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Attention: Mayor John Carter CENTRE
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Dear Sir,

I wish to make a formal complaint about Community Board member Mr Gary Clarke for behaviour at the Rawene Community Plan meeting Tues 26th May 2015, 7.00pm, facilitated by Council's Ken Ross & Gary Clarke, with Pauline Evans in attendance.

I am principal haukainga ahikaa for the Tawhai whanau residing within the roohe of Te Maahurehure, i.e.: Rawene for 25yrs. I am registered on the TaiTokerau Maaori Electoral Role, and pay FNDC rates.

My service-work comprises a number of engagements with Local Territorial and Iwi Authority agencies regards Hokianga, TaiTokerau, & nationally significant issues relative to Natural Resources Management. I have been engaged in Kaitiakitanga Putaiao since the 2002 LGA reforms.

Part & parcel of maaori interests is the engagement I carry out at local, regional, & national levels for: Waimaa taumata executive-(Whakaminenga oo Te Maahurehure), Te Maahurehure Roopu Whenua Taonga Tarahiti-(Chairman), Rawene community representative: Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust, Ngaapuhi HSNO Koomiti, Te Herenga maaori network - Environmental Protection Authority, Rawene and Districts Community Development Inc.Soc-(member), Rawene Ratepayers & Residents Assoc-(member), Rawene Masonic Pool Club-(member).

Taangata wenua Maaori were represented in meeting on the night by Nopera Pikari, Derek Cassidy, and I. Local maaori expectations are & will be, the "collective approach" which Hokianga iwi call "Kotahitanga"- unity in purpose.

Local taangata wenua maaori positions placed on the floor were: collective participation, collaborative engagement in developing community plans; Long Term Planning, Community Outcomes Process, ways forward and potentials from a maaori perspective with the vision: of maaori planning management documents for public submission and integration into the District Regional planning process.

For the second time now at community meeting with Mr Clarke facilitating, I have been verbally assaulted & insulted by Mr Clarke. In this case "personal integrity" was assaulted, health and well-being was laid out on the meeting floor for public dissemination and disparaging comment, whereby built-up integrity & community goodwill where I voluntarily serve, came under his spotlight of question & doubt to the point of discrimination where I was overwhelmed & left the meeting.

I now look at the situation as personal affront to myself & to the communities I represent. The nature of these behaviours at this level is conduct unbecoming and unsatisfactory. Resolution is sought for those represented; & personal apology. I look forward to your reply...

Naa, Charles D.S. Nathan... kuuri noo maahurehure

Charles D.S. Nathan
09-06-2015



The Vision Framework for Rawene Community Plan

“There is only one Rawene. It is unique. It is our place.”

Vision for Rawene

The Rawene community is nestled in a unique and beautiful natural (Hokianga) setting. It is a place where people, and the aroha, trust and relationships that flow between are nurtured, and the community works in a spirit of mahitahi to ensure the wellbeing of all.

Natural Environment:

We embrace our role as Kaitiaki of our natural and modified environments, and we preserve and enhance healthy whenua, awa, moana and kohauhau, using ecologically regenerative practices.

Built Environment & Infrastructure:

We value the unique character of our heritage precinct and its buildings. We enjoy and appreciate the availability of affordable housing and the provision of infrastructure that is efficient, serviceable and environmentally friendly.

People:

We are a vibrant, caring, connected and healthy community, renowned for its friendly and welcoming approach. We create many opportunities to uplift and support our people.

Culture:

We acknowledge the place of Mana Whenua in our community and aspire to a greater understanding of our respective cultures. As a community we accept our role in maintaining our unique cultural heritage and take pride in celebrating our shared history.

Economy:

We value what we have and what we can develop in a regenerative manner to build a strong and diverse local economy, to improve the quality of our lives.

Guiding Principles for the Rawene Community Plan Work

We acknowledge, respect, honour and celebrate the heritage of this place, and in particular its culturally significant areas and heritage values.

In our decisions and actions, we take a sustainable approach and acknowledge the challenges of Climate Change.

We recognize the diverse richness in our community and acknowledge that everything is interconnected.

