

ANNUAL PLAN 2019-20

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Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *Don Neale*

Organisation & Position *Personal*

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Option 1: Partner with Westland Milk products on the Ocean Outfall project

WDC needs to ensure that they are bound by the wrc to monitor and control the quality of the water at its entry into the outfall pipe to be at a very high standard and not monitor only the effects at the seaward end of the pipe that will be very difficult

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

No Past experience has proven that council loses their governance role when work and assets are transferred to CCOs like DW, and public transparency and input is largely lost. The current profit driven aims of DW are not appropriate for these community development assets. CCO structures need to change.

Additional funding for Hokitika Regent Theatre: Cost \$27,500.

Yes Hokitika's Regent Theatre is a vital asset to Westland's residents and visitors and the WDC needs to provide this extra support to help ensure the theatre remains financially viable.

I support the inclusion in Council's 2019/20 Draft Annual Plan for an increase to the Hokitika Regent Theatre funding of \$27,500 per year funded from the Hokitika Community Rate.

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Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Yes Its an effective way to coordinate the towns promotion.

Change the zoning of the Bruce Bay rates.

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Tourism Strategy Group Funding: Cost \$100,000

Moving footpath maintenance from the Community Rate to General rate

Further Feedback

Hokitika Museum needs to be better recognised as a valuable community asset and better funded and governed to ensure all of its functions remain and the skills of its staff recognised and respected.

WDC should support Wildfoods but not the financially and reputationally dubious Ute Muster.

WDC also needs to better plan for coastal, climate and seismic hazards.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 24 MAY 2019

SUBMISSIONS HEARING 6 JUNE 2019

We would like to know if you support the proposed changes to our 2019/20 work programme.

Full details of the proposed changes can be found in our consultation document and draft annual plan

Please mail this form to the Council or drop it in to our service centre.

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Private Bag 704, Hokitika 7842

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Email: consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

Name Glenn Kearns

Organisation (if applicable) Kiwi Rugby Football Club

Email g.m.kearns@slingshot.co.nz

Address 73 Weld Street

I would like to speak to Council about my submission Yes I Would like to speak.

If yes, please provide a contact phone number 027 222 4445

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Do you have any feedback on this?

Do you have any further feedback?

Yes about Cass Square. I want to raise this perennial issue of sports being impacted due to Wild Foods and Kids Festival damaging Cass Square. We feel these need moving to a more suitable location. I would like to discuss and further progress talks had with Mayor B Smith about developing a community center where the stand currently is.

Cass Square.

a.

Kiwi Rugby Football Club are frustrated as every year Wild Foods and Kids Festival do major damage to the surface of Cass Square resulting in it being closed for part of or the whole season. This impacts on both seniors and JAB teams. While JAB teams are able to play/train on school grounds the seniors have to play games away. This impacts economically and we lose our home crowds and support.

Rugby is not the only user of Cass Square impacted in the last few years. Football, Athletics and Cricket (Cricket even had to play a final in Greymouth that as top qualifier it should have been on Cass Square.) have been impacted also to varying degrees.

Cass Square fields are sports fields built to handle sports events, not designed or able to have light vehicle, trucks, light & heavy and forklifts on it.

For this reason alone Westland District Council should move where these Festivals are held.

In reading the District Plan I feel the Council is braking it's own rules under 2.1 The Councils Functions And responsibilities. Section 7 Lists " Other Matters" as follows. (c) The Maintenance And Enhancement Of Amenity Values. I feel no consideration is given to other users of Cass Square when allowing Wild Foods and Kids Festival under the RMA and the social and economic impacts that result.

b.

Possibility of a community centre for the users of Cass Square.

Kiwi feel there is a need for this. Ongoing discussions have taken place with Mayor Bruce Smith and both parties feel it is a good idea and we should push ahead. Other sports have been involved in these discussions. Current facilities are substandard, (The stand is structurally unsound.) or past there used by date.

Intention is to see what it would cost and progress it with no impact on rate payers. Kiwi would be willing to contribute significantly to this if it was to go ahead.

G Kearns

KRFC President



Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *Emma Thomas*

Organsation & Position

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Option 2:Wait until the Resource Consent is due to expire

Have we had any studies done to say this will not effect aquatic life ? As this may effect what ultimately comes up the river from the ocean.

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

No

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

Yes

Additional funding for Hokitika Regent Theatre: Cost \$27,500.

Yes We need to maintain this asset

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Yes

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Further Feedback

Playground at Cass square.

When you go to a town especially with children you soon remember the towns for the parks and create great memories.

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The frontage of cass square also has enough room to put a pump track, as the BMX track has been washed away and the cycling tourism is high this would be fantastic to encourage people to stop here.

Please consider funding for this asset which has great potential.

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Submitter Name *Loren Tuinier*

Organsation & Position

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Submitter Name *Renee Power*

Organsation & Position *Mother*

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Submitter Name *Philip Barker*
Organsation & Position *Stopforths Motel*

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only if long term savings are possible as claimed in the document so assume this means a reduction in rates next year on this area.

Dog Fees and Structure

user pays here should not cost ratepayers only owners of dogs. OK with changes as long as ratepayers not burdened by dog owners wanting dogs they should pay full cost.

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

No Council already has a compliance office and there is no need to increase this.

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No Only if it is financially cost neutral or actually saves the ratepayer money. This council hasn't shown an ability to balance the books so for now NO.

