



AGENDA

Meeting of the
Inangahua Community Board

Tuesday 9 August 2022
Commencing at 5:00pm

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

Inangahua Community Board

Reports to: Council

Chairperson: As appropriate

Membership Corey Aiken, Alun Bollinger, John Bougen, Dave Hawes, Ina Lee Lineham and Linda Webb

Meeting Frequency: Bi Monthly

Purpose:

1. 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:
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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

2. 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
5. Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community: and
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, Iwi, 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

VENUE: St Johns Rooms, 8 Smith Street, Reefton



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INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

9 AUGUST 2022

AGENDA ITEM 1

Prepared by Krissy Trigg
Acting 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.

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AGENDA ITEM 2

Prepared by Krissy Trigg
Acting Group Manager Community Services

MEMBERS INTEREST

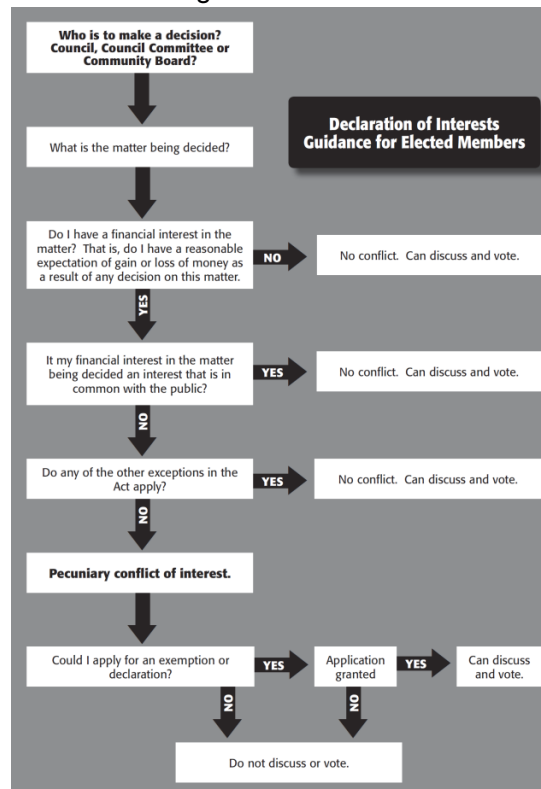
Members are encouraged to consider the items on the agenda and disclose whether they believe they have a financial or non-financial interest in any of the items in terms of Council's Code of Conduct.

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 (Appendix A from Code of Conduct).

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION:

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



INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

9 AUGUST 2022

AGENDA ITEM 3

Prepared by Krissy Trigg
Acting Group Manager Community Services

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Inangahua Community Board receive and confirm minutes from the meeting of 14 June 2022.

**MEETING OF THE INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD AT 5.00PM ON
TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022 AT ST JOHNS ROOMS, 8 SMITH STREET, REEFTON**

PRESENT: Chair J Bougen, Cory Aitken, Alun Bollinger, Cr D Hawes, Ina Lineham, Linda Webb.

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor J Cleine, Krissy Trigg (Acting Group Manager Community Services), Gary Sran (Team Leader Community Facilities), Prue Holms (Group Manager Assistant with Community and Regulatory Services)

MEDIA: Lois Williams (Local Democracy), Claire Ward (Messenger newspaper)

PUBLIC FORUM

Attendee 1: Mr Graeme Neylon

As of 1 July 2022, DHB will cease to exist. Community Public health have put in a submission for the pilot scheme for locality authority.

Challenge about making sure every New Zealander has good health care. Mr Neylon contends that Reefton is not getting its fair share of the health services.

Sec 52. LGA requires Councils is to act in the best interest of the community.

Seeking one representative to be involved getting health services back.

Learnt lesson about lack of consultation following the Ziman House closure, and then repeating with Reefton receiving no notice they were losing their GP.

Health services are based in Greymouth.

Time the Buller Health Trust became less Westport-centric and more Buller-centric.

Currently patients are seeing nurse or a doctor by video conference. Must travel to Greymouth to see a GP, because you are enrolled in Reefton not Greymouth Reefton patients are charged \$60 non-emergency appointments with travel costs on top.

Time for Community Board and Council to step up and demand some action for Reefton Health Facilities.

Mayor J Cleine replied he will try to push for an ICB member to be part of this initiative.

As a last resort Mr Neylon stated they would be prepared to see Council funding a medical facility in the Inangahua through rates.

1000 people – all of Reefton – are required to make a medical trust viable.