We welcome and involve everyone who wants to be a part of the group and value the diversity of voices.

We show respect toward others and we trust each other to respect our different viewpoints and approaches.

We work with courtesy, integrity and honesty, and will be open and transparent in all our communication and actions, bringing a level of impartiality to the work so we can provide a balanced perspective.

We resolve conflict peacefully, utilizing appropriate conflict resolution processes.

As a community we plan, work and live together in the spirit
of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Kaitiakitanga.

Natural Environment Focus Area

We embrace our role as Kaitiaki of our natural and modified environments, and we preserve, restore and enhance healthy whenua, awa, moana and kohauhau, using ecologically regenerative practices		
As Kaitiaki of our natural and modified environments	How we ensure our natural environment (Ecosystems) has ...	How we ensure our modified environments have ...
Preserve, restore and enhance healthy whenua (lands, landforms, soils).	We recognise areas and iconic landforms and landscapes of the Hokianga, and those places considered treasures and of significance to our community. We ensure all conservation (and other) activity enhances soil ecosystems and soil integrity.	We encourage the use of regenerative land management (RLM) practices on the farms and in production forests of our rohe (area). We discourage the use of biocide sprays in built, modified and natural environments in our rohe. We protect iconic land and seascapes.
Preserve, restore and enhance healthy and biologically diverse awa (fresh water rivers, streams, wetlands and aquifers).	We maintain the integrity of (significant) streams and wetlands in our rohe to swimming and fishing standards.	We reduce the entry of sediments and leachates into our awa through the wise use of fertiliser, the reduction of polluting discharges and through protective riparian plantings and other methods.
Preserve, restore and enhance healthy and biologically enhanced moana (sea, coasts, harbours and estuaries).	We will clean and protect our coastline by removing sources of pollution of our harbour and sea. We create buffers of reeds, sand plants and other appropriate flora to retain sediments & pollutants. We maintain the integrity of seas and harbours in our rohe and restore to swimming and fishing standards. This is our goal.	
Preserve, restore and enhance healthy and biologically enhanced kohauhau (atmosphere, including Climate Change issues).	We discourage the burning of noxious materials and the use of chemicals that produce harmful particulates and aerosols. We encourage the use of new clean technology. We provide and promote the safe disposal of inorganic waste.	
General Understandings and Conditions.	We adopt National Policy Standards as our minimum baseline, and take the following stances: We are Nuclear Free, GMO Free, and declare ourselves to be free and exempt from any political actions or government legislation that is at odds with the aspirations and desires of our community. We want no Fracking, Oil Drilling, Prospecting or Toxic Mining in our rohe. We encourage the control of weeds and pest animals using methods that are environmentally friendly and humane.	

Natural (and Modified) Environment Goals

Goals	Key Actions	Support Partners	Potential Funding	Timeframes
Preserve iconic landforms, views and 'places' of Hokianga	1 Identify and assess iconic landforms, views etc 2 Establish appropriate restoration mechanisms	NRC, DoC, FNDC, Landcare Trust	Reconnect Nthld. HPT, MoE	Short to long term
Ensure soil ecosystems and soil integrity are enhanced	1 Discourage use of biocides (all types) 2 Encourage regenerative practices 3 Establish plants that protect/enhance soil	NRC, DoC, FNDC, Soil and Health	NRC	Short to long term
Maintain integrity of (significant) streams and wetlands	1 Identify, map and assess issues 2 Encourage and support riparian planting and other enhancing practices	NRC, DoC,	NRC, Philanthropic Trusts, FNDC	Short to long term
Clean and protect coastline and waters	1 Clean up the waters and coastline with community working bees 2 Plant to reduce erosion and runoff problems	Project Crimson Land owners NRC, DoC	Project Crimson, Reconnect Nthld., NRC	Short to long term
Discourage production of harmful particulates and aerosols	1 Conduct educational campaign to reduce the burning of wastes and vegetation 2 Promote alternatives like recycling	NRC, Hokianga Health	NRC, Hokianga Health	Short to long term
Encourage RLM and regenerative/ecological practices on farms and in production forests	1 Educate on benefits of positive practices 2 Educate on impacts of negative practices 3 Establish 'best practice' models in the district	Landcare Trust Soil and Health MoE	MoE, Soil and Health	Short to long term