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No The theatre continues to put its hand out and basically has become a burden to ratepayers. In the past, it has indicated it wouldn't ask for more money and yet again we see it's asking for money. This is an unnecessary burden on ratepayers and they need to manage it responsibly.

Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Yes And this needs to include all air bnb's in the area. When they pay their share the overall rate burden can then drop accordingly and a reduction in commercial rates will then occur.

Change the zoning of the Bruce Bay rates.

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centralisation should lead to a reduction in average rates due to economies of scale. If it does occur any increases in cost need to be paid by Bruce bay rate payers.

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Further Feedback

It isn't acceptable to increase rates by 4.85% you must keep within the rate of inflation and if this means saying no then do so.

We now pay far too much rates for a new business it is a burden that puts our business under immense pressure. People that have run businesses responsibly and competently need to be in council. The fact this council actually opposed our resource consent and now hammers us with such outrageous rates speaks of the need for change in Westland.

Mary-anne Bell

From: Tessa Wallace.x <twallace548@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 11:03 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission to the 2019/20 Westland District Annual Plan

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Tessa Wallace

130 Gibson quay
Hokitika

I would like to speak to Council about my submission (at the hearing in Hokitika 6 June): No (delete one)

If Yes, provide a phone number: _____

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Name Destination Hokitika Inc
Organisation (if applicable) _____
Email admin@hokitika.org
Address P.O. Box 126, Hokitika.
I would like to speak to Council about my submission ☒ Y ☐ N
If yes, please provide a contact phone number 027 256 9600

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Do you have any further feedback?

More pages can be attached if necessary.



PO Box 126 Hokitika
www.hokitika.org
admin@hokitika.org

15th May 2019

Dear Mayor & Councillors

Submission to the Annual Plan – Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

We are writing with enthusiasm in support of some of the changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate detailed in the Annual Plan consultation document.

Extending the area to include all commercial rated properties in the Hokitika District.

- Currently the area is set and assessed on all rateable properties defined as commercial use properties and located in the Hokitika area promotions zone as mapped in the Rating policy. We believe and have previously requested that this area be increased to reflect the growing number of commercial business outside of this area and are thrilled that council has moved towards making this change.

Reduction to commercial rated properties that already pay this rate.

- DH has worked from a \$39k budget since the 2010/2011 Financial year when it was increased by \$20k to cover the cost of a Promotions position. With an expenses budget of \$19k, the organisation has achieved a great deal over many years, as our recent presentation to Council showed.
- We understand that WDC collects this rate on our behalf. As such it can choose to collect or not collect it, but the decision on the amount rated is at our request. We request the rate per property remains the same. This would make available the necessary funds to bring some exciting projects to fruition. It would also give us the opportunity to be able to offer remuneration to the Chairperson role within the organisation. This role is the largest of the organisation and has operated as a voluntary position for many years. With the planned restructure, we see this position as integral to the future of DH and we would like to value it accordingly.
- The Council currently retains over \$5,000 which is collected on our behalf and retained by Council. It is hard to see how this could be the additional cost to Council of collecting this rate on our behalf. We propose that Council reduces this to a set fee of \$3,000 including GST as a collection fee.

We would also ask that you consider:

Identify all commercial activities properties.

- We believe that there are several commercial properties within the targeted rate current geographical boundary that are not still paying the targeted rate, highlighting that the system it uses to identify commercial properties is not comprehensive enough. We ask that Council continue work to ensure it accurately, consistently and clearly identifies all commercial entities and levy them accordingly.
- In May 2018 WDC sent letters to residential property owners, identified as running commercial activities, requesting they assist Council by completing a self-assessment/declaration form. We believe that there are still many residential properties that are operating a commercial activity and we ask that the process of identifying these be extended to include all residential properties.
- Once identified we ask, they be charged the Hokitika Area Promotions rate in proportion with the percentage of the activity identified. There are currently a significant number, including AirBnB's, in our area that are benefiting from the work that Destination Hokitika does, including the increase in visitor number following many years of promotions.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirley Gardiner".

Shirley Gardiner
 Destination Hokitika

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samuel Blight".

Samuel Blight
 Destination Hokitika

Destination Hokitika Inc

BUDGET 2020

		<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Brochure/Website Income & Associated Expenses</u>		
Income - Promotion	Advertising Sales -	\$33,400.00
	Total Budgeted Funds Available	\$33,400.00
	<u>Total Promotions-Web & Map Expenses</u>	\$22,000.00
	<u>Total Promotions - Website Expenses</u>	\$2,400.00
	<u>Total Distribution Expenses</u>	\$9,000.00
	<u>Brochure/Website Income & Associated Expenses</u>	\$33,400.00
		\$0.00
<u>Other Income</u>		
	Interest Received	\$30.00
	Income - Hokitika Promotions Rate	218 x \$355.96
	Grants and Donations	\$67,500.00
	Total Income	\$68,130.00
<u>Promotional Expenses</u>		
Promotions Management		\$19,000.00
Chairperson Honarium		\$10,200.00
Promotions - Image/Video Library		\$3,000.00
Famils		\$500.00
Signage Projects	Brown Tourism Sign	\$5,000.00
	Highway Distance Signs	\$15,000.00
	Hokitika Gorge Icon Signs	\$10,000.00
Advertising	Domestic Campaigns	\$5,000.00
	Total Other Promotions Budget	\$67,700.00
<u>Love Hokitika Expenses</u>		
Love Hokitika Campaign	Expenses - Retailers Market etc	\$5,000.00
	Town Centre Garden Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Christmas Festivities	Christmas Parade contribution	\$1,000.00
	Luminaries Project	\$5,000.00
	Total CBR Expenses Budgeted	\$12,000.00
<u>General Expenses</u>		
	Includes Admin Exp, Financial Exp Printing & Stationery etc	\$17,000.00
	Total Other Expenses Budgeted	\$17,000.00
	Total DH projected Expenses	\$96,700.00
	Projected Income Less Projected Expenses	-\$28,570.00

Notes to Budget 2020:

We appreciate that this budget is in deficit however the necessary funds for the projected loss will be raised by seeking financial contributions by engaging individual businesses and other fundraising.

