



# **AGENDA**

Meeting of the **Inangahua Community Board** 

Tuesday 9 May 2023 Commencing at 5:00pm

To be held at the St Johns Rooms, 8 Smith Street Reefton

### **Inangahua Community Board**

Reports to: Council

Meeting Frequency: Bi Monthly

#### **Purpose:**

- The purpose of these delegations is to give effect to the local community empowerment model
  which is a partnership approach to the governance of the District that will primarily be delivered
  through the Inangahua community board.
- 2. The intent of these delegations is to delegate authority and, as far as possible, responsibility to the Inangahua community board to allow the community board to effectively govern and provide recommendations to the Buller District Council regarding local issues associated with their areas.
- 3. In making these delegations the Council recognises that it is ultimately responsible for the governance of the district and therefore retains the right to set minimum standards and to review community board recommendations associated with the exercise of these delegations.

In making these delegations the Council undertakes to:

1. Provide for and give consideration to community board input into significant governance decisions affecting the respective community board area.

The ICB is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

#### **Terms of Reference:**

#### **Community Board Status**

A community board (Local Government Act 2002, s.51) is:

- 1. An unincorporated body; and
- 2. Not a local authority; and
- 3. Not a committee of the Council.

#### Role

The legislative role of community boards (Local Government Act 2002, s.52) is to:

- 1. Represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community, and
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board: and
- 3. Maintain an overview of services provided by the Council within the community: and
- 4. Prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community: and
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community:
- 6. Undertake any other responsibilities delegated to it by Council.

#### **Delegations**

In exercising the delegated powers, the community board will operate within:

- 1. Policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council:
- 2. The approved Council budgets for the activity

In addition to the community boards legislative role the community board is responsible for and accountable to the Council for:

- 1. Providing local leadership and developing relationships with Council, the community, and community organisations in developing local solutions within the Community board area.
- 2. Assisting the organisation with consultation with local residents, ratepayers, lwi, community groups and other key stakeholders on local issues including input into the Long Term Plan and the Annual plan.
- 3. Making recommendations to Council on leases, licenses or concessions associated with all Council owned property included within the locally funded activities of the community board area, excluding Council administration land and buildings.
- 4. Making recommendations to council on property (including land & buildings) acquisitions and disposals in the local area.

#### Note:

None of the delegations may be sub delegated

1. Council retains decision making authority associated with new or existing maintenance contracts.

#### Additional financial delegations

Community Board has the authority to approve annual expenditure from a discretionary fund determined by Council on an annual basis, for local activities with the following parameters:

- 1. The decision meets relevant legislation and Council policy requirements including any controls on the use of funds from the respective account.
- 2. The decision is made after considering a report from staff or community members.
- 3. This expenditure may be operating or capital in nature, or a mixture of the two.
- 4. This expenditure cannot fund the "additional capacity" component of capital projects. It can only fund renewal or increased level of service components of capital projects

#### Power to delegate

The Community Board may not delegate any of their responsibilities, duties or powers to a committee, subcommittee or person

#### Matters which are not delegated.

#### Council does not delegate:

- 1. The power to:
  - Make a rate or bylaw.
  - Borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets.
  - Acquire, hold or dispose of property.
  - Appoint, suspend or remove staff.
  - Adopt a long term plan or annual plan or annual report.
  - Institute an action for the recovery of any amount.
  - Issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations, and requirements under any Acts, Statutes, Regulations, By –laws and the like.
  - Enter into contracts and agreements.
  - Incur expenditure in excess of the approved Community budget; or
- 2. The powers and duties conferred or imposed (on Council) by The Public Works Act 1981 or those powers listed in the Section34 (2) of The Resource Management Act 1991

#### **Review of a Community Board decision**

In recognition of Council's ultimate responsibility for the governance of the District, that Council retains the right to review any decision of a community board where it believes:

- 1. The decision is not consistent with the Council's vision, mission, values and goals.
- 2. Where it believes the community board decision has contravened any relevant legislation.
- 3. The powers and functions of community boards as defined in the Local Government Act 2002 have been exceeded.
- 4. The delegations of the community board have been exceeded.
- 5. The decision will unduly impact on the ability of the Council to provide a district wide level of service where it believes it is necessary to do so.
- 6. The decision is contrary to the Council's Ten Year Plan, adopted council policy, plan or strategy or any other authority, license, consent or approval.