Built Environment and Infrastructure Focus Area

We value the unique character of our heritage precinct and its buildings. We enjoy and appreciate the availability of affordable, healthy housing and the continuing provision of infrastructure that is efficient, serviceable and environmentally friendly			
	What features are important, valued, and/or appreciated?	How can we ensure on-going provision	Who do we partner with, to achieve this?
We value the unique character of our heritage precinct, its buildings and other local sites of significance.	<p>The Heritage Precinct is a collection of historic buildings, objects and sites encompassing the commercial heart of the town and its immediate context and is defined in the District Plan. Some of the buildings are also included on the NZ Heritage List compiled by Heritage New Zealand.</p> <p>There are additional buildings and sites outside the precinct that warrant identification, recognition and protection, eg churches.</p> <p>The architectural character, history, and scale of the buildings and their context are important and valued.</p> <p>The relationship of the town and the buildings with the water is a special characteristic and is particularly valued along with the sea views</p> <p>The glimpse views between buildings are valued.</p> <p>The pace of life in the town is valued, the pedestrian friendly environment and the social interaction that this facilitates.</p>	<p>Retain and strengthen the heritage controls in the District Plan to ensure protection of the heritage precinct and other heritage resources in the town. Provide realistic incentives to support owners of heritage resources, eg. No fee for resource consents for individually scheduled buildings, discounts for buildings in the heritage precinct and small grants for restoration works.</p> <p>Develop a resource inventory that includes the significance and state of each item and use this to ensure these are appropriately protected.</p> <p>Ensure the Council leads by example with the heritage buildings and sites it owns as kaitiaki on behalf of future generations.</p> <p>Develop complementary relationships with other bodies such as Heritage NZ, DOC, NRC to achieve positive outcomes for heritage resources. Take a problem solving approach and ensure owners are encouraged to consult early to receive appropriate guidance.</p> <p>Work with the NRC to ensure the buildings over the water are recognised and protected as an integral part of the heritage precinct.</p> <p>Retain the scale and architectural character of the buildings by controlling height and guiding the design of new development.</p> <p>Retain glimpse views between buildings.</p> <p>Actively manage change so it is slow and incremental rather than fast and wholesale.</p> <p>Ensure the town centre is pedestrian friendly and slow pace. encouraging social interaction, not car dominant. The road should be shared space.</p> <p>Promote the precinct as a destination rather than a place to pass through.</p> <p>Develop self guided heritage walks including appropriate information signs to showcase the heritage of the town.</p>	<p>FNDC</p> <p>Heritage New Zealand</p> <p>Northland Regional Council</p> <p>DoC</p> <p>Archaeological Association</p>
We enjoy and appreciate the availability of affordable and healthy housing.	We aspire to the goal of having all people in our community living in houses that are affordable, healthy, environmentally friendly and aesthetically attractive.	<p>Assist with the application of the 'Warrant of Fitness Programme' across all dwellings.</p> <p>Assist people with need for adequate insulation, heating and curtains.</p>	<p>Iwi Authorities</p> <p>CBEC</p> <p>He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust</p> <p>FNEC</p> <p>Clean Green Machine Co</p>
We enjoy and appreciate the provision of affordable, efficient, serviceable and environmentally friendly infrastructure.	Water and Power provision, Drainage and Sewage servicing, Solid Waste treatment, Communications, Roading & Ferry service, FNDC Service Centre, Schools, Policing, Health, Education (to Tertiary level), Fire and Ambulance Services.	<p>The community of Rawene and Districts aspires to a greater level of control of their facilities and infrastructure through ownership or official designation as stewards and guardians (Kaitiaki) of those facilities and items of infrastructure and service.</p> <p>Ensure Council leads by example with the infrastructure works it carries out in the town such as footpaths, seating, planting, tree management, lighting, signs and other infrastructure.</p>	<p>FNDC</p> <p>Top Energy</p> <p>NRC</p> <p>Government Departments in general</p> <p>Local Rawene Community</p> <p>Adjacent Maori Communities</p>