Cost of travel for 10-15 patients to Westport vs a GP to Reefton discussed.

Mr Neylon gave an update on Ziman House – no progress has been made. Huge staff shortage in NZ and unable to attract nursing staff at any level to Reefton.

MEETING DECLARED OPEN AT: 5.27pm

1. APOLOGIES (Page 8)

Discussion:

No apologies.

Moria Lockington- resident of Reefton asked for her apologies to be tabled.
This was Acknowledged.

RESOLVED that there are no apologies to be received and no requests for leave of absence;

D Hawes/A Bollinger

6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MEMBERS INTEREST (Page 9)

Discussion:

No Interests were declared.

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

C Aitken/L Webb

6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (Page 10)**

Discussion:

Alun Bollinger states correction is needed in the name of the Venue. Not Women's Institute Rooms, meeting was held at the St Johns Rooms. *Noted*

Cory spelt without "e". Please update spelling of his name. *Noted*

RESOLVED that the Inangahua Community Board receive and confirm minutes from the meeting of 12 April 2022.

I Lineham/A Bollinger
6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ACTION POINTS (Page 24)**

Discussion:

Going to consultation. Needs a date in there – December 2022.

Surface Water – June 2022. Uncompleted. Waka Kotahi blatantly incorrect.
King George Park – work been done. In progress.

#20 is completed.

#21 Report on update coming at next meeting.

RESOLVED that the Inangahua Community Board receive the Action Point Report for information.

D Hawes/L Webb
6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT (Page 26)**

Discussion:

Crossing – Cr J Bougen is indignant and insulted at Reefton being treated like simpletons with specific regard to Lake Supervalve by Waka Kotahi. This extended to easily resolved matters like the speed monitor at the top of Broadway, which Transit have only now advised who owns it and who can fix it.. Many of these items have been discussed and minutes taken in all the meetings since Mr Bougen has been Chair of Committee

Pedestrian Crossing is gone.

Speed monitor camera – essentially just needs a new battery installed. The monitor was put in by the West Coast Road Safety committee and as it now transpires, was gifted to the people of Reefton. Now N Hateley – BDC, has contacted a local electrician, so should be working next week. Two and a half

years of asking it to be fixed and we now know we own it and need to maintain it.

Town Bridge: Deemed too expensive.

A Bollinger noted road access could be narrowed. If wide enough for a 100km zone as at Devil's Creek Bridge, it should fit 50kms

Mr Hawes noted there had been no pedestrian vs motor vehicle incidents on the pedestrian crossing but at the town bridge there was a potentially very serious, if not life-threatening incident. Too narrow for wheelchairs.

Mr Mayor stated this is on Waka Kotahi to provide a way forward. We need to provide a case to go into the RLTP. Whilst not currently on the list, this is how to get it on the list.

Mr Hawes noted there was 200k nearly allocated to safety improvements in previous reports. Why do we need to build another case? Is there not a policy for zero road deaths?

J Bougen suggested a sub committee to take forward.

Any involvement with the BDC team. NZTA unlikely to engage with small group.

ACTION POINT: Speak with M Duff re RLTP

G Sran advised regarding the Visitor Centre Amalgamation Plan. Completion is planned for end November 2022.

A Bollinger noted regarding the parking. Very good parking out the back on the Strand and suggested making good rear access.

Cr Bougen suggested a sign requesting please keep space free for those with mobility issues.

A Bollinger noted we could make easier parking. Will discuss and bring ideas to next meeting.

G Sran spoke regarding the following:

- Campground. There will be upgrades to managers quarters to get to healthy home standards.
- Women's Institute Rooms (formerly Plunket Rooms) and King George Park upgrade. The handrail, connecting to the main footpath to connect, upgrades around there.
- Condensation swimming pool issues. Minor upgrades for now. Extractor fans, and doors.
- Reefton Public Toilets beginning demolition in second week of August. Six weeks later, prefab toilets will be delivered. November will see new toilets. Port-a-loos will be there. Not ideal, but accessible for truck drivers. To confirm if there will be hot water

Water Reservoir Track: K Trigg will provide full update by next ICB meeting, with action and outcome. Krissy had spoken with E de Boer about this.

Water course has changed, which is affecting stability of the hillside. Engineer been commissioned to fix this. Residents hold a lot of concern.

Cr J Bougen expressed thanks to Alun for the plan of King George Park and thank you to BDC for the funding in the Annual Plan. Also, thanks from Moria Lockington to BDC for funding.

