

Kinloch Community Planning

On the afternoon of Sunday 12 November 25 locals and stakeholders gathered at the Community Hall to focus on forward planning for Kinloch. Most were locals and they were joined by Taupo District Council members of the new Representative Group, along with a Senior Manager and a Youth and Community focussed officer who helped organise and support the event. Barbara MacLennan of Inspiring Communities facilitated the conversations. Much of the time was spent working in small groups and then sharing ideas from those discussions with the full group and working to some agreement.

The development of the Kinloch Community Vision and Plan is being hosted and supported by the Kinloch Community Association. It is anticipated this Plan will

- Focus local community effort to achieve aspirations
- Inform all stakeholders and authorities, including eg Council, Department of Conservation, as a context for their decisions and resource allocation
- Guide the work of the Kinloch Community Association and the Representative Group

In particular the focus was on developing drafts of:

1. a Vision Statement
2. a set of Values to guide the way Kinloch works together
3. a Kinloch asset map (attached)
4. and clarity about what will happen next and how the community will continue to be involved
5. also attached are the full set of post-it notes which resulted from conversations about that Kinloch people value, vision and want to retain

This report is a brief synopsis of key outcomes.

Draft Vision

(Also see the photo of group ideas/initial drafts of Vision Statements)

Key collective words and concepts which emerged:

- Safe, outdoors, unique identity, prosperity, diversity, community spirit, clean and green, beauty, high quality, clean lake, sustainable, connected, protection
- Tasteful development, protecting character, safeguard original vision, good relationship with key stakeholders

Attempt # 1

A connected safe and caring community where we value and protect our pristine environment

Attempt #2

A connected, caring community enhancing our pristine environment

Attempt #3

Kinloch – treasured environment and outdoors, well connected, caring community

Draft Values

- Inclusiveness and empowerment – actively reaching out, encouraging contribution, engaging all
- Respecting diversity and difference
- Transparency – it's clear what's being done and said, there are no hidden agendas
- Integrity - focus on community interests
- Commitment and resilience – to community, tasks, energy
- Trusting in one another

Discussion and Next Steps

- 1) Participants were keen to know what would happen next, and for reassurance that they and the wider community would contribute to “signoff” of the final plan
- 2) Belinda will circulate meeting outcomes to participants via the email list people completed, and ensure all names are on the current database
- 3) KCA will circulate a brief update and the draft Vision, inviting community input, via existing channels including Facebook
- 4) The meeting brainstormed other ways to connect with the community including via notices at the shop, club notices and newsletters, facebook, all talking with neighbours, a noticeboard at the Transfer Station, KCA people all using their networks
- 5) Participants were also keen to know what the processes will be for communication between the Representative Group and the wider community; and the Representative Group and KCA
- 6) One action point which emerged was the need to revisit the Structure Plan which had in the past helped guide Council's planning and actions in Kinloch. Both the content of the plan, and attention to the level of influence which it holds are areas for attention