#### **Decision review process**

A decision to review and determine the associated course of action associated with a community board decision will be made jointly by the Mayor and Chief Executive. The relevant community board chairperson will be consulted in the process of the Council determining whether a community board decision will be reviewed. Generally the course of action will include one of the following:

- 1. Refer the decision back to the community board for reconsideration; or
- 2. Refer the decision to the Council, one of its committees or its delegated representative for determination.

#### **Community Board to Council decision referral process**

In exceptional circumstances, community boards may refer any decision to Council or its delegated committee for determination subject to that referral including the reasons the decision has been referred to the Council for determination.

#### Membership

The membership of the community board (Local Government Act 2002, s.50) consists of:

- 1. Members elected under the Local Electoral Act 2001; and
- 2. Members appointed in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001 by the Buller District Council.

#### Chairperson

The community board must have a chairperson (Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 37), who shall be elected at the first meeting of the community board in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 25 or in accordance with any subsequent amendment to this Act.

The chairperson is responsible for:

- 1. The efficient functioning of the community board.
- 2. Setting the agenda for community board meetings.
- 3. Ensuring that all members of the community board receive sufficient timely information to enable them to be effective community board members.
- 4. Attending Council meetings to represent the interests of the Community Board.
- 5. Being the link between the community board and Council staff.

#### Contacts with media and outside agencies

The Mayor acts as the official spokesperson for the Council with the media and may provide approval to elected members to act as an official spokesperson.

Community board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media and/or outside agencies on behalf of the Council.

The Group Manager for the community board area, after consultation with the Community Board Chair, will manage the formal communications between the community board and its constituents, and for the community board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or other official agencies will only take place through Council staff.

#### Frequency of meetings

The community board shall meet at least two monthly.

#### Conduct of affairs

The community board shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, the *Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968*, Councils Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

### Quorum

The quorum at a meeting of the community board shall consist of:

- 1. Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
- 2. A majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

#### Remuneration

Elected members will be reimbursed in accordance with the current Local Government Elected Members' Determination.

### **Inangahua Community Board Copy**



VENUE: St Johns Rooms, 8 Smith Street, Reefton

09 May 2023 05:00 PM

| Age | genda Topic               |   | Page |
|-----|---------------------------|---|------|
| 1.  | Apolo                     | ogies                                   | 8    |
| 2.  | Members Interests         |   | 9    |
| 3.  | Conf                      | irmation of Minutes Report              | 10   |
|     | 3.1                       | ICB Minutes Unconfirmed 7 February 2023 | 11   |
| 4.  | Action Points Report      |   | 17   |
|     | 4.1                       | Action Points                           | 18   |
| 5.  | Community Services Report |   | 19   |
| 6.  | ICB Chair's Report        |   | 27   |

#### 9 MAY 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 1** 

Prepared by Krissy Trigg

**Group Manager Community Services** 

#### **APOLOGIES**

#### 1. REPORT SUMMARY

That the Inangahua Community Board receive any apologies or requests for leave of absence from elected members.

#### 2. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That there are no apologies to be received and no requests for leave of absence.

OR

That the Inangahua Community Board receives apologies from (insert Board Member name) and accepts Board Member (insert name) request for leave of absence.

#### 9 MAY 2023

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2**

**Prepared by** Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

#### **MEMBERS INTEREST**

Members are encouraged to consider the items on the agenda and disclose whether

they believe they have a financial or nonfinancial interest in any of the items in terms of Council's Code of Conduct.

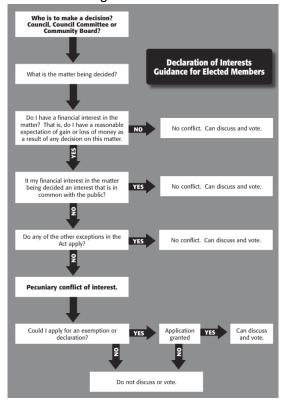
Members are encouraged to advise the Governance Assistant of any changes required to their declared Members Interest Register.

