

1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Waitomo District Council  
Consultation Document Committee  
Queen Street  
Te Kuiti 3910

Re: CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR WDC LONG TERM PLAN

Dear Council members,

We are an Incorporated Society reliant on Membership, Donations and Grants/Sponsorship. After the purchase of the Old Te Kuiti Post Office building our expenses annually now total roughly \$83,000 while the rent we receive from the building is approximately \$42,000 p.a. Because of this we are classed as a business with a lot of the funding groups and the banks because we are not gst exclusive. Our position at present is very precarious as we now have a debt of \$200,000 to service to repay Mrs O'Halloran within an 8 year period. This is the critical period if we wish to remain open. Only half the building is actually run as a business (leased out), while the other is the Museum and Gallery and resourcing rooms, boiler room and our staffroom.

We therefore request that we be included in your Long Term Plan because we are very much community minded, we run solely by volunteers, we are a very small group and we are funding this building for the community of Te Kuiti. We also follow your 2007 Mission Statement "we generate respect, pride and ownership in the districts cultural heritage".

In our Society Rules, (we registered as an Incorporated Society July 1986), it states, (copy attached), "On the winding up or dissolution by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies all surplus assets after the payment of all costs and debts and liabilities shall subject to any trust affecting the same be administered on trust by the Waitomo District Council or such other local authority as shall have jurisdiction in the Waitomo area at the time of the winding up or dissolution in consultation with the Art Galleries and Museums Association."

We believe the WDC has some obligation towards protecting its closure as we believe the museum is an asset to the Te Kuiti district.

We align ourselves comparable with the Library and swimming pool, which the Waitomo District Council include and ensure the smooth running.


We are volunteers, having put in 100's of hours and financial support for the museum opening, we will continue to do so for as long as we can but inevitably it may not be possible. We need some assurance from the WDC that we will have help to keep the museum open.

We are open 7 days a week presently and open 10am to 3pm daily.

We believe the museum is a place to conserve our precious heritage, it encourages the local tourist trade, gives our local community a place to visit and an educational asset.

We therefore request your assistance in the smooth running of the museum, the maintenance and help us to be able to keep this wonderful asset we have for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

  
Jan Kearins (Mrs)  
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Aldridge (Mr)  
Chairman



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BY-LAWS:

36. The Committee shall have power to make from time to time such by-laws not being inconsistent with these rules as the Committee may deem necessary for the well-being of the Society and the carrying-on of its work and may alter add to or rescind such by-laws and such by-laws shall be binding upon every member of the Society until set aside at a General Meeting.

REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTRAR:

37. The Secretary shall deliver to the Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies the annual financial statement in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of "The Incorporated Societies Act 1908" and such notices and other information as may be required by the Assistant Registrar from time to time.

WINDING UP:

38. On the winding up of the Society or its dissolution by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies all surplus assets after the payment of all costs debts and liabilities shall subject to any trust affecting the same be administered on trust by the Waitomo District Council or such other local authority as shall have jurisdiction in the Waitomo area at the time of the winding up or dissolution in consultation with the Art Galleries and Museums Association.