Our signage projects have been postponed for a long time now and is it essential to local businesses that every opportunity is made to ensure visitors to Westland are pointed to visit the Hokitika Township.

The Luminaries signage project has also been identified and is a once in a lifetime opportunity, one that we need to move quickly on.

What are the BENEFITS of being a DH Member? [the good stuff]

As a Member, you get the opportunity to...



use the "Hokitika - cool little town" or Love Hokitika brands on your advertising materials and merchandise*



take part in Love Hokitika promotions organised by EH – ie. local market days, 25 Days of Christmas shopping events, Pride of Place competitions



use professional and stunning images in your advertising materials*

@juergenschacke.com



embed professional videos onto your own website to add value and items of interest for your website visitors



advertise in our printed materials – brochure and town map[#]



receive a FREE Web Line Listing (or choose to upgrade) on our top ranking website – 100,000 visitors a year[#]



feature on our comprehensive social media sites



participate or be represented in joint marketing activities organised by DH

*subject to licensing terms and conditions
#advertising is open to non-Members

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As a Member, you get the opportunity to...



receive the Members newsletter with information on upcoming DH promotions, useful marketing tips and relevant marketing data



promote your Deals or Packages for FREE through our marketing channels – print, radio, website, newsletters, social media



support signage projects – promotional, tourism and directional signs

The 10 Most Beautiful Towns in New Zealand by theculturetrip.com

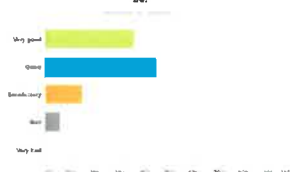


be represented to media and trade through image, video and editorial requests and participate in famils (familiarisation tours)



participate or be represented at events that DH attends like the Canterbury A&P Show

Do you expect the business situation of your company for Nov 2016 to April 2017 to be:



participate in our Business Confidence Survey and be informed of the results – every May and Nov



support town beautification projects



get a vote, take part in our committees and have your rights and views advocated for with industry, government and the community

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *John Kent Martin*

Organsation & Position *Ratepayer*

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Option 2:Wait until the Resource Consent is due to expire

Why should i subsidize a Chinese dairy company they don't even collect milk from where i pay rates

Dog Fees and Structure

Double the fees for all dogs ,as the SPCA. Is always having to raise money for other peoples problems

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

No

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I changed my mind on this over Easter when we went to our house

The council in there wisdom removed our rubbish trailer as we weren't obeying the recycling rules (haven't seen the Haast recycling facility results yet)

We now need to take our rubbish to Fox with dismal opening hours or take it home with us

We still pay rates for rubbish

Surely the ratepayers can work out a feasible way to use there rates for there betterment

It intrigued me to read at the old Bruce Bay dump (NO HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH)

The old dump was full of certified Freedom Campers enjoying our environment

They wandered through our community ,not on the footpath ,as we have none

Let the community have more input in to the running of our community not accountants or squabbling councilors

Tourism Strategy Group Funding: Cost \$100,000

No

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No

Further Feedback

Council should run and improve infrastructure look after ratepayers ,forget all the political rubbish and petty fighting that is negative and petty

Mary-anne Bell

From: Jase Blair <vp@westcoastalpineclub.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 20 May 2019 11:47 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Draft Annual Plan Submission

Submission to the 2019/20 Westland District Annual Plan

I support the inclusion in Council's 2019/20 Draft Annual Plan for an increase to the Hokitika Regent Theatre funding of \$27,500 per year funded from the Hokitika Community Rate.

I support the continued community use of the Regent as our "Town Hall" for cinema, live performances, community meetings and day-and-night events, and as a historic heritage feature in the heart of Hokitika. Hokitika's Regent Theatre is important to the town and the wider Westland Community. The building has been saved with a huge voluntary effort and sponsorship from the community. I urge Council to get wholeheartedly behind securing the Theatre's future.

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I would like to speak to Council about my submission (at the hearing in Hokitika 6 June): Yes
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7 May 2019

Simon Bastion
Chief Executive
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Hokitika

By email: consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

Dear Simon,

Submission on Westland District Council Annual Plan 2019/20

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Westland District Council Annual Plan for 2019/20.

Our submission focusses on the following points:

- One District Plan
- Civil Defence Emergency Management

One District Plan

The Local Government Reorganisation (West Coast Region) Final Proposal Order 2018 came in to effect on 5 November 2018. This Order requires the development of a West Coast District Plan (One District Plan), and directs the West Coast Regional Council to undertake this work. The Order was developed by the Local Government Commission who carried out extensive consultation including public hearings and telephone interviews.

The Order details the process that must be followed including the governance structure for the development of the plan.

Funding for One District Plan has been explicitly outlined within the Order as follows: *"The costs for there to be a combined district plan and for preparing, notifying, adopting, periodically amending and reviewing the combined district plan must be funded by the West Coast Regional Council by a rate set in relation to all rateable land within the West Coast Region."*

This means the Regional Council is required by law to strike an appropriate rate for the development and maintenance of the plan.