The attached flowchart may assist members in making that determination.

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION:**

That members disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.



#### 9 MAY 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 3** 

**Prepared by** Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### 1. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Inangahua Community Board receive and confirm minutes from the meeting of 7 February 2023.



# MEETING OF THE INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD AT 5.00PM ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY AT ST JOHNS ROOMS, 8 SMITH STREET, REEFTON

**PRESENT:** Cr L Webb (Chair), Deputy Mayor A Basher, R Abbey, A Bollinger, D Giddens, A Neil, Cr G Neylon (via cellphone)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** K Trigg (Group Manager Community Services), M Williams (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), G Barrell (Governance Secretary)

**MEDIA:** Claire Ward - Greymouth Star / Messenger

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **Hayley Burnham:**

Hayley offered her thanks to the members of ICB and Council that attended a hui recently to discuss a proposal to upgrade the toddler's pool to a toddler's pool / learn to swim / splash pool / hydrotherapy pool.

Current pool requires investigation to bring it up to standard. Wanting beach entry, accessible ramp and a learn to swim hydrotherapy area ranging from 0.6m to approximately 1.4m depth. Temperature between 31-33 degrees. All children can touch bottom of pool at various levels.

Important to prioritise to meet the needs of tamariki in learning to swim programme.

Important to enable ramp access for those with mobility requirements without using the hydraulic chair, as the feedback from those using this chair is that it is undignified.

Operational costs still unsure at this point.

Needing full support from community and currently has a number of letters of support from the community. Also looking for more letters. Rachel Fifield is reaching out to a range of different funding avenues.

Advice from a plumber was that it was approximately half a day's work to investigate requirements.

K Trigg advised she will contact Hayley to discuss scope of works and costs etc before plumber brought on board - completed

K Trigg advised there is some funding put aside to upgrade the pool. She will advise the amount put aside - completed

Proposed upgrade costs approximately \$250k.

Needing to check between Ms Trigg, Rachel and Hayley as to where funding is coming from to ensure no double dipping.

Need to check what the funding was specifically set aside for.

#### **Moira Lockington:**

Moira congratulated BDC on the cenotaph.

She asked when the footpath around Plunket Rooms and the ramp be done. Cr L Webb advised this will be addressed in the agenda today.

Moira stated she was again addressing, as she did in the previous meeting, that the concrete around toilet next to bridge and around new toilet is still gravel.

Cr L Webb advised this will be addressed in the agenda today. K Trigg noted also that a service request was put through at the previous meeting. WestReef advised this will be sealed within the next month.

Moira was concerned with the freedom campers and asked how long they would be camping.

K Trigg advised council is happy to be advised of any complaints about freedom camping but none have been received so far.

Moira asked what is happening to the Reefton / Inangahua Library building. Cr L Webb advised this will be addressed in the agenda.

#### **MEETING DECLARED OPEN AT: 5.15pm**

#### 1. APOLOGIES (Page 3)

Discussion:

Mayor J Cleine

**RESOLVED** that Inangahua Community Board accept apologies from Mayor J Cleine.

D Giddens/R Abbey 5/5
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 2. MEMBERS INTEREST (Page 9)

Discussion:

Nil

**RESOLVED** that Inangahua Community Board members disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.

A Bollinger/A Neil 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (Page 10) Discussion:

Nil

**RESOLVED** that the Inangahua Community Board receive and confirm minutes from the meeting of 6 December 2022

D Giddens/A Bollinger 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 4. ACTION POINTS (Page 18) Discussion:

**26:** M Williams advised Waka Kotahi has these jobs on their timeline but will not disclose their timeline. As this is no longer in Council hands, this council action point is now closed.

Noting that any items for Waka Kotahi, council has no authority. Council is able to recommend but has no influence with them.

**27:** This service request went through to WCRC. Council have heard nothing further at this point. Any further enquiries should be directed to the WCRC. This Council action point is now Closed.

28: Toilets are BDC owned. This action point is now completed.

