



# Te Hiku Community Board Member Report

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## **Meetings Attended**

Date	Meeting
13/02/2024	THCB monthly meeting – Te Ahu
16/02/2024	Te Ahu Charitable Trust meeting
22/02/2024	Draft Freshwater plan meeting
24/02/2024	Kaeo 2-lane bridge opening

## **Community Issues**

Issue name	Comment
Financial contributions workshop 21 February 2024	I was unable to attend. What has been decided?
Drainage	What is happening here please. Affected farmers are sick of paying rates and having the council do little.
Freshwater Plan – NRC livestock setback proposal	About 30 people attended, mostly concerned farmers who are unsure if they can afford to continue to operate if these plan changes go through. Obviously, this will impact on supporting businesses, schools, clubs, volunteers etc.
Draft Regional Land Transport Plan review	To take place on 12 March. I will give a verbal update.
Hihi Bridge	The council was going to put in a long diversion but after community outrage have decided they will look at options including a temporary bridge. Cr McNally suggested making the bridge 2-lane while they were on the job but no doubt that would result in requirements for resource consents meaning further delays. Time to look at making things simpler.

Joint CB meeting	The agenda should be set by the Chairs and relevant to our concerns and issues.
Northland Age article 10 August (from my 13/08/23 report)	Ratepayers who have talked to me want to see resilience and repairs to existing council assets done now so that they can see what their rates are paying for. Perhaps the 'lite LTP' will take this into consideration.
Proceeds of Crime Fund <a href="#">Proceeds of Crime Fund   New Zealand Ministry of Justice</a>	<p>In November 2022 we were advised by the Justice Department that the Proceeds of Crime Fund had paused and that Covid had a major impact on revenue flows.</p> <p>The letter from the Justice Department said that it anticipated progress in the new year (2023) It is now 2024 and crime has not reduced. Can we follow up please on the status of this fund.</p> <p>I believe that proceeds of crime funding would go a long way to paying for street lighting that would make people feel safer.</p>
CEO discussion	<p>Prior to the Board's December meeting we had a discussion with the CEO that covered several topics including the value of and cost to ratepayers regarding climate change and cultural enhancement when the council should instead by looking at the resilience of its core infrastructure and services. <b>A response would be good please.</b></p> <p>Also noted in a more recent email was the proposal to set up a new Infrastructure group within FNDC. <b>Once again can the benefit/cost ratio be explained please.</b></p>

## **Requests for Service (RFS)**

RFS number	Date	Comment
Various		There have been an unprecedented number of RFS for vegetation control and several approaches re. roading.