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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

Date: 30 June 2026

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
02/06	Kawakawa Domain Update	Discussion with staff, concerns with leases not being done, annual reports not acknowledged and annual grant not paid
	Debrief Local Government Reform	FNDC steering group members debriefing and preparing for next steps
03/06	Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management	Regular hui
04/06	Proposed District Plan q&a session	Able to ask questions of clarity in preparation for the decision hui next week
05/06	LGNZ Head Start	Online briefing
08/06	Catch up with governance	
09/06	Te Huia Hui	Chief executive performance hui, adoption of KPIs and general employment reports (annual leave and sick pay)
10/06	Local Government Reforms	Workshop
	Local Alcohol Policy	Workshop with agencies
	Proposed District Plan	Q & A session for elected members
11/06	Extraordinary Council hui	
12/06	Wananga Waioara & Climate Summit	Climate Wananga
16/06	Te Koekoeā hui	Council controlled organisations hui
17/06	Te Koukou hui	Online
18/06	Hui with ratepayer	
	Turner Centre	Board hui

23/06	Long Term Plan	Workshop
24/06	Housing Portfolio	Catchup on portfolio topics. Good updates.
25/06	Council hui	
	Local Government Reform	Catch-up amongst FNDC steering group members and staff
26/06	Te Kūkupa agenda preview	
	Waters Steering group briefing	

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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Kawakawa housing project behind Star Hotel	Concerns over lack of engagement with community and the potential flood impacts on surrounding properties
Body corporates	Number of stormwater issues from 3 different sites, two in Paihia, one in Kaikohe. Need a procedure developed for operations and governance to handle these queries.
Unmaintained roads	Toots Drive, Lily Pond Lane, Powells Road have council infrastructure located on and need to be maintained. Our policies are limited ability to address this.

Te Kūkupa Kōmiti: Strategy, Policy and Regulatory Committee Chair

- Advancing the committee work programme, including the proposed Local Alcohol Policy and preparing for the adoption of Proposed District Plan

Te Huia: Chief Executive Performance

- Adopted new KPIs, with a plan to finalise feedback on the previous years.

Portfolio Update: Community Trust, Participation and Engagement

- No meeting this month, however managing my responsibilities in this portfolio by countering misinformation.

Portfolio Update: Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee

- Please see website for next funding drops closing 4th August 2026 and 3rd November
<https://www.fndc.govt.nz/District/funding/creative-communities>

Portfolio Update: Housing Delivery & Partnerships

- Awaiting draft of Housing Strategy

Council Appointment: Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee

- **Emergency Management Bill (No. 2) 2025** progressing through the final stages of Parliament, replacing the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002..
- Ongoing regional coordination around **readiness, response, recovery and community resilience**.

Council Appointment: Pou Herenga Tai – Twin Coast Cycle Trail Trust

- Kawakawa to Opua realignment the key focus. Still need a lease for the Kawakawa-Opua portion. No maintenance, urgent health & safety concerns. Planning a public hui to discuss the realignment.

Council Appointment: Te Tai Tokerau Joint Climate Change Adaptation

- Spoke at Wānanga Waioara/Climate Summit regarding our Joint Regional Adaptation Strategy which was co-designed by council and hapū & iwi reaffirming the “all-in” response that’s needed to address the challenge that climate change poses to our region. Also talked about emergency management preparedness and acknowledged all the mahi of those that respond and provide manaakitanga over and over in these frequent severe weather events.

Council Appointment: Turner Centre

- Continued engagement with the Turner Centre in my Council-appointed role.
- Board Chair Carol White stepped down as a trustee to pursue other passions. Kylie Mooney takes over as Chair at the end of this month.
- I continue to advocate for the Turner Centre to be recognised as a strategic asset - it is an important piece of social infrastructure for the wider Far North, bringing people together through arts, performances, exhibitions, school productions and community events

Council Appointment: Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Working Group

- Works planned to recommence in spring when conditions improve. The project remains on track for completion before Christmas, subject to weather.
- Once complete, the approximately 500m realignment is expected to reduce flood depths in Kāeo township by up to 0.5m during a 1-in-100-year flood event.

Council Appointment: Taumarere River Working Group

- Nothing to report, no meeting this month

Council Appointment: Te Puāwaitanga Sports Hub

- Board still working through the draft constitution. Three key health and safety concerns regarding the operating of the hub, which are being worked through appropriate channels.
 - Lack of drinking water
 - The speed limit outside the entrance
 - The unsealed portion unavailable for carparking