

Transportation network

Mr Lewis confirmed the footpath project was in the 2022/23 financial year but would commence over the summer period when conditions were suitable. He advised staff were considering options for the removal of pine needles which members of the public had undertaken to remove from roads by shovelling it off.

He agreed to discuss with Waka Kotahi the litter in the water tables on State Highways 31 and 29 which are supposed to be regularly cleared but appeared to be untouched for several months.

Aotea seawall

Mr Lewis advised a structural engineer had been engaged noting there were two components of the work: the physical structure and the effect of that structure on the environment. He was expecting the draft report in approximately six weeks. The report would then be analysed and considered by Council staff.

Fire hydrants

Mr Lewis confirmed any requirements for fire hydrants and other fire safety measures for the rebuilt Sports Club would be included in the design process. He agreed to commence discussions on a proposal for a possible fire hydrant near the Aotea playground with the community.

Kāwhia Community Hall

Council's Finance Manager, B O'Callaghan confirmed the Hall was owned by Ōtorohanga District Council but managed by a Hall Committee. The concerns raised at the meeting would be discussed with the Committee however Council's Chief Executive, T Winter encouraged community members to speak directly to the Committee if they had any concerns.

Rates rebates

Mr O'Callaghan noted the discount for low income ratepayers could be applied for at any time throughout the year. He indicated that after the local government elections in October a staff member would visit Kāwhia to assist ratepayers who needed help with their application.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2.28pm.