Cr J Bougen commented on the following regarding stewardship land:

- 1) Land on Bridge Street, (eastern side of Bridge Street) and all reserve that sits behind. Currently recommended for recreation.
- 2) Where the Strand Park is now, recommended to remain as reserve and maintain under DOC ownership.
- 3) Third area all the land west of the Racecourse, between racecourse and river. Open for recommendation

RESOLVED

1. That the report be received for discussion and information.
2. That the Inangahua Community Board endorses the Chair approaching Development West Coast regarding their assistance with the availability of fibre in Reefton.

J Bougen/C Aitken
6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CORRESPONDENCE (Page 36)

Discussion:

ACTION POINT: Cr Bougen to reply to Robin Waghorn

RESOLVED that the Inangahua Community Board receive inwards correspondence.

I Lineham/L Webb
6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT (Page 49)

Discussion:

ACTION POINT: SEDO Report. 3.1 Cr Bougen and Cr Hawes requested a copy of clause 3.1 from the report.

Oceania Globe Mine Visitor Experience. –Cr Bougen has been advised that a final decision is a long way off. Public consultation has happened. Conclusions need to be ratified by Oceana, DOC and Iwi. Getting everyone to meet has been challenging.

A question was raised regarding the swimming pool being on track to open for the season. G Sran confirmed they will be open on time. Mr Bougen advised public the pool would keep its original hours; no extension has been provided within the AP due to costs.

Mr Hawes questioned if we could we talk with Buller Holdings and find the cost implications and could we fund raise or think outside the square for funds.

Cr J Bougen noted it would cost \$8k to fund this.

K Trigg noted there was little use previously when hours have been extended.

Cr J Bougen requested written suggestions as to how to address this in order to forward to BHL.

Mr Bougen asked C Aitken to speak suggested regarding the \$500 initially to go towards a transport app.

C Aitken suggested this could go to Who Cares.

A Who Cares spokesperson said they currently transport 30 people per month to hospital, dental, WINZ, legal appointments. All ages use this service. All volunteers working this. Are in the funding area. Need to be in the 80km area. They can't claim on behalf of the patient. The money goes to the patient, not the organisation.

\$500 would be a lot to them. They get funding from Community Organisation Grants, and Lotteries Commission.

RESOLVED that the approved \$500 to go towards transport subsidy for "Who Cares House" on a one-off basis

C Aitken/A Bollinger
6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED that the Inangahua Community Board receive the Community and Economic Development Update Report for information

C Aitken/I Lineham

6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSES (Page 53)

Discussion:

Mayor J Cleine spoke regarding G Neylon's address, requesting correspondence written to either he or Council, pointing out the concerns of the health care in Reefton and ask to be included in the locality pilot scheme or at least have some form of consultation.

Chairman to discuss further with Mr Neylon.

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

Moved C Aitken/L Webb

6/6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr J Bougen noted regarding Fibre only being approved as far as railway line going northwest. Cost to get fibre to Reefton Distilling is \$60k. Possible funding options are, low interest loan over an extended period.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.26pm

- **Next meeting:** 5:00pm, Tuesday 9 August 2022, St Johns Rooms, 8 Smith Street, Reefton

Confirmed: **Date:**

INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

9 AUGUST 2022

AGENDA ITEM 4

Prepared by Krissy Trigg
Acting 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.

**INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD - ACTION POINTS
CURRENT**

No.	Action Point / Meeting Date	Responsible	Progress	Date Required
3.	11 February 2020 Speed limit through Blacks Point and into Reefton: Chair to respond to Charley Gray's letter and convey the information received from meeting with NZTA.	Cr John Bougen (Chair)	NZTA are still reviewing this request. Due to go to consultation Update: this is at consultation with NZTA and an update will be provided to council when the process is completed	December 2022
16	27 April 2021 Contact Waka Kotahi regarding surface water outside supermarket	Manager Infrastructure Services	Waka Kotahi will not be attending to this. ICB to write letter to Waka Kotahi Completed, see correspondence from Waka Kotahi regarding the pedestrian crossing Uncompleted – still a work in progress however this sits with NZTA.	June 2022 August 2022
21	08 February 2022 Follow up issues identified around the town with property staff in relation to the West Coast Disability Strategic Action Plan. Access to buildings etc	Acting GM Community Services	Follow up with Team Leader Community Facilities. Funding in submission as above completed and this will be actioned in the new FY Gary to update at meeting. Women's Institute rooms being adapted this year for better accessibility	June 2022 August 2022
22	14 June 2022 Town Bridge	Acting GM Community Services	Consult with M Williams re RLTP. BDC to add this into RTLP. Not due for review until 2024	August 2022
24	14 June 2022	Cr J Bougen	Reply letter to R Waghorn	August 2022
25	14 June 2022	Acting GM Community Services	Copy of SEDO Report – Clause 3.1 to Cr J Bougen and Cr D Hawes. COMPLETED	August 2022

INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

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AGENDA ITEM 5

Prepared by Councillor John Bougen
Chair

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to provide commentary of 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 An update as to timings will be given at the meeting.

