



Far North  
District Council

*Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki*

**LTP 2021-31**

**COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS  
AND GENERAL  
FEEDBACK**

**RAWENE 25 MARCH**

**BROADWOOD 30 MARCH**

**HE ARA TĀMATA  
CREATING GREAT PLACES**  
*Supporting our people*

## Navigating Our Course - March 2021

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### Rawene community meeting

25 March 2021

#### ROADING AND FOOTPATHS

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- Distinction between NZTA and FNDC budget for road (subsidies)
- Sandi Morris – pedestrian crossings 11 March meeting. Report due 8 April next meeting. She is looking at how soon it can be done in this financial year.
- Footpath from hospital to town vs Mangonui Boardwalk
  - Why is it taking so long?
  - Foot passengers from ferry
  - Not just Rawene's path – it's an access way for all to hospital

#### FUNDING

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- No mechanism to understand what is available to fund projects – can we access information on a community basis? Not just ward.

#### WATER SECURITY

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- Water security – storage tanks and concession against rates for those that do – request for support to install programme.

#### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING VS COUNCIL MAINTENANCE

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- Policy on volunteerism relating to district facilities – struggle to maintain Council owned facilities.
- Access to CB good but they are exhausted
- Empowering the community boards/localism
- Community picked up council maintenance jobs during lockdown
- Capturing opportunities for people to work e.g. PD
- Rates – levels of service. Methods of rating
- Discussed concept of a large council with a local footprint – Wigan deal [What is The Deal? \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/what-is-the-deal/)

#### WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

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- Sewage sludge is transferred from Russell to Kaikohe – why?
- Land-based discharge wanted. Limits of consent not acceptable for Rawene. \$600-900 per household – conversation around how we make this affordable.
- Reference work of Te Mauri o Te Wai – continue the discussions

#### VEGETATION, MOWING AND SPRAYING

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- Glyphosate not wanted in Rawene. Is there a new way doing things? Council support to use other tech – CB Committee to deal with it
- Maintenance on verges? Issues on levels of service – e.g. courthouse verge and the garden maintenance. Underperformance of contractors. Publishing contractors activity on the website so we can be transparent. Maintenance schedule should be published.
- Shouldn't have to record an RFS to get regular maintenance done
- Fire station mowing is not being done consistently

## DISTRICT PLAN

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- Overview from Greg
- Heritage site extension
- Notable trees - North Island hibiscus Clendon House? Planted by George Grey. 4 nominated trees included (crown land). Street numbers awry.
- Significant Natural Area (SNA) mapping incorporated in draft district plan – mailout to affected landowners to seek feedback on draft SNA maps to then allow for incorporation into proposed district plan which is to be notified prior to the end of the year.

## ATTENDEES

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### **Councillor**

- John Vujcich

### **Community Board Members**

- Louis Toorenborg

- Emma Davis

- Allan Hessel

### **Far North District Council Staff**

Shaun Clark, Will Taylor, Sheryl Gavin, Greg Wilson, Rachel Ropiha, Melissa Parlane, Catherine Langford

### **Rawene Community**

Udo Rupprecht, Dawn Reid, Janine McVeagh, Jessie McVeagh, Lorene Royal, Eru Wano, Tina Quitta, Peter Reid, Dave West, Joanne Barrett, Leonie Robinson, Tom Evans, Janet Nixon, David Mason, John Mancer, Aranne Donald, Paul JonGenelen, Nopera Pikari, Anja Pohler

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## Broadwood Community Hall

30 March 2021

### COMMUNITY INTRO

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- Meeting as an opportunity to air concerns, especially for those who find it hard to contribute to council processes
- Aiming to draw attention to Hokianga's smaller communities. Reps from across the North Hokianga present.
- Asks the question: **what are Council plans for Broadwood and surrounds and how do the council perceive this area compared to the rest of their area.?**

### COUNCIL INTRO

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Catherine Langford – Council is here to listen and to share information about key projects

Dr Dean Myburgh - covers role of local government, interest in localism and giving voice to smaller communities, albeit with challenges to prioritisation

Ana Mules – presented on role of Community Development team, and their commitment to support a “plan by place” approach.