People Focus Area

We are a vibrant, caring and healthy community, renowned for its friendly and welcoming approach. We create many opportunities to uplift and support our people.			
	What qualities are important, valued, and/or appreciated?	How can we ensure continuation	Who do we engage, work and/or partner with, to achieve this?
We are a vibrant community	We have a creative, innovative and collaborative community, rich in community events.	We foster a sense of community and collective responsibility. We support collaboration between groups to run local events with broad community involvement.	Hokianga Environmental Protection Group (HEPG) School All activity groups Education trust
We are a caring community	We are rich in volunteers and have a culture of community contribution, interdependence and caring, which we strive to pass on to the next generation.	We value our volunteers and show this by celebrating them and fostering community cohesion. We help those in need, for instance through sharing resources such as transport or food.	RARA RAD Community members Volunteer organisations
We are a friendly, welcoming and connected community	Everyone knows one another and people greet each other by name in the street.	We welcome residents to our town with personal letters, newsletters, invitations to meetings and events. We welcome visitors to community events.	RARA RAD
We uplift and support our people	We are rich in organisations which offer opportunities for learning and personal growth, such as our polytech and local clubs.	Support ongoing provision of services such as polytech courses, mental health support groups.	Northtec Community education trust Hokianga Health Arts/sports/education groups
We are a healthy community	We are fortunate to have a community governed health trust which operates according to the four wellbeing outlined by Professor Mason Durie, namely, wairua (spiritual), tinana (physical), hinengaro (mental) and whanau (social); and a community which values healthy lifestyles .	We promote healthy lifestyles by living healthily and share these values with others through education and events.	Hokianga Health Trust Alternative/preventative health Community members HEPG

Culture Focus Area

<p>We acknowledge the place of Mana Whenua in our community and aspire to a greater understanding of our respective cultures. As a community we accept our role in maintaining our unique cultural heritage and take pride in celebrating our shared history</p>			
	<p>What features are important, valued, and/or appreciated?</p>	<p>How can we ensure on-going provision</p>	<p>Who do we engage, work and/or partner with, to achieve this?</p>
<p>We acknowledge the place of Mana Whenua in our community</p>	<p>The place of Mana Whenua within our community is acknowledged through the respect which residents show in following the protocols taught by local kaumatua through participation in activities such as powhiri and tangihanga. The marae at the health trust, is located on a site of cultural significance, Pou Kara Ariki Whenua, and shares its name.</p>	<p>Support the bicultural kaupapa promoted by our community health trust, the four wellbeings, and use the bicultural resources created by the community development team. Care for local Māori sites of significance such as the Ōkura Māori reserve near the motorcamp and the Jean Irvine historic place.</p>	<p>Local iwi, hapu, kaumatua Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi (TRAION) Hokianga Health Trust community development team Heritage NZ</p>
<p>We aspire to gain greater understanding of our respective cultures</p>	<p>Our local community offers opportunities to gain understanding of our indigenous culture, and the cultures which have arrived through immigration.</p>	<p>Support existing initiatives such as kohanga reo, te reo Māori classes, weaving classes, waka ama, waiata roopu, traditional Māori gardening, art galleries, film competitions, book festivals, music events, food days and historical celebrations.</p>	<p>Kohanga reo, Playcentre, School Northtec Te Wananga o Aotearoa Hokianga Community Education Trust Hokianga Environmental Protection Group</p>
<p>We accept our role in maintaining our unique cultural heritage</p>	<p>We maintain our unique cultural heritage through sharing cultural experiences and knowledge, continuing local traditions, and striving to protect local places linked to our cultural heritage.</p>	<p>We participate in cultural events as a community. We celebrate the Māori new year with an annual Matariki hakari, koroua & kuia ball, or other events. We support traditional Rawene community events such as Christmas in the Park, horse racing and film festivals. We preserve our historic buildings and places.</p>	<p>Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi (TRAION) Hokianga Health Trust Heritage NZ Churches</p>
<p>We take pride in our shared history</p>	<p>The indigenous history of Rawene, including the traditional stories, songs and activities associated with places of significance. The history of early associations between Māori and Pakeha, including the treaty, and the colonial history of Rawene including Clendon House. All aspects of Rawene history are recognised as contributing to the unique character of the area, and are proudly shared with visitors and locals alike.</p>	<p>We would like to create a local archive for historical film and photographs which may partly take the form of an online portal to enable access to historical resources. This could include early colonial photographs and documentation, information about local historical buildings and sites of significance, the 1940's documentary about Rawene hospital, local iwi information from Te Mahurehure Roopu Whenua Taonga, more recent footage of Ngapuhi treaty claim hearings & Pou carving. We would like to develop a historical walk with information displays.</p>	<p>Alexander Turnbull Library Hokianga Community Education Trust Rawene Library Local iwi</p>