Campground Flood Wall Reinstatement

Funding from Central Government under the Tranche Two Application has been successful. Work to commence in short order as it is acknowledged that further erosion has occurred in recent rain events.

Old Town Dump

River diversion and capping

Culvert Replacement

By Waka Kotahi across Broadway at Donovan Street.

New Toilets

Demolition is imminent. New construction to commence immediately following demolition.

Temporary toilets will be sited on Broadway to the right of the Campground entrance, to continue to provide ease of parking for trucks and the like. Installation will be prior to demolition.

Additional signage will be installed on Broadway to direct to the Strand toilets.

King George Park

Quotes are being obtained by Council staff for all works that have been requested to be undertaken. Once the quotes are to hand then the works can be prioritised to match funds available.

Additional to the works discussed at the last ICB meeting, are the remediation works that need to be undertaken on the Cenotaph. This has been requested by the RSA, who are rightfully concerned about the state of the path leading to the Cenotaph and the deteriorating paint work on the Cenotaph itself.

Council staff have rightfully identified that the wall surrounding the Cenotaph is in need of repair and this is being costed as well. As the wall is truly unique in its design and of special significance to the Reefton families of those who served in the Services, the restoration needs to be handled carefully and sympathetically.

Lake Super Value

Waka Kotahi's complete and utter indifference to the plight of the residents of Reefton, will remain in my mind, as the saddest outcome of this ICB's term.

Reefton Visitor Centre / Reefton Service Centre Merger

On track for end of November opening. An update of associated matters will be given at the meeting.

This update will include where planning is around elderly parking options.

Reservoir Track Remediation

The water related issues that have led to the degradation of the hillside on the eastern side of the track have been identified and an agreed solution is in the process of works commissioning.

Works will include additional culverts along with restoration of the track and its water tabling.

ICB Annual Grant

Heartiest congratulations to Ina Lineham for her fortitude and perseverance in ensuring that the historical photos got to adorn the Strand Toilets.



This was of course made possible by the ICB agreeing to utilise part of its 2021/2022 Annual Grant to pay for their implementation and erection. Expenditure to date is \$2,032. The remaining balance was put aside for the historical signs to go on Reefton's oldest/important restored buildings.

Proposed buildings and indication of wording – subject to building owner approval, will be presented at the meeting.

Stewardship Land

The final submission date has been extended to the end of August 2022.

Apologies for not having included the proposed ICB submission on the Stewardship Land in Reefton in this Agenda.

It is hoped that our proposed response will be sent by email to the Board, prior to the meeting, in order that it can be approved at the meeting.

Final Words

I would be pleased if I might be able to have a few minutes to express my thanks to the Inangahua Community Board Members for their continued dedication and efforts on behalf of the Reefton Community.

This gratitude also extends to Council Staff and Mayor Jamie Cleine, who have been fulsome in their attention to Reefton's needs over the entire three years.

That support didn't deviate, even over the last year, when Westport's needs were at their greatest.

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Prepared by Krissy Trigg
Acting Group Manager Community Services

Attachment A Letter from J Bougen re Reefton Power House Project

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Inangahua Community Board receive outwards correspondence.

16 June 2022

To whom it may concern.

Re: Reefton Power House Project

It is with great enthusiasm and genuine pride that the Inangahua Community Board gives its unfettered endorsement of the Powerhouse Project which is now tantalizingly close to completion. The staggeringly large amount of volunteer hours, from not only the Powerhouse Trust, but also a great swathe of the communities of Reefton, the Inangahua District and its extended hinterland, along with the generosity from Lotto and other organizations across New Zealand, has resulted in the project being on the final leg of its long and winding path to full operation.

Over the time that the Reefton Power House has been quietly and carefully reinstated, Reefton itself has been on a dramatic and fulfilling restoration project of its own. Without doubt, the Reefton by-line of "Town of Light" can now be added to by, "Our future is our Past" and this has in large part been due to the Power House Project shining a light on where the future of Reefton lies, that is, firmly in a celebration of its rich Heritage and achievements.