The Governance Group has established a framework for the development of the One District Plan. The plan is to be completed within three years and will be overseen by a Project Manager, which will be supported by a senior planner and an administrator. There will also be consultant costs associated with this.

Funding from the Local Government Commission has assisted in covering the establishment costs of the project. The three District Councils have previously committed \$25,000 each, and the Regional Council is repurposing the economic development funding for the 2019/20 year. Even with these contributions, there will be a shortfall that the Regional Council will be rating for.

Note that if this directive had not been made, both the Grey and Westland District Councils would have to rate separately to undertake their own individual plans in addition to the work that the Buller District Council has commenced but still to complete. The Governance Group anticipates that there will be cost savings in the long run for ratepayers across the region.

Outcome sought:

1. That the Westland District Council retains the \$25,000 per annum contribution for the lifetime of the Tai Poutini One District Plan project.
2. That the Westland District Council commits to the provision of staff time to the technical working group for the lifetime of the project.

Civil Defence Emergency Management

Council staff are critical in resourcing the Emergency Operations Centre before, during and after an event. The Emergency Operations Centre is a central location from which the response to an emergency is managed. This submission seeks that the Buller District Council reviews their involvement during a response to an event and ensures that all staff, as well as volunteers and Controllers, receive the training needed, and are supported to undertake the various roles within the EOC, to provide the appropriate response required.

Outcome sought:

1. That the Westland District Council ensures that all staff, as well as volunteers and Controllers, receive the training required, and are supported to undertake the various roles within the Emergency Operations Centre, to provide the appropriate response to an event.

Hearing

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely



Michael Meehan
Chief Executive
West Coast Regional Council

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name Carol Scott

Organsation & Position Bruce Bay Hall Board

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

Additional funding for Hokitika Regent Theatre: Cost \$27,500.

Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Change the zoning of the Bruce Bay rates.

SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN

23 April 2019

After over 3 years of e mails, submissions and meetings I am hoping this is the last correspondence needed to finally resolve the Community Rate for the Bruce Bay area.

I am the secretary of the Bruce Bay Hall and have been asked to put in a submission to the Long Term Plan on the communities behalf.

I have been pursuing this matter since it was first brought to our attention in February 2016 that the Bruce Bay Community were being charged a Community Rate for Fox Glacier.

We felt as an independent community that any money being rated for the community from our residents should be returned to us for our projects.

After a meeting in Fox Glacier in December 2016 with members of the council and representatives from Fox Glacier and Bruce Bay we were all in agreement that the Bruce Bay Community should have its own separate rate. As the Bruce Bay Community had never requested any funds from the council we were hoping we wouldn't need to pay but this was not possible so we suggested the rate should be more in line with the needs of this community and closer to the amount collected for Haast. This too was agreed on.

We had thought the issue was resolved when the 2017 -2018 Annual plan was adopted with Bruce Bay included in the Haast Section of the Community Rate table.

We were then surprised when the first rates demands arrived with yet again the Fox Glacier Community Rate charged. After emailing the council I was initially advised that it was too late and we would have to pay. I then pointed out that the Plan with our district being separated had been adopted and THAT couldn't be changed. We were then refunded and the mistake was corrected.

Then in the 2018 -2019 the Bruce Bay Community was again included in the Fox Glacier Community for rating despite the assurances it had been sorted out.

A Meeting was held at Fox Glacier on the 14th of March 2019 with the following purpose:

"Westland District Council proposes implementing a separate community rate for the Bruce Bay community. Bruce Bay ratepayers are currently included in the Fox Glacier Community Rating Zone. The proposal would create a new rating zone."

When myself, Jacqui Low and Catherine Montague attended on behalf of the Bruce Bay Community we were surprised when we were advised we had two choices which were to either remain with Fox Glacier or if we preferred, to become part of the Haast community. This was contrary to the notice which had led us to believe we were finally

going to have the issue resolved. Residents from Haast who attended the meeting made it very clear they would not support the Haast option. We agreed that this was not an option for us. Fox Glacier residents who attended continue to support our efforts to have a new rating zone for Bruce Bay. We were told if we wanted to change the current rating we would need to put in a submission so I am again doing this on behalf of the Bruce Bay Community.

Can we please ensure that the matter is resolved once and for all.

The Bruce Bay Community requests the following:

- 1. The Long Term and Annual Plans recognise Bruce Bay is a separate Community to Fox Glacier.*
- 2. The boundary for the Bruce Bay Community is recognised as the area between the Ohinetamatea River and the Whakapohai River.*
- 3. The amount rated for the Bruce Bay area be a reflection of the needs for the district. We endeavour as far as possible to fund projects ourselves through the Bruce Bay Hall fundraising.*
- 4. When the amount of the rate is decided the Council advises the Bruce Bay Hall Board the amount we are able to access for projects to enhance our area.*

Carol Scott

Secretary

Bruce Bay Hall Board

Tourism Strategy Group Funding: Cost \$100,000

Moving footpath maintenance from the Community Rate to General rate

Further Feedback

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *Thomas Francis Condon*

Organsation & Position *Beef cattle farm owner /operator*

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Dog Fees and Structure

I object to removing the working dog class from the fee structure.

Working dogs are an essential tool of trade for most farmers and farm workers - especially on sheep and beef farms.

They are not an option , and depending on farm size and stock type, i

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

Additional funding for Hokitika Regent Theatre: Cost \$27,500.

Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Change the zoning of the Bruce Bay rates.

As a resident of the wider Bruce Bay community i support creating a new rating zone for Bruce Bay.

As a small community which is centered 50 km from Fox Glacier,Bruce Bay needs any community rates raised from the area to be able to maintain and operate the Bruce Bay hall and facilities associated.

The argument that some residents of the area also occasionally make use of the community facilities at Fox Glacier therefore our community rate should go to Fox hardly holds water.

Residents of Hokitika , including the Mayor, have attended functions held at the Bruce Bay doesn't mean the hokitika community rate should come to us.

Tourism Strategy Group Funding: Cost \$100,000

Moving footpath maintenance from the Community Rate to General rate

Further Feedback

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *John Birchfield*

Organsation & Position

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

No

Additional funding for Hokitika Regent Theatre: Cost \$27,500.

Changes to the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Yes

Change the zoning of the Bruce Bay rates.

I support Carol Scotts detailed submission and information on the community rating zone for the Bruce Bay area

Tourism Strategy Group Funding: Cost \$100,000

Moving footpath maintenance from the Community Rate to General rate

Further Feedback

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *J or K McCoy*

Organsation & Position *Chairman & Treasurer. WAITAHA HALL BOARD*

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

Transfer maintenance of Council buildings, community halls and public toilets to Destination Westland.

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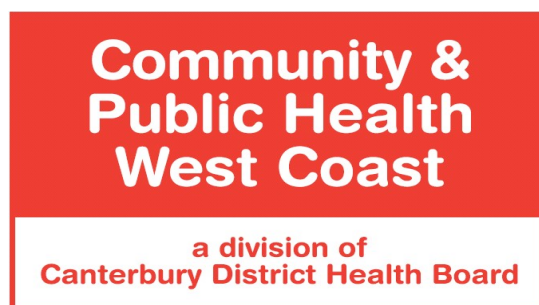
FUNDING FOR THE COUNCIL OWNED BUILDING - THE WAITAH HALL.

In 24 years we have only received 400 dollar.

Our rate should entitle us to better consideration.

We need help with our Civil Defence Base.

Promises have been made and not keep.



**Submission from
Community and Public Health, West Coast**

May 2019

**Westland District Council
Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020**

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Please note we wish to speak to this submission.

Introduction

Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division, Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide; furthermore changes in any of these areas can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people's wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers including Councils.



Another way to incorporate wellbeing into Council's decision making and planning is to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing developed by the New Economics Foundation in 2008. The five ways are a set of evidence-based public health messages aimed at improving the mental health and general wellbeing of the whole population.



The Sovereign Wellbeing Index project found that the five **Ways to Wellbeing** were all strongly associated with higher wellbeing. People experienced higher levels of wellbeing when they:

- were connected socially with others (**Connect**)
- gave time and resources to others (**Give**)
- were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**Take notice**)
- were learning new things in their lives (**Keep learning**)
- were physically active (**Be Active**)

These five ways are being used by councils in the UK to build stronger communities:

'It is conscious planning in a way that will actually promote wellbeing. If we have wellbeing in mind at the point of planning we have a better chance of building resilience in communities to enable them to survive in difficult times.' (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT in the Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011) p.30

Investing in wellbeing benefits more than just the individual. For example people who report higher levels of wellbeing tend to be more involved in social and civic life, are more likely to behave in environmentally responsible ways, have better family and social relationships at home and are more productive at work. (*Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011*) p.6
http://dnwssx4l7gl7s.cloudfront.net/nefoundation/default/page/-/files/Five_Ways_to_Wellbeing.pdf

CPH encourages Council to consider the 5 Ways to Wellbeing in its decision making processes to support the district and its residents to flourish. CPH is happy to work with and support Council to do this.

Specific topics referred to in the Draft Plan	Discussion/Comment	CPH's suggested amendments to the Plan /suggested action points
Transportation	<p>We support Council's involvement in the West Coast Road Safety Programme as this is another way for Council to work with stakeholders to protect the health and wellbeing of its residents.</p> <p>We commend Council for its continued involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme to assist the transport disadvantaged.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>The existence of a safe and well-maintained footpath network is essential to the safety and wellbeing of the district's residents, particularly for older people, people with disabilities and children.</p> <p>We are aware that recent changes to the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport has provided funding for local government activities with respect to footpath maintenance/ upgrades. This has allowed other Councils on the Coast to significantly increase their spending on footpaths within their district. We are therefore disappointed to see Council's draft budget is almost exactly the same as the Long Term Plan (\$44 038 compared with \$43 435 respectively).</p> <p>Good footpaths support people, especially older people, to be both physically and socially active. There are also sound environmental and economic reasons to support walking infrastructure. Last year's visit to the district by Rod Tolley, conference director of the global movement Walk 21, outlined the potential benefits to the economy of creating spaces where people are encouraged (through the provision of safe walking infrastructure and good urban design) to walk, linger and spend their time and money. We encourage Council</p>	<p>CPH encourages Council to seek funding for footpaths available through the NZTA</p>