**29:** The ramps on the State highways are Waka Kotahi, so BDC is unable to alter these. The other ones on our roads are in number of plans moving forward. They are not likely in this National Long-Term Plan (NLTP) but will likely be reviewed in the next NLTP

M Williams advised that cutdown kerbs are now considered the ideal solution. The footpaths are in the LTP for Council. Recommends people put in submissions to the LTP for this. This action point is now completed.

**RESOLVED** that the Inangahua Community Board receive the Action Points report for information.

R Abbey/D Giddens 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 5. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSES (moved to end of meeting) Discussion:

#### Hayley:

ACTION POINT: Cr L Webb to find understanding of requirements in a letter of support and draft one in support of learn to swim pool etc by next meeting.

#### Moira:

Most issues had been addressed within the meeting as indicated in the agenda. K Trigg encouraged people to enter service requests if there are any issues on freedom camping. There are currently no issues lodged but is happy to be advised if this changes.

Advice was given to members intending to bring items to public forum, to read through the agenda which is published on the BDC website to check if the items of concern may already be itemised as being addressed in the meeting, to save doubling up.

**RESOLVED** that the Inangahua Community Board advise of any public forum responses.

L Webb/A Neil 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 6. ICB CHAIR'S REPORT (Page 20) Discussion:

Cr L Webb spoke to her report.

The ramp to the swing bridge is not accessible for wheelchairs. K Trigg advised this was built to code, which is the council requirement.

K Trigg spoke regarding the service requests. She acknowledged there was an issue during the holiday period, and this is being addressed. She apologised to anyone that may have been affected by this.

R Abbey queried if there could be follow up as to whether someone's service request had been actually addressed.

K Trigg to see if there is an option of an automatic email being sent back to the requestor to advise that a service request has been completed.

A Neil advised that the mobile version of service request not working. K Trigg advised this will be investigated and, in the meantime, if people have issues, they can email, pop into the Visitor and Service Centre or phone call the council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received for discussion and information.

D Giddens/A Bollinger 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Page 23) Discussion:

K Trigg spoke to her report, noting the absence of the West Reef update. The railing is not quite right, and they will be looking to correct this. WestReef hopes that this and any other works on King George Park will be done within the next month.

L Webb noted issues with the maintenance side of things at the pool ie; mould etc.

K Trigg advised there has been some action taken to held remedy these issues. Further investigation of lighting at the pool was identified, but not a priority at the time as the budget had already been set aside for the other upgrades. K Trigg reminded that there is limited funding available, and priorities need to be focussed on.

Visitors to Reefton over the local holiday period and on weekends complained that the service centre and visitors centre were not open.

K Trigg advised council are hoping to have the service centre and visitors centre opened six days per week and on public holidays. The issue with this is recruiting staff that will be able to work these days.

There was a query about mowing the lawns at Inangahua Hall. K Trigg advised that WestReef will be doing it until the subcommittee meeting to discuss.

**RESOLVED** that the Inangahua Community Board receive the Community and Economic Development update for information.

D Giddens/A Neil 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr G Neylon joined the meeting via cellphone.

### 8. ADOPTION OF 2023 COUNCIL CALENDAR SCHEDULE (Page 27) Discussion:

Noted Cr G Neylon email regarding ensuring there is an ICB meeting for May to allow for submissions for AP.

Suggested option to change April ICB meeting to a workshop and allow public to come and offer thoughts for submissions etc. and delegate authority to sign final submission to two ICB members. Then another ICB meeting in May or delegate authority to sign final submission to two ICB members.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Inangahua Community Board:** 

- 1. adopt the proposed 2023 schedule dates as per Attachment One with the amendment of the April meeting being moved to 9 May 2023.
- 2. agree to meetings commencing at 5pm, with proposed workshops and/or presentations commencing prior to the scheduled meeting.

L Webb/D Giddens 5/5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.13pm

| •    | Next meeting: 9 May 2023 |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
|      |                          |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conf | firmed:                  | Date: |  |  |  |  |  |

#### 9 MAY 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 4** 

**Prepared by** Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

#### **ACTION POINTS**

#### 1. REPORT SUMMARY

A summary of resolutions requiring actions by the Inangahua Community Board.

