

Member's Report

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Date: 18.4.23

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting	Comments
1.3.23	Hui Hapori, TKKM o Hokianga	Discussion on the increased violence, meth use and community support and safety.
2.3.23	KHCB Strategic Priorities planning	Strategic Planning workshop to feed priorities into Long Term Plan.
3.3.23	KHCB Extraordinary meeting	Community grants that were delayed due to Cyclone Gabrielle.
9.3.23	Rawene Ratepayers and Residents Assoc.	Update on emergency response, update on Wastewater in Harbour, and Hearings due in May, listened to local concerns and projects.
13.3.23	Nga Ngaru o Hokianga Takiwa hui	Via zoom: update on KHCB Strategic Planning process and work to date, Wastewater into Hokianga.
15.3.23	KHCB Monthly Meeting	Public forum, Community grants, management committees, workshop with Northland Transport Alliance to discuss roading and footpath work.
29.3.23	Rawene Civil Defence and Rawene Hall	Debrief emergency response to cyclone Gabrielle, plan for Civil Defence response.
30.3.23	Community Board Executive Committee	Wellington, first hui to discuss strategic priorities for CB across NZ, CB conference planning, keeping Far North at decision making table.
5.4.23	Waipuna-a-Rangi Three Waters	Discussion on Three Waters Entity A and relationship with FNDC.
12.4.23	KHCB Monthly Meeting	Public forum, Community grants, management committees, workshop re Far North Trails.
12.4.23	KHCB Strategic Plan	Strategic Planning workshop to feed priorities into Long Term Plan.

Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Wastewater discharge to Hokianga Harbour	The hearing for the resource consent renewal for Omapere-Opononi and Kohukohu Waste Water Treatment Plant to be held 15-19th May at the Rawene Hall, Rawene.
Contaminated water from Lake Omapere into Hokianga Harbour	The pollution of Lake Omapere flows into the Hokianga Harbour. What actions FNDC can take around this issue? Note that the Lake was identified as a drinking water source for Kaikohe when drought threatened to leave the town without water, but the water quality was too poor to treat effectively.
Spraying of roadsides, Rawene	Alternatives to Glyphosate spray; we are waiting on a Trees & Vegetation Policy that covers agrichemical use by Council and any budgetary implications the options may have.
Hokianga Community Campus access	The FNDC Campus liaison group continues to work through issues around maintenance and use of the Campus, updates pending.
Litter, waste, recycling services	Litter, rubbish, burning, dumping and recycling; residents seek support for education and infrastructure to improve this problem.
Public access to beach Omapere.	FNDC staff are looking into the reinstatement of public beach access opposite Opononi Area School.
Traffic calming, safe accessible footpaths Rawene, Opononi and Omapere	There are ongoing safety concerns around speed, safe cycling and safe footpaths for pedestrians, push chairs and people with mobility issues.
Rawene Ferry	The ferry will be off the water from May 1 st , for as long as a month. There is widespread concern around how this will affect business, travel, staff and hospital patients. There are ongoing safety concerns around the parking and traffic for the ferry, especially in the summer and with school buses.
Rawene Domain	Several local groups are working on a collaborative plan to create a recreational hub on the Domain.
Animal control	Dogs roam in Rawene and Opononi Omapere, need for support on this issue.
Erosion to seawall Clendon Esp. Rwn	The hole has been temporarily filled to prevent risk to children. Still awaiting the permanent maintenance to the hole.
FNDC assets and reserves	There are concerns about the level of service our facilities receive, such as cleaning gutters, repairs, mowing, weed control, litter. Community members would like access to maintenance plans.
Hapū and Community-led priorities	We are developing 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	There is a need for clear guidelines for communities and discussion with FNDC, regarding public interest on new consents.

Safety in Community	There are widespread concerns around safety in our communities. A hapori hui was called at TKKM o Hokianga to find solutions. What support can FNDC provide?
Housing	This is an ongoing crisis that needs support at all levels, what can FNDC do to support better housing in our ward?
Housing for Elderly	Concerns have been raised around the maintenance, upkeep, and wait-list at the Omapere, 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.
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 bridges, improved dust control on Waima Valley road and Otaua, sealing outside Otaua Te Kohanga Reo.

Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
4121926	5.12.22	Erosion of Seawall Rawene, the hole was filled to prevent risk to children, however erosion under the road is still a concern.
4133549	3.11.22	Spray-free Hokianga wish to progress this issue and are waiting on updates from FNDC.
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.
4144373	19.1.23	Gundry st reserve is now on the maintenance list again, the manhole has been placed properly.
4144572	1/2/23	Taita Rd slip; Status is Priority 1. Application has been put to Waka Kotahi for funding. Awaiting a further 6-8 weeks for Waka Kotahi to review the site and decide on funding.
4147998	23.2.23	Broken road sign on Rawene rd just before the Rawene junction; fixed.
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. NRC staff have responded with some updates and data.
4153469	2.4.23	Pensioner Flats; waitlist criteria, units available, # of people on waitlist, status of divestment plans, available support for local housing crisis.

4153470	6.4.23	Septage from trucks into Rawene Ponds; where is the septage coming from, how much is offloaded into Rawene, which other WWTP take septage in the Far North.
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Other Issues

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.

Community safety is an increasing concern for many people in our community. Hui Hapori are underway to address the issue as hapū and community.