions re the Waimamaku area.
23/1/23	Te Puna o Kupenuku, Hokianga Community Campus	Whakawhanaungatanga, where the HCC is currently at, and looking ahead.
25/1/23	Takapau Wananga Launch with Hauora Hokianga	Supporting Kahika Moko as one of the Sth Hokianga representatives at the launch of the Rural, Integrated and Maori Health programme that has begun at Hauora Hokianga.
5/2/23	Pākinga Pa	Celebration of the return of the whenua to hapū.
5/2/23	Waitangi	Pōwhiri for Parliamentary Parties at Waitangi.
8/2/23	Opononi Omapere Ratepayers	Local issues, update on KHCB work.
9/2/23	Manaaki Tinana, Men's Shed, Trek's for Kids, Sailing Club Rwn, Pump Track	Discussion on current and future use of Rawene Domain
9/2/23	Rawene Ratepayers and Residents	Local issues, update on KHCB work.
24/2/23	Engagement for Decision makers workshop	Engagement strategies for Local Govt

Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Wastewater discharge to Hokianga Harbour	The hearing for the resource consent renewal for Omapere Opononi and Kohukohu WWTP has been postponed until May. The Rawene WWTP was allocated funding through the Better Off Fund Tranche 1, with support from FNDC, Te Kahui o Taonui and Te Mauri o Te Wai. Kaikohe WWTP discharges to Hokianga.
Contaminated water from Lake Omapere into Hokianga Harbour	Community concern re the ongoing pollution of Lake Omapere, which flows into the Hokianga Harbour. Need for clarity on the role that FNDC has or should have in this issue. Note that the Lake was identified as a drinking water source for Kaikohe when drought threatened to leave the town without water. Money was earmarked for treating the water at that time.
Spraying of roadsides, Rawene	In March 2022 NTA looked at alternatives to Glyphosate spray. The FNDC Strategic Planning Policy Team are working on a Trees & Vegetation Policy that covers agricultural use by Council. Ideally any Policy outcomes would be aligned for inclusion in the 23/24 Annual Plan (in terms of budgetary considerations).
Hokianga Community Campus access	There are concerns from the wider Hokianga community regarding the current situation and future of the HCC. The FNDC Campus liaison group met with members of Te Puna o Kupenuku to begin to work through the issues.
Litter, waste, recycling services	There is ongoing concern in South Hokianga around litter, rubbish, burning, dumping and recycling. There is a desire for signage, education, and support for communities to be informed and empowered in this issue. Better waste and recycling services needed in Waimamaku. Local E-waste collection. We have asked for people to feedback on the review of the FNDC Waste Minimisation Plan.
Public access to beach Omapere.	Omapere residents would like to know when beach access opposite Opononi Area School will be reinstated to the public.
Traffic calming, Rwn, Opononi and Omapere	There are ongoing safety concerns. FNDC staff trying to negotiate with Waka Kotahi to bring construction forward to 2023/24.
Footpaths Rawene	There are ongoing safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists.
Pakia Hill footpath above Pioneer walk	Unsafe for pushchairs, people with mobility issues
Rawene Ferry traffic	There are ongoing safety concerns, especially in the summer and around school buses.
Animal control	Dogs roam in Rawene and Opononi Omapere, need for support on this issue.
Fire Hydrants	We are happy to report most hydrants in South Hokianga are locatable, visible and functional.
Erosion to seawall Clendon Esp. Rwn	The hole has been temporarily filled to prevent risk to children. Awaiting the permanent maintenance to the hole.