#### 2. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Inangahua Community Board receive the action points report for information.

### **ICB Action Points - CURRENT**

| No. | Action Point / Meeting Date                            | Responsible | Update | Date Required By |
|-----|--|-------------|--------|------------------|
| 30  | Cr L Webb to find understanding of requirements in a   | Cr L Webb   |        | 9 May 2023       |
|     | letter of support and draft one in support of learn to |             |        |                  |
|     | swim pool etc by next meeting.                         |             |        |                  |

#### 9 MAY 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 5** 

**Prepared by** Community Services Team Leaders

**Reviewed by** Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

#### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

#### 1. REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update on the positive and strategic aspects that are happening in the Inangahua community.

#### 2. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Inangahua Community Board receive the Community and Economic Development update for information.

#### 3. ISSUES & DISCUSSION

This report provides an update on developments that occurred during the latter part of February, March and April.

#### 3.1 Reefton Toilets

The public toilets on Broadway recently had to be re-oiled, with the colour approved by the architect to be in-keeping with Reefton's historic style. Although the timing of the closure was difficult with the school holidays, it was unavoidable due to weather delays beforehand. The contractors were able to finish a full day early and re-open the toilets in time for the weekend.

There has been some great feedback received about the finished facilities from the community.

#### 3.2 Chlorination of Reefton's Water Supply

The project team is starting work on preparing the water supply system for the introduction of chlorine. We expect permanent chlorination to be in place by June 2023.

On Wednesday 12 April 2023, a community meeting was held at the Reefton Cinema. Members of the project team, along with Mayor Jamie Cleine were there to explain the process and the reasons for chlorinating Reefton's water supply.

The meeting was attended by a small, but engaged, group of residents who asked lots of good questions about the processes being used, and potential implications for the community. The video of the livestreamed meeting is now on Buller District Council's YouTube channel.

There are four phases in the process, starting with flushing.

- Flushing pushing water through the pipes to clear them of build-up of slime and any metal deposits that may exist. This happens regularly now but will increase prior to implementation.
- Installation and Commissioning.
- Operations trialling the equipment.
- Go live permanent chlorination of the Reefton water supply.

Flushing is very important as it essentially washes out or flushes the pipes. The more organic matter and built-up of debris, slime or metal deposits we can clear from the pipes ahead of time, the less the chlorine will have to react with when it is introduced to the system. It is this reaction that can cause people to notice a change in taste or smell during initial chlorination. That shows that it is working and improves after a week or two. Flushing will start in late April/early May and continue for about a month.

#### What's next?

In early May we intend to start installation and commissioning. That's where we install and test new equipment at the Water Treatment Plant. This includes the automatic chlorinating equipment.

The next step will be installing the monitoring equipment for the reticulation system. Some of that is still on order and being affected by supply chain issues. We expect it to have arrived in plenty of time before we progress further.

#### 3.3 Reefton Theatre/Community Centre

Several meetings have been held at the Reefton Cinema with technical support from NBS Theatre, which provides income outside of movies.

Reefton Visitor and Service Centre, Reefton Cinema and NBS Theatre staff are working as a team to ensure the screenings work for locals.

#### 3.4 Library

Programming has returned to the Inangahua County Library with the monthly Knitting Group and weekly Children's Lego Club. We once again provided Craft packs for the school holidays which was part of our Libraries Craft Week.

Our book returns between branches continues to be at no cost for Buller residents, with Council staff helping us transport books between each town. We have improved communication around this to all staff with flyers in cars, and at key points in staff areas. We have a backup plan with the Westport News to courier items if it happens that no staff travel between Westport and Reefton during the week.

While the Inangahua County library is currently operating with less shelves, all books are still available to all borrowers with Library staff collecting selected items from the 'old' building for patrons daily. We have just launched a new website which is doing a great job and showcasing services, events and programming for our Libraries. Books can be put on hold/reserve using either the catalogue, website, Buller District Libraries App, email, phone or in person.

#### 3.5 Funding

The funding rounds for the: District Economic Stimulus Fund, Community Grants, Creative New Zealand (Creative Communities Scheme) Funding, Rural Travel Fund have now closed.

