

## **Hokitika Town Centre Working Party [check name from Council resolution]**

Thursday 2 August 2018, 4:30 – 6pm, Council Chambers

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Co-Chairs Deputy Mayor Latham Martin, Councillor Jane Neale, Jackie Gurden (consultant), Reilly Burden (Chair of Destination Hokitika), Council staff Simon Bastion, Jim Ebenhoh, Fiona Scadden, Simon Eyre

**Apologies:** Mayor Bruce Smith, Council staff David Inwood, Karl Jackson, Erle Bencich

#### **Latham:**

- Chairing today's meeting.
- Want to focus on scope, timelines, frequency of meetings.
- Sees scope as including parking, signage, pedestrianisation, Walking Policy commitment as signatory, Waterfront Development Plan, Jackie's work on cultural heritage tourism.

#### **Jane:**

- Would like to see cultural trail through town
- And more tolerance about pedestrians, e.g. people taking photos of Clocktower

#### **Simon B:**

- Orient the town more to the seafront, along with Gibson Quay, to the Sunset Point corner, past the Museum.
- Parking / traffic to be addressed.
- Need artwork that people will come to see.

#### **Fiona:**

- Funding available for art projects.
- Clean paving stones.
- Nature in the city (native trees attracting native birds).
- Dropoff zones for buses.

**Simon E:** mostly here to listen.

#### **Jim:**

- Support previous comments.
- Integrated planning / transport – allocating space to different modes but looking at connections.
- Some anchor projects with clear timeframes to demonstrate progress.
- Wayfinding – public and private with shared signage e.g. Arrowtown.
- Climate change as a consideration for durability / resilience of anything installed.

#### **Jackie:**

- Cultural heritage work is making progress.
- Elevate Hokitika as a destination, as more visitors go to the Gorge.
- Provincial Growth Fund application.
- State Highway Signage a priority.
- "Wayfinders" critical within town.

**Reilly:**

- Total support for signage / wayfinding.
- Town is filthy – maintenance required.
- Shop owners need to avoid parking in front of their premises.

**Latham:** Various ideas including:

- Town should be built for people.
- Rotorua DC has done great work in their CBD.
- Raised platform / pedestrianisation of Weld Street west of the Clocktower, and Revell St between Weld and Hamilton.
- Build on the Luminaries theme.
- Connections to beach – encourage businesses to face outward.
- Display some Museum items outside the Museum to generate interest.
- Big push for public art.
- Need to work on “arrival” – e.g. having some nightlife.
- Wayfinders with apps for self-guided tours.
- Payment for parking in CBD, but locals parking free in certain places.
- Covered walkways and/or extended verandahs to deal with rain.
- Trial one-way traffic on Revell Street between Weld and Hamilton this summer.
- Concrete pavers, not current orange ones.
- Sound system playing music in town in summer. Space for buskers and performers.
- Acquire and demolish Top Notch building and use as beach access from Hamilton Street.
- Have both runanga represented at the entrance and throughout town.

**Next steps (agenda for next meeting):**

What to do this tourism season, next year, and longer-term. Terms of Reference for the group.

**Next meeting:** 15 August 4pm, Council Chambers