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**Ward:** Bay of Islands - Whangaroa  
**Date:** 31 April 2026

**Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
01/04	Council Meeting	
02/04	Remuneration Authority	Appeal review
14/04	Te Pīpiwharauoa Committee for External Appointments	
14/04	Statement of Intent for Northland Inc	
15/04	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
15/04	Workshop - Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
16/04	Group Monthly Operational Briefing	
20/4	Extra-Ordinary Meeting	
21/04	Te Koeokoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations	
23/04	QV Re-evaluations Update	
25/04	ANZAC Day Parade - Kerikeri	Laid a wreath
29/04	Council Meeting	Safety Concerns – Code of Conduct laid

## **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.*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Te Kuaka Committee Structure	I questioned unelected iwi and hapū representatives having voting rights on Council committees.
Governance Transparency	I investigated concerns about committee decisions changing before reaching full Council.
Notices of Motion	I lodged multiple Notices of Motion seeking greater transparency and governance reform.
LGOIMA Compliance	I challenged delays and inconsistencies in Council information request responses.
Ministerial and DIA Engagement	I prepared evidence and correspondence seeking government intervention in FNDC governance issues.
Strategic Relationships Spending	I scrutinised grants, donations, and strategic engagement spending for transparency and value.
FNHL Statement of Expectation Issues	I challenged missing amendments and inconsistencies in FNHL governance documents.
Auditor General and Ombudsman Complaints	I gathered evidence for complaints about governance and transparency failures.
Public Communications and Media	I developed public messaging, media content, and social media campaigns on governance issues.
Code of Conduct Issues	I dealt with multiple Code of Conduct and chamber behaviour matters.
Privacy Breach Concerns	I pursued concerns about an alleged privacy breach involving my personal information.
Infrastructure and Rates Issues	I raised concerns about potholes, infrastructure funding, and financial pressures on ratepayers.
Government Submission Processes	I questioned how Council submissions to central government were approved and managed.
MWaR Agreement with Ngāpuhi	I analysed and challenged the MWaR agreement, focusing on governance, consultation, and democratic accountability concerns.
Rates Rebates	Unacceptable process – Needs to be modernised and efficient.
Moringahau Reserve	Processes involved

- **Attended 17 Resident/Ratepayers meetings from Kaitaia, Rawene, Ngawha, Waipapa, Kerikeri, Taupo Bay, Paihia, Opuā.**

**Portfolio Update: (Name of Portfolio)**

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**Matters for Discussion**

*This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.*

- All items on Community Matters List

**Training / Conference Attendance**

*This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.*

**Name of Event:**

**Date of Event:**

**Learnings:**

**Value for the organisation:**