The Inangahua Junction Reserve and Hall received a Community Grant of \$2,400.00. This is to help pay for heating to provide a community facility that can help foster an inclusive community.

They also received a Creative NZ Grant of \$1,495.20. Funds will go towards an arts project where the community will come together and create Inanga/Whitebait shapes from wooden boards, which will 'swim' the streets of Inangahua.

A few of the local sporting teams put in applications for the Rural Travel Fund. The Reefton Boxing Academy received \$1,339.20. The Reefton Rugby Club JAB received \$2,477.52, and the Reefton Rugby Club Girls received \$3,720.00. These sports clubs use these funds to travel to and from games, events, and trainings.

#### 3.6 Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance (KMTT)

The KMTT Restoring and Protecting Flora project has been given the go ahead to treat an infestation of Chocolate vine near Inangahua Junction, which is great news because this aggressively spreading plant is a huge threat to native forest.

It can grow up to 14m in a single season, likes moist soil and forest edges, and completely outcompetes native seedlings as well as causing canopy collapse of large trees.

Please can all locals keep an eye out for this vine, as the seed is spread by birds, so it may be popping up over a much wider area. We have an opportunity to control it now as it is still rare, so we need to nip it in the bud!

Chocolate vine is pictured below, it flowers August to October.



#### 3.7 Visitor Service Centre – Upgrades & Hours

The building consent has been lodged for the upgrades to the Centre. This includes the placement of the post boxes into the RVSC, moving the full Inangahua County library stock into the ex-BNZ space and changing some of the emergency exits and lighting etc to make the building compliant.

The new car park around the back of the building is almost complete and automatic doors will be installed to create easy access for all of our customers.

Staffing numbers have increased to five so we can offer more flexibility in times of staff leave etc. From 22 March 2023, weekend openings have been re-established. The RVSC will be open on Saturdays from 10am –

2pm. We will review any extensions to this as demand/staff availability increases.

#### 3.8 Mawheraiti Hall

There has been some concern from community members regarding the safety of this building. An assessment has been completed for the hall and costings are currently being drawn up for the reinstatement or demolition of the hall. A report will be put to Council for a decision in May, and the community will be informed.

#### 3.9 King George Park – Ramp, Rail, Path

WestReef has scheduled the ramp and the footpath works to be completed within the next three weeks.

Following community feedback, the handrail has been redesigned to be similar to the rotunda railings; this may take a little longer however it is approved for instal.

#### 3.10 Pool

Council staff continue to work with pool management to arrange a fix to the ventilation issues. This is likely to require a significant amount of work which will be planned, where possible, around the swim seasons.

The bench which was removed is being modified so it can be reinstalled, lockers are in, and coat hooks have been put up. It is unable to be repainted until the ventilation is remedied as the moisture is too high for the paint to set.

#### 3.11 Senior Housing

Council advertised for applications from Reefton residents for senior housing, via the Clarion towards the end of last year. We are encouraging residents in the Inangahua Ward to apply for senior housing when it becomes available.

Many of those on our waiting lists are from out of the area. Many factors are considered before placing someone in one of the units available, including family connection and health.

We currently have 14 units in Reefton with two being in care and maintenance. These two have been reviewed recently and have been deemed as unviable for Council to bring to a Healthy Home Standard. Council has a Senior Housing working group which has been looking at options for Council's senior housing units, and there will be a report to Council in May regarding next steps.

#### 3.12 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)

MTFJ were present at the Inzone Careers Coach held in Reefton in February.

The MTFJ coordinator and pastoral care support person undertook regular visits to the Reefton Area School and interaction with existing MTFJ clients in Reefton.

#### 3.13 Events

Council, in partnership with the Sacred Heart School in Reefton will hold a tree-planting ceremony to mark the coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort on Saturday 6 May 2023 between 11:00am and 11:30am at King George Park.

This is part of a series of tree-planting events around the country on Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May, involving government and civic leaders, prominent locals and community groups.

The tree planting ceremony will be attended by the Mayor, Sacred Heart School students, staff, and ICB members, iwi and the general public. A plaque will be installed and unveiled at the event.