	to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement and commit to making the Westland District more walking friendly. See https://www.walk21.com/about for further information.	CPH encourages Council to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement.
Water Supply	<p>We commend Council for its continued investment in the district's water supplies, as safe water is critical to the health and wellbeing of communities.</p> <p>We support the increased investment in general upgrades of water supplies. We are particularly pleased to see that the water treatment plant at Arahura and the Fox Glacier plant upgrades have been included in this Annual Plan.</p>	CPH strongly supports Council's continued investment in maintaining and improving the district's water supplies.
Wastewater	<p>Collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater is essential to protecting the physical environment and the health of the community. Effective wastewater management positively impacts on quality of life and supports economic development.</p> <p>We are pleased to see Council is investing in mains upgrades for Franz Josef, Fox Glacier and Haast within this annual plan.</p> <p>We support in principle Option 1 as the proposed solution to improving the Hokitika Wastewater Treatment programme as this seems an effective and efficient means to ensuring waste water meets regulatory standards. However we urge Council to ensure any contractual relationship with Westland Milk Products, or any subsequent owner, is future-proofed with respect to Council's usage and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.</p>	CPH supports, in principle, Option 1 for improving Hokitika's wastewater treatment.
Stormwater	The provision of stormwater systems assists with protecting property, the health and wellbeing of residents, and also benefits environmental sustainability both on a day-to-day basis and in times	

	<p>of emergency.</p> <p>We therefore support Council's intention to upgrade mains and pumps within the Hokitika stormwater system.</p>	<p>CPH supports Council's intention to upgrade mains and pumps within Hokitika's stormwater system</p>
Solid Waste	<p>The management of solid waste is necessary for the health and quality of life of the community, the local economy and the environment.</p> <p>Unfortunately, recent storm events have demonstrated that management of solid waste will continue to be an ongoing challenge for communities within Westland. Climate change forecasts predict an increase in both the number and severity of storm events within our region. This may increase the susceptibility of old landfills, especially those near water or areas prone to erosion, to uncovering buried waste that has potential to harm human health and the health of the environment.</p> <p>Moreover, while capping contains waste, it doesn't really make it 'go away'. We strongly encourage Council to increase its work with its communities to find ways to re-use and reduce waste in the first instance and to consider the option of refusing to accept certain wastes for disposal at its facilities, for example packaging waste such as polystyrene.</p> <p>We endorse Council's support of the Enviroschools programme as this will help spread the waste minimisation message to schools and communities.</p>	<p>CPH strongly encourages Council to work with communities to find ways to re-use and reduce waste, and to refuse to accept certain wastes for disposal at its facilities.</p> <p>CPH supports Council's investment in the Enviroschools programme.</p>
Leisure Services & Facilities	<p><u>Parks and Reserves</u></p> <p>We support the installation of rubber matting at Cass Square to improve safety at the Children's Playground. However, we are</p>	

	<p>disappointed to see Council appears to have removed its commitment to installing new toilets at the South East Corner of Cass Square within this annual plan, particularly as Council described accessibility of toilets at Cass Square as a key issue in the Long Term Plan.</p> <p><u>Elderly housing</u> We support Council's intention to increase its proposed investment in insulation and glazing improvements in its elderly housing as this will improve the living conditions of the occupants and enhance their wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pools</u> We support Council's investment in upgrades of the Hokitika Pool and the installation of a new heat pump at the Ross Swimming Pool as the pools provide opportunities for people to be active, learn new skills and connect with others.</p> <p><u>Civil Defence</u> We support Council's investment in setting up a new Emergency Operations Centre away from the tsunami zone and the Hokitika River as it is imperative the Centre is accessible and able to operate in times of a civil emergency.</p> <p><u>Westland District Library</u> We endorse Council's proposal to fund new books, and audio/ visual resources as this will support education and promote lifelong learning.</p>	<p>CPH supports Council's plans for investments in parks and reserves, elderly housing, swimming pools, library and Civil Defence</p>
Planning and Regulatory	<p>Council, through its Planning and Regulatory activities, has a role in creating environments that support the health and wellbeing of its residents.</p>	

	<p><u>Te Tai Poutini West Coast Accessibility Strategic Plan 2018 -2021</u> We congratulate Council for its involvement in the development and future implementation of the 'Te Tai Poutini West Coast Accessibility Strategic Plan 2018-2012'. This Plan has now been endorsed by the four Councils, two runanga and recently the West Coast District Health Board. The plan focuses on improving inclusion, opportunity and independence for residents and visitors through improved accessibility. It aims to support people and partnerships to reduce and eliminate social and physical barriers in facilities, services and programmes. We look forward to working with Council and other Coalition members to achieve the aims of the Plan.</p> <p><u>Local Alcohol Policy</u> As we have noted in previous submissions alcohol is a psychoactive substance that continues to cause significant harm in our communities. We understand Council has been unwilling to proceed further on the development of a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), at least in part because of the very real prospect of legal challenge from the alcohol industry. However we encourage Council to consider the development of a joint LAP with the two other West Coast District Councils as a way of sharing this risk. A joint LAP would also have benefits for the local hospitality and tourism industries by bringing consistency to licensing requirements across the West Coast and a 'level playing field' for new entrants to these industries, regardless of where they set up on the Coast. A joint LAP would be supported by NZ Police and the Medical Officer of Health as reporting agencies. We offer our assistance with this Policy development.</p> <p><u>Smokefree Environments Policy</u> CPH commends Council for its commitment to 'being proactive in promoting a healthier community' (WDC Smokefree Environments –</p>	<p>CPH recommends that Council works with the two other West Coast District Councils to develop a joint Local Alcohol Policy.</p>
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	<p>Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy). We commend Council for extending the policy in 2016 to include dining areas on Council land as this will protect non-smokers from exposure to second-hand smoke, support people who are thinking about or in the process of quitting, as well as enhancing the enjoyment of dining outside. However, we note this is not widely promoted and we wish to work in partnership with Council to progress implementation of Smokefree Outdoor dining on Council-controlled land and provide signage as required.</p> <p>We also note the 'Council Owned Buildings and Vehicles' section of the policy ensures there is adequate signage outside Council owned buildings, particularly the building entrances and exits to inform individuals in your community of the policy.</p>	<p>We offer our assistance to Council to progress the implementation of CPH</p> <p>CPH supports Smokefree Outdoor dining and offers to provide Smokefree signage for council owned buildings as required.</p>
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1 May 2019