Economy Focus Area

We value what we have and what we can develop in a regenerative manner to build a strong and diverse, localised economy, to improve of the quality of our lives.			
Our actions	What do we have of value?	How do we express that valuing?	Who will lead this and who can help?
Valuing what we have	Our community and retail facilities. Our infrastructure, roads and ferry. Our Govt. services and facilities (esp Health services). The 'flow' of tourists, our climate & natural environment. Our People, our history and culture.	By supporting (physically and financially), caring for and maintaining these facilities and services and supporting established businesses. By consistently valuing and valourising our people and their gifts By encouraging events that highlight our treasures eg Clendon House, Jean Irvine sacred place	Refer to 'Natural Environment' and 'Built Environment and Infrastructure' sections of the RCP for specific detail. Heritage NZ Gain FNDC support for a 'Buy Local' campaign.
	What can be developed regeneratively?	How can we develop and localise?	Who will lead this and who can help?
Valuing what we are able to develop regeneratively	Horticulture, agriculture & other regenerative land management (RLM) systems (e.g. Permaforests for timber, honey, pharmaceuticals etc.) The 'human resource' The sea and coastal resources Explore new business opportunities eg flax, medical marijuana	Through education & awareness raising Expand our local market, encourage new business opportunities, barter exchange, expanding our market day. Using what is produced locally eg elephant grass to biofuels Using what is produced locally. Working with Iwi and hapu Use of Time-banks and cooperatives. See challenges as opportunities – e.g. the lack of childcare facilities	South Hokianga REIG
	What makes a strong, diverse, localised and regenerative economy?	How can we develop those features in the economy of Rawene?	Who will lead this and who can help?
Building a strong, diverse, localised and regenerative economy	Gaining access to local resources & ensuring that these are not depleted or exploited. Build motivation for 'buy local' Increase circulation of local \$'s (incr. multiplier effect). Create diversity & build links between economic elements Advocating for quality IT infrastructure	By creating small enterprise case studies, laboratories & incubators. Start with informal co-ops and links and work toward formal cooperatives as the system develops. Ringfence community resources and require community engagement before any large scale commercial ventures are approved eg water bottling plants Encourage young people into economy Work with organisations to improve access to online economic opportunities	South Hokianga REIG Local education organisations such as school, polytech, wananga
	What factors should we consider, measure and monitor?	How can we improve on those factors, for all people?	Who will lead this and who can help?
Improving our quality of life	Decreasing dependence on benefits Decreasing dependence on drugs Reversal of current economic and demographic trends Increase health education, eg healthy eating, healthy initiatives Increasing home ownership (less renting)	Education and awareness Don't just focus on the 'Money In' side of the economy. Broaden understanding of 'community commerce' and balance the approach with 'Money Circulation and Money Out approaches'.	Hokianga Health, MSD, Hau Ora Groups Hokianga Tourism Hokianga Business Assn. Schools All of us.

Appendix A - Directory of Rawene clubs & organisations

Tai Chi	Lions
Gardening	Fire Service
Sailing	St John
Art/Music groups	Hokianga Health Trust
Yoga	Rawene Residents & Ratepayers Association (RARA)
Library	Rawene and Districts Development (RAD)
Galleries	Hokianga Environmental Protection Group
Cafes	Churches
Rawene Community Gym	Alcoholics Anonymous
Hokianga Kyokushin Karate Club Society Incorporated	

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