#### 3.14 Reserve and Halls Subcommittees – Terms of Reference

There are 11 Reserve and Halls Subcommittees throughout the District which are appointed each triennium by Council. These subcommittees sit under the Community, Environment and Services Committee and are tasked with the management of reserves and halls in partnership with Council. In order to empower the subcommittees to carry out the functions they need to it is important that they have terms of reference. Much like those in place for the ICB these terms of reference will delegate many of the responsibilities to carry out matters which the subcommittees have the skills and experience to perform.

A generic terms of reference for all of the subcommittees was approved by Council in 2020 and again at the start of this triennium. The Northern Buller subcommittees submitted their own terms of reference which widened the scope of activities undertaken by the subcommittees. Council officers considered these and prepared a report to Council on 26 April which set out some of the advantages and challenges of the Northern Buller subcommittees' proposals. The report also included a draft terms of reference for consideration including various options for Council to consider.

At the meeting Council decided to receive the report for information and instruct officers to return to the subcommittees to workshop through the options. Council staff have sent a copy of the report and the analysis of the challenges and advantages along with the draft terms of reference to all subcommittees for their feedback. Staff have also offered to attend workshops with the subcommittees to discuss the options if that is what a subcommittee would prefer. A report back to council on that feedback will be made to the June Council meeting.

#### 3.15 Review of the Keeping of Animals Bylaw

Council is undertaking a review of its current bylaws and in March 2022 the Regulatory Hearings Committee approved a draft Keeping of Animals bylaw for public consultation. The draft bylaw was more comprehensive than the previous version and included:

- Urban areas defined and included Westport, Reefton and other residential areas such as Karamea, Granity, Waimangaroa and Inangahua
- Ban on roosters and a number of other male birds within defined urban areas
- Up to four cats permitted per household in urban areas
- Standards around keeping poultry, bees and livestock in urban areas and other standards for pig keeping and bee keeping throughout the district
- Conditions around the slaughter of livestock.

A total of 63 submissions were received covering all of the above issues and a hearing was attended by 10 submitters. The Regulatory Committee considered the submissions and have proposed the following changes to the draft bylaw:

- Definition of urban area to include Westport, Carters Beach and Reefton only;
- Limit of two cats per household in urban areas
- All cats to be desexed, microchipped and registered with the national registry.

As these changes are considered to be more than minor, the changes will be consulted on in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. A Statement of Proposal outlining the changes and reasons behind the changes will be prepared.

Submissions will then be called for through public notices and on the Council website. The Regulatory Committee will then consider any submissions and make a final recommendation to Council.

#### 3.16 Review of Gambling Policy

In March this year the Community, Environment and Services Committee considered a report on the review of the Class 4 Gambling and Totalisator Board (TAB) Policy. The report included an overview of the socioeconomic situation throughout Buller in relation to gaming venues and machines. For example in Reefton there are:

two gambling venues

a total of 15 gaming machines.

With a population of 927 at the 2018 census this translates into 15/16 gaming machines per 1000 population (compared to 12/1000 population in Westport and 5.6/1000 population in Karamea). This equates to a high exposure to gambling opportunities for residents.

Between 2019 and June 2022 a total of 10.3% of Gaming Machine profit generated in Buller was returned directly to Buller in the form of grants. Of course, funding comes to Buller from grants to national or regional organisations however that amount is impossible to estimate.

The report also outlined the deprivation index score for the district. The NZDep for 2018 (NZDep2018) provides a deprivation score for each Statistical Area 1 (SA1), and its constituent meshblocks, in New Zealand.

It is based on Census variables around Employment, Income, Crime, Housing, Health, Education and Access to services. The resulting scores range from 0 (lowest level of deprivation) to 10 (highest level of deprivation). The scores in the various areas of Buller range from 5 to 9 – Reefton Statistical Area (SA2) being 9 and Inangahua Statistical Area (SA2) being 8.