Hall, Library Rwn, FNDC assets	There are concerns about the level of service our facilities receive, such as cleaning gutters, repairs, mowing. Community members would like access to maintenance plans.
Freese Park, Lucy Baxter Reserve, Gundry st reserve maintenance, upkeep	There are concerns about the level of service our parks and reserves receive, such as mowing, weed control, litter, covers not replaced safely, drains that don't drain, playgrounds that are not repaired nor suitable for young children. Community members would like access to maintenance plans.
Engagement with FNDC, understanding process.	As representatives we are working to find out how our area can get improved service from FNDC and share this information with our people. We are working with FNDC to better understand and work with South Hokianga, also to follow the aspirations in Community Plans where possible. We have called for a 'wish list' that people have for their places and spaces to feed into the South Hokianga CB Strategic Plan and the KHCB strategic plan, which will be prioritised for inclusion into the Long Term Plan.
Non-notified vs Notified resource consents	This is an ongoing issue. There is a need for clear guidelines for communities and discussion with FNDC, with regard to public interest on new consents.
Safety in Community	There are widespread concerns around safety in our communities, particularly after the ram-raids, burglaries, dangerous driving and car thefts over summer. There are calls for cameras to be placed in public areas to improve safety and traffic calming measures.
Housing	This is an ongoing crisis that needs support at all levels. This issue has been made worse by Cyclone Gabrielle.
Housing for Elderly	Concerns have been raised around the maintenance, upkeep and wait-list at the Omapere Pensioner flats, and management of the Rawene and Waima pensioner flats.
Safe Cycling	Rawene road from the ferry to the junction with SHW12 needs to be made safe for the increasing number of cyclists we have.
Climate Change	There is a strong call for FNDC to take action on reducing emissions and supporting community resilience as the effects of climate change become more apparent. Solar power on all FNDC buildings is one action that can be taken.
Roads, dust, 1 lane bridge approaches	South Hokianga are asking for a higher level of service on the maintenance of our roads, safer approaches to 1 lane bridge at Taheke, and truck safety for Taita 1 lane bridge and slip repair Taita rd. Grading Opara rd to continue to end of public rd. Improved dust control needed on Waima Valley road and in Otaua. Repairs are sometimes unsatisfactory e.g Ohuri rd repair left a dip instead of flat seal.
Cars abandoned, particularly in waterways	The responsibility of cars near/in tidal zones has now been clarified: FNDC is the lead agency for recovery of abandoned vehicles that are not on a State Highway (including Coastal Marine Area and freshwater bodies). Members of the public to contact FNDC to report.
Emergency response	Cyclone Gabrielle and the flood event in January highlighted the need for emergency response plans and resources in Hokianga.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4121926	5.12.22	Erosion of Seawall Rawene. Health and Safety concern for swimmers, children. Ongoing, however the hole was filled to prevent risk to children.
4133549	3.11.22	Spray-free Hokianga wish to progress this issue and look forward to the updates from FNDC.
4139641	9.12.22	Vegetation Parnell st Rawene: this has been mowed, however the debris were left on the road, which later blocked the grate downhill, causing flooding after heavy rain.
4140355	27.12.22	Broken retaining wall below Parnell st, above Nimmo st E. Works to rebuild the rock and concrete supported structure have been programmed and currently scheduled to commence during April.
4141350	10.1.23	Flooding near #137 and #97 Parnell st: Ventia checked and respond that they <i>"do not believe these assets require inclusion longer term on our established vulnerable drainage list for weather events, however, ... they will be included in the short ... before being reconsidered, to help determine if there remains to be ongoing issues here."</i>
413961	16.1.23	Opononi Hall trip hazard. Following up from previous rfs's put in by members of the public and Kowhai Kelly Stratford. I believe work has been undertaken to fix this and other maintenance at the Hall.
4144373	19.1.23	Gundry st overgrown, manhole cover not replaced properly. The manhole has now been replaced properly.
4144572	1/2/23	Taita Rd slip in danger of becoming unpassable due to the high rainfall. Request to prioritise the maintenance of this slip.
4147998	23.2.23	Broken road sign on Rawene rd just before the Rawene junction.
4147995	23.2.23	Abandoned and burnt out car at the Rawene junction.
4147279	21.2.23	Fallen tree on the track that follows the paper road between Marmon st E and Marmon st W in Rawene.
tbc	26.2.23	Enquiry re the role FNDC has regarding land use, resource consents, monitoring, or other relevant aspects to Lake Omapere and the ongoing pollution to the water, and the effect on the Hokianga Harbour.

Other Issues

Cyclone Gabrielle highlighted the need to ensure all areas have an **emergency response plan**. Several marae and community groups have enquired about potential support and/or funding for emergency response equipment.

Concrete bollards were placed at Russell Esplanade, Rawene. The next step is a quick planning assessment to make sure of the land ownership / zoning as it is right on the coastal line, this will set the timeline for replacements bollards.