The Mayor and Councillors
Westland District Council
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Your Worship the Mayor and Councillors

Re: Annual Plan Submission

Introduction

Minerals West Coast (MWC) requests the Westland District Council support our organisation through the \$5000 funding proposed at the Mayors and Chairs forum held last year and that a similar initial \$5000 contribution be made through this year's Annual Plan.

Background

MWC was established in 2005 and has undertaken a role supporting the minerals industry for the entire 15 years, the work of the Trustees is completely voluntary. This sector is critically important to the West Coast and district economy. It directly employs over 500 people and contributes around \$107 million in GDP, ranking third behind Agriculture and Construction. It also supports much of our construction, manufacturing, commercial, retailing sectors and community sectors coupled with the heavy machinery required to manage civil defence emergency events.

The year ahead is expected to be one of the most challenging for our industry with the government proposing the No New Mines and review of Stewardship land legislation anticipated. Our expectation is that, in its proposed current form, this is likely to have a major negative impact on the minerals sector and, with that, the West Coast economy and community.

Our organisation has been very active in preparing for this, working closely with Straterra (the national minerals organisation) and having already hosted a number of ministerial visitors. We have developed a new business plan that is strongly focused on addressing this new legislation. It includes preparing and presenting a campaign of initiatives that aim to represent the industry. It plans to work alongside the politicians and their staff, who are developing this legislation, to ensure the minerals industry voice is heard and incorporated into the decisions being made. It also includes the preparation of the case supporting the value of the sector to the West Coast and New Zealand economy. It recognises of the critical importance of the industry to almost every part of our daily lives and the environmental practices being undertaken in the industry, some of which are New Zealand and world exemplars. The campaign aims to show the impact of this proposed legislation across other West Coast industry sectors including farming, tourism, retailing, education and community.

In addition to the work in this area, MWC also intends continuing to undertake a leading role in other fundamental aspects of the sector. This includes industry training and ensuring best practice, with a particular focus on health and safety. Also included are employment and career development, delivering the annual forum, promoting networking and keeping the industry up to date with the latest happenings in the sector.


We are in the final stages of appointing a new Project Facilitator in a full-time contract role. This person will work with us in helping lead the delivery of the plan.

In making this request for a small financial contribution, MWC offers to assist the Council in any areas relating to the extractive industries within the Westland District and the preparation of submissions and advocacy in addressing the proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

We would like to speak to our submission at your Annual Plan meeting.

Yours sincerely



Glenys Perkins
Chairperson
Minerals West Coast

Submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

Submitter Name *Paul Thomas Finlay*

Organisation & Position *Engineer*

Ocean Outfall Pipeline Project with Westland Milk Products: Cost \$1.9m

Dog Fees and Structure

Ongoing Compliance Activity: Cost \$55000.00

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Moving footpath maintenance from the Community Rate to General rate

Further Feedback

Mary-anne Bell

From: Bruce Watson <brucehokitika@gmail.com>
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Cc: Don Neale; Theatre Manager
Subject: Submission for the Draft WDC Annual Plan. Westland Community Centre Inc

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Submission to the Draft 2019/20 Westland District Annual Plan

We support the inclusion in Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan for an increase to Hokitika's Regent Theatre's annual operating funding of \$27,500 per year, funded from the Hokitika Community Rate.

We would like to thank Council for placing this in the draft Annual Plan. We think the explanation provided in Council's Consultation Document is a good account of why the increase is needed. In further support, we have repeated below (adapted as needed) the case we put to Council in March for its Annual Plan Workshop.

Background



- Hokitika's Regent Theatre is owned and managed on behalf of the community of Hokitika and district by Westland Community Centre Inc. The Regent is our "Town Hall" for cinema, live performances, community meetings and day-and-night events, and is a historic heritage feature in the heart of Hokitika. The Theatre is important to the town and the wider Westland Community. The building has been saved with a huge voluntary effort, grants from or supported by Westland District Council and others, and by sponsorship from the community.
- At present we get a \$30,000 annual operating grant from Council, provided via the Long Term Plan. (While this grant is normally received in July each year, our own financial year runs 1 January to 31 December).
- Our grant has been kept at this level for several years despite increases in the CPI and many costs rising by more than the CPI, for example the minimum wage and our rates.
- In addition to our annual grant, in late 2017/early 2018 we received from Council an additional emergency grant of \$30,000 spread over 6 months to deal with a budget crisis. \$20,000 of this was received in our 2018 financial year (which runs 1 January to 31 December).
- Last year at plan time we made a bid for an additional \$30,000 but this was not agreed to. Unfortunately the councillor who knows the operation of the Theatre best, Cr. David Carruthers, could not attend the key meetings where the Theatre was being discussed and no other councillor was fully briefed.