Options for consideration in the review of the policy include:

- Number of venues Status quo (no limit), set cap on the number of venues or sinking lid (no new venues permitted)
- Venue location Status Quo (no restrictions), restrict to specific areas or sinking lid (no new venues)
- Number of gaming machines per venue Status Quo (as per the Act maximum of 9), set a cap per venue (less than 9 as permitted by the Act) or sinking lid (no new machines)
- Relocation of gambling machines Status Quo (no reference to relocation), relocation subject to application, sinking lid (no relocation)

After consideration of the report the Committee resolved to consult with the public on the various options. A Statement of Proposal outlining the options and seeking public submissions will be considered at the next Regulatory Committee meeting on 17 May.

#### 9 MAY 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 6** 

Prepared by

Councillor Linda Webb

Chair

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### 1. REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to provide commentary on significant events and meetings attended by the Chair. The report also provides information on advocacy or political matters relevant to the Inangahua ward currently before Council.

#### 2. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for discussion and information.

#### 3. GENERAL ITEMS

#### 3.1 Reefton Community Meeting - Chlorination

There was a small turn out from the public to receive an update from Council in regard to the introduction of Chlorination into our water supply. Council aims to have the Reefton water supply fully chlorinated by mid-May to early June 2023.

This will involve about 6-8 weeks of preliminary work, starting in April 2023, which includes installing additional equipment at the water treatment plant.

#### 3.2 ANZAC Services

A great turn out at both the Dawn and 10am services from the public. The cenotaph looked fantastic with the recent upgrades. Well done to the RSA and thanks to RSA ladies for providing breakfast and morning tea.

Thank you to WestReef who funded the road closure costs. This is something that needs to be looked at for future public events, as this high compliance cost will mean some events may not be able to take place ie The Christmas Parade and next year's ANZAC parade.

#### 3.3 Waiuta Film Premier

I spoke on behalf of the Mayor and welcomed everybody to the premier of the new film Jos The Forgotten Photographer Who Saved a Town. Congratulations to Dave Kwant and Robyn James for producing another wonderful documentary, following on from the successful Whispers of Gold. Thank you to the Friends of Waiuta, Dr Simon Nathan and everybody who provided funding and support for this project.

Buller District Council is proud to support Community groups like this who are documenting and preserving stories about our local history and historical figures like Jos.

#### 3.4 NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc National Rally

The national rally is being held in Reefton February 2024. This will bring thousands of visitors into our community. More information will be shared at the meeting about how the community can get involved and help.

Council need to consider;

- · Rubbish bins being emptied
- Servicing toilets
- Reefton Visitor and Service Centre opening hours
- Dump stations
- ATM machines being filled (pass this on to Reefton Inc)

#### 3.5 Reefton Swimming Pool

The ICB would like to form a working group with members of the public to discuss the next stages of the project. I suggest that three ICB members plus three nominated members of the public make up this group.

They can then work with the Pool Manager and Council Staff to look at viable options going forward. Community members have also complained about the Pool being closed again halfway through the holidays. I will be writing to the Chief Executive of Buller Holdings Ltd to ask about extending the Reefton Pool's season. This may need feedback to the Annual Plan.

#### 3.6 Reefton Hospital update

Councillor Neylon to give a verbal update at the meeting.

#### 3.7 ICB Workshop 2 May

A verbal update will be given at the meeting from information gathered at the workshop.

#### 3.8 Annual plan feedback

Following our May workshop, ICB will be preparing their Annual Plan feedback as delegated in the ICB Terms of Reference. Annual Plan documents will be released on 8 May.

#### 3.9 Farewell to Rachel Townrow (Acting CEO)

On behalf of the ICB I would like to thank Rachel for her contribution to Council and the ICB. We have appreciated her wealth of knowledge and advice she has given at our meetings. I have found her great to work with and she has always had time for members of the public. We wish her well on her next venture.

#### 3.10 Operational Matters

There are a number of operational matters raised by members of the community which have been answered in the previous report or will be spoken to verbally at the meeting, these include:

- Reefton Visitors and Service Centre
- Maruia Hall 5 tonne rock and brass plaque commemorating those who had served from the Valley.
- King George Park Ramp, footpath and handrail
- Reefton Swimming Pool (next stages of work)
- Reefton Community Centre
- Senior Housing
- Mawheraiti Hall
- Lyall Cemetery
- Reefton Walkway maintenance
- Ikamatua Footpath service request created