Matangi Te Wake – youth council, connection to community

Ken Ross – encouraging smaller communities to raise their voices

Kathryn Trewin – funding opportunities

Mia Haywood – here to address finance/rates queries

Keith Kent – representing NTA and listening out for roading issues

Councillor Moko Tepania – echoes commitment to supporting the communities, hearing their needs and expands on his role as a Councillor

Community Board Member Emma Davis - represents the communities, committed to getting your voice heard

### COMMUNITY VOICE

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June Hick presents on behalf of Broadwood community. Points out they have a widespread rural community, range of demographics, decile 1 school. Feels that communications is haphazard at best, dishonest at worst. Serious lack of knowledge of the area, and lack of inter-agency or inter-council communications (even between Council and its staff and contractors) and refusal to listen to local knowledge. Key things picked up:

- Safety barriers on road (or lack of)
- Slips not registered properly
- Swingbridge

- Dismantled housing / rubbish clearance
- Bridge G11 drop off
- Fund allocations – no transparency
- Cell phone tower – secrecy on contract, then installed and it's too low
- Cost of fibre optic cable - \$15k unaffordable
- Disenfranchised, disillusioned, disempowered.
- **Please listen.**

## OPEN FLOOR

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Attendees added further points:

- Laurie Copland asked why an inspection needed to be done on a privately owned hall, inspection?
- Toilet block – needs adequate signage and lighting, plus potholes fixed so cars can stop there
- Road maintenance and culverts – programme these in joined up way and share that programme
- Maraea Herbert spoke at length about unsafe roading in Pawarenga and Council not addressing the right sections – RFS after RFS. Commended Keith Kent on his visit, but emphasized they are dealing with poor state of roading, vegetation, culverts, unmarked dangerous blind spots - safety. Clay slides, hazardous for buses. Can the community manage their own services?! Challenged use of te reo Maori in District vision when the integrity is not there.
- Trish Campbell spoke to issues in Mititimiti and read a letter from Linda Rudolph, principal of Te Kura o Matihetihe. Bumps on road not safe for kura students, they have been injured. RFS submitted. Rectify conditions immediately.
- Swing bridge – a \$120k estimate to replace. Why so hard? Can we source funding?
- Community willing to get involved to improve their own backyard.
- Mangamuka Gateway to the Hokianga. Toilets – no funding, feasibility study
- Attendance on marae meetings – hapu, treaty partner – important. How do you support communities that don't have ability / infrastructure to talk to Council?
- Concern re Fn2100 – how 80 year plan will accommodate hapu management plans? Interdependence.

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### **Ad-hoc feedback from Kerikeri**

Kaeo resident (18 March 2021):

- Sustainability and central government rules dictating what they can and cannot do (DP and FN2100)
- Representation in Kaeo – not sufficient

Patrick (super shuttle driver/owner)

- Why can we not negotiate the fire station to move from Kerikeri township – to the airport. Traffic flows in town are an issue .... Could put in a taxi rank / bus outlet where the fire station currently is.
- Why did we remove the pedestrian signs in town – cars and pedestrians are now in conflict
- When will we extend the airport – major complaints he is hearing is that tourists are not keen to be bussed / have to travel on more than one plane – make the airport an international one
- Reduction in road signs seems to have increased police activity (revenue gathering). Querying why Wiroa Rd to airport is 60 kms.

### **Ad-hoc feedback from Kohukohu**

Pani Hauraki:

- Proper maori engagement at hapu level – iwi are corporates and not representative of the local voice.
- Need to have more people who speak te reo as the original language of our nation;
- Need financial support for marae – rates go to cemeteries but what about maori cemeteries;
- Being charged for water that we collect from the sky benefits the town, but not the people who have tanks – same for septic disposal. Why should they have to pay (and pay twice when talking about septic)
- There is nothing for remote settlements – fibre broadband is not available in the Hokianga.
- Pani is in favour of Maori wards (I have captured this separately on the feedback form).

General feedback – need more localism and community enablement of doing local place-making things.

Kohukohu resident feels nothing gets implemented from their strategic / community plan. Seems to stall at CB level.

### **Adhoc feedback from Kaikohe**

Richard Green – commented that it is hard to “get into” Council and get things done (even knowing Council as he does as a former employee). More community engagement would be great – so people can just come and talk about their issues. What good would look like is that the process to get something done (like a fireplace permit) would be simple and they could talk to someone to walk through the online process – he ended up having to go to the service centre to talk to one of the front counter staff, who assisted.