- During 2018 and early 2019 we have made a massive effort to balance our operating budget by reducing costs and increasing revenue.
- Our financial accounts for 2018 have been finalised by Cuffs. These and our operating P&L figures for the years 2014 to 2018, show how dramatically we have turned round the serious deficits of the last four years.
- In addition to our day to day operating we have undertaken considerable capital improvements and major maintenance using volunteers and grants from bodies other than the Council.
- 2018 shows a surplus of just over \$10,000 but we have to remember that in this year we had the emergency grant from Council of \$20,000.
- Without this we would have had a \$10,000 deficit.

We are reaching the limit of what we can achieve in cost savings and 'obvious' revenue increases. Over the last 18 months we have made the following gains:

- Contracted out the cafe with net increases from rent and cost sharing of things like power, gas, rubbish and cleaning.
- Made savings in our wage budget by restructuring the cafe operation and other staff roles, and maximising the use of volunteers.
- Managed to get grants for some major building and equipment maintenance and compliance work so this could be done in our capital rather than operating budget.
- Looked at all our day to day operating costs for better deals and efficiencies.
- Negotiated a significant decrease in our newspaper advertising costs.
- Increased our revenue from movies by running the second cinema screen operation in the Reynolds Room and by holding more special cinema events such as the Big Bike Film Night and the Industrial Park nostalgia evening of old Hokitika Films.
- Reconfiguring our auditorium projector operation to significantly reduce bulb replacement costs.
- We have increased our movie prices (being cautious so as not to cause a matching decrease in attendance).
- Negotiated our point of sale and back office operating system Veezi fees down by \$200 per month.
- Re-equipped and reconfigured our live sound, performance lighting control, and audiovisual systems to reduce the setup and take down time cost for volunteers and staff, and to increase what we can offer to customers.
- Met several times with the CEO and Events Manager of Destination Westland exploring future opportunities for events, that can utilise the Theatre, at least in part. (There are opportunities here but major events will have long lead times).
- Prepared an application for a general alcohol licence which will save the time and \$ cost of the special licence system we use currently. (We cannot complete this until we registered our evacuation plan, something which is currently underway with FireEmergency New Zealand).
- Via Council, a Detailed Structural Assessment of the Theatre has been undertaken which concluded that the building is at 67% NBS for Importance Level 3. (Until now we have not been able to afford earthquake insurance but assessment at 67% has resulted in a reduced earthquake related premium quote).

While this work has been going on we have increased our service to the community by:

- Running a greater range of movies now that we have two screens.
- Providing for more school and community events.
- Providing a better venue for conferences and major meetings.
- Our final patronage figures for 2018 were above 2017's 25,000 visits to the Theatre. On a population basis this is an average of over 7 visits for each person in Hokitika. There can not be many community theatres/town halls in the country that achieve this ratio.

In 2019 we face cost increases and risks which continue to affect the sustainability of the Theatre:

- Unexpectedly fine weather, especially in and following the summer school holidays. A wet day can have triple the attendances of a fine day. (There was also fine summer school holidays in early 2018).
- A poorer than usual offer of films from distributors in early 2019 leading to a world-wide attendance turndown which has affected Hokitika too.
- A further increase in the minimum wage.
- The 'regular' CPI increases in goods and services costs, and often above CPI.
- A significant jump in insurance costs by committing to natural disaster including earthquake coverage. As our insurance anniversary is in March we have already had to make this decision, increasing our annual premium by \$12,350. (We now have close to \$5 million in covering building and equipment).
- Potential breakdowns in major plant. There is a present issue with the light engine in the auditorium projector which could cost \$20,000 to fix. Any breakdown in our heating and ventilation equipment is also likely to be expensive.
- If we lost the current cafe operation there would likely be a major hole in the budget before a new operator would be able to take over.
- Last year we had to deal with a change of Theatre Manager, and this year find a replacement for our retiring Projectionist. These are our two key staff roles, are hard to replace, require months of training for the new person, and extra wages during crossover time.

Comparison with theatres supported by other West Coast councils:

- The current arrangement between Westland District Council and Westland Community Centre is very "efficient" when compared with the other theatres/ town halls in the region or on the national scene.
- Westport's NBS Theatre is Council owned and receives over \$200,000 plus any required capital requirements each year
- Greymouth's Regent Theatre receives \$90,000 plus each year from Council plus Council guarantees on over \$1 million in loans.
- Note - Hokitika's Regent has no debt, and building and equipment are valued at close to \$5 million.

Conclusion: why we would like Council to approve the proposed additional \$27,500 in this year's Annual Plan

- Without the emergency \$20,000 we received in early 2018, if we take the above risk factors and increased insurance premium into account, for 2019 we face a deficit of close to \$27,500.
- There are no other potential providers of operational grants other than Council.
- This is why we have asked Council to increase our annual operating grant from \$30,000 by \$27,500 to a total of \$57,500.

On our part we expect to be accountable to Council and ratepayers, we suggest this could be done as follows:

- Provide a business case showing how the Theatre will be funded in the future. This to be in the form of a revision of our Business Plan, including how we have met and will meet Council KPIs.
- Continue with our current accountability report to Council.
- Ensure Council receives a copy of our annual accounts and annual report.
- Council appointing a liaison Councillor to the Management Committee.
- The Theatre undertaking to meet a KPI to continue to provide a venue for community events: such as the Anzac Day Service, Community and Band Carol Singing, and Interdenominational church service.
- In order to protect the community ownership interest in the Theatre, to continue with building and equipment insurance to include earthquake cover.

Please let us know if any further information is required at this stage. As well as speaking in support of our submission, we are happy to meet, along with our accountant Peter Cuff, with staff and Councillors if this would be helpful.

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