Reefton has never rested on its laurels since Gold was discovered here 150 years ago and it was the result of the optimism of Gold Miners and the entrepreneurial spirit of those that joined them in Reefton, that it also became famous for generating electricity and the ensuing benefits that resulted. Now, 134 years later, the same sharing of benefits from the generation of electricity will result in the community being assisted from the resulting proceeds generated by the Power House.

The addition of the Power House to the attractions of Reefton cannot be overstated. There is considerable interest in the project and the benefits that will or have already come from it. The true left of the Inangahua River has been transformed into a parklike area, which has engendered further work on the other side of the river, so as to complete the Power House walk. Once the Powerhouse is operational, then other features and activities will be able to be established, thereby cementing the area as one of NZ's top tourist attractions.

We are all in eager anticipation of the day that the Turbines Turn again, may it be soon thanks to the support which will come from near and far to achieve that wonderful day.

Yours sincerely



Councillor John Bougen
Inangahua Community Board Chair

INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

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AGENDA ITEM 7

Prepared by Community Services Team Leaders

Reviewed by Krissy Trigg
Acting Group Manager Community Services

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

1. REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of community and economic development activities that have occurred since the last Inangahua Community Board meeting, and those that are planned between now and the next board meeting, with a particular focus on the Inangahua Ward.

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 June and July 2022.

3.1 Reefton Socio-Economic Development

- Support given the Quartzopolis mine for exhibition upgrade.
- Reefton Workingmen's Club application to TTCF
- Reefton Open Studio Art Trail
- Reefton Darts Club
- Blacks Point Museum – Support with their application to The Trust Community Foundation.

- New enquiry – Group seeking funding support for improvements on historical St Patricks church in Ikamatua. Advised what funding is available now and support with application.
- Nationwide Health & Disability Advocacy Service – Nish Mohun visited Reefton, held the community meeting on 12 July 2022.
- Globe Site Visit – Facilitated Ngati Waewae site visit to Globe Progress. Gave Ned Tauwhare a full site tour on 22 July 2022, to meet manager and Megan conducted a presentation.
- Also assisted with the following initiatives, Warmer Homes scheme –Storage space in Reefton has been proposed by council, Hearing Impaired support for a member of the community and Community Patrol or Neighbourhood Watch projects.

3.3 Reefton Cinema

Rennie Pearson show, and the John Kirwan talk were well received, with tech support from NBS Theatre.

Good to see things other than movies happening in the Cinema.

September - Another AGM booked plus ROARS charity concert.

3.4 Reefton Toilets

Timeline of Works:

- Demolition: 22 August – 2 September
- Site Establishment: 5 September – 30 September
- Delivery/Instalment: 3 October – 11 November

The existing artifacts/signs around the toilets will be removed and stored during the span of the construction.

2 x Portaloos will be placed in the meantime with signs to inform the public about the toilets at The Strand.

3.6 Women's Institute Rooms and King George Park

Westreef has been asked to provide us a quote for the upgrade of King George Park & installing the much-needed disability access ramp to Women's Institute Rooms.

3.7 Service Centre

The project is continuing, on schedule. The newly merged “hub” is proposed to open on 21 November 2022 which will enable the tourism sector to benefit from the additional services which will be available in one location. The library will also be located in the new ‘hub’ and the staff consultation will begin shortly.

3.9 Library

Inangahua County Library in Reefton has just had their public APNK computer hardware upgraded. The Aotearoa People’s Network Kaharoa (APNK) starts with a simple idea: that all New Zealanders should be able to access the online world using a good quality internet connection.

In collaboration with New Zealand public libraries, APNK works to make this a reality by providing free and facilitated access to the internet and computer technology for all.

During the July school holidays craft packs were provided for children, this time with a winter theme. These were well received by local tamariki and Reefton library staff report some nice feedback from whanau.

We recently conducted Buller District Libraries satisfaction survey. 100% of Inangahua County Library respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the services offered at the Library!

The comments about staff and the service they had received was extremely positive. There were some great suggestions made and staff will do their best to make these possible where they can.

With orange and red covid restrictions, the libraries have not been able to host events or conduct most of the in-person programming at the libraries. So, staff have instead focussed on activities that can be done passively such as offering reading challenges for children and adults.

The plan is to slowly introduce in-person programmes and events once the usual winter ills have passed through our communities. Hopefully we will start to see this happening in Reefton soon.