

KINGSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

KCA



COMMUNITY VISIONING REPORT



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Background and introduction

Shaping our Future identified that the Kingston community was going to undergo significant growth in the coming years due to its close proximity to Queenstown and the zoning of land to accommodate 900 dwellings in the settlement.

Discussions with the Kingston Community Association indicated the community felt they had little sense of empowerment or ability to influence the direction of future growth and how it would impact the settlement.

Community visioning workshops were planned for late 2021. These were postponed due to the impact of Covid as the community had a desire to meet in person rather than online.

Two facilitated 3-hour public workshops were held at Kingston on 21st and 23rd August 2022 and were attended by 40 members of the community.

On arrival, participants were asked to provide one word that described the biggest issue currently facing Kingston and one word that described long term success for the community.

The first session of the workshop focused on capturing hot topics and the current big issues after which community values were explored, words that might feature in a long-term vision for the town were identified after which participants worked on describing long term success and identifying first step actions towards it.

Online survey

A simple online survey was created to enable more community sentiment to be captured. There was little take up of the survey however despite a mailbox drop to promote it.

Based on the output of the workshops, a draft long term aspirational vision statement has been produced along with a series of recommendations that will take the community towards their vision.

Proposed long term vision statement for Kingston

“In 2050 Kingston will be a well-designed, self-contained, and sustainable town that is a safe, happy and healthy place to live with a well-connected and authentic community. Kingston will be an important and respected partner of QLDC, be a destination in its own right and something that other communities aspire to be like.”

Recommendations to implement and work towards the vision

Review the District Plan rules and planning map for Kingston to ensure it enables, in locations that the community support, the commercial/retail/community facility zones, that are necessary to deliver a self-contained community.

1.

Examples would be land zoned for retail/cafe/early childhood education, a 'medical room' that can be used by visiting nurse, GP, physio etc, a co-working space that also serves as a place to meet, and for use by groups.

Establish a subcommittee of the KCA to engage with QLDC and the ORC to explore, identify and agree what is required including the timescales and costs involved, to enable the provision of a secure drinking water supply, wastewater treatment and capture (with discharge to land) of stormwater across the township.

2.

The community develops a standalone Civil defence hub that includes power generation, communications and a store of emergency dry foods and other appropriate materials.

3.

Advocate for the provision of a longer lasting back up power supply (or generator) for the local cell phone tower and for the 'undergrounding' of vulnerable power lines.

4.

Explore and identify opportunities for local power generation and how that could best be used across the community. Consider what could replace traditional wood/coal burners – in order to improve air quality – but also provide space/water heating for homes in the event of power outages.

5.

Identify the level of need and then advocate for and seek funding for a public transport service between Kingston & Queenstown. Consider if a Community Minibus could deliver this service.

6.

Establish a working group with QLDC and Waka Kotahi to identify how passing lanes, improved pull over areas and improved visibility can be provided on SH6.

7.

Seek funding to create a paid position (working title Community Ninja) to do the following - community events coordinator, community census, calendar of events, welcome pack for new residents, promote the groups that people volunteer for, develop a community fund for projects.

8.

Commission or produce a landscape plan for the waterfront reserve to address - landscapes, planting, shelter, recreation facilities, playgrounds, BBQs, dog park etc. The plan should address known issues and support community aspirations for the area. The plan, once agreed, should form the basis for any reserve management plan drawn up for that area.

9.

Commission or produce a landscape plan for a widened, mixed use Kent Street

10.

Identify opportunities for new tracks and trails and new locations for parks/bbq/picnic areas which will provide places for people to meet.

11.

Identify or provide for a space for Maori to meet.

12.

Establish a community garden with a sharing shed.

13.

Determine how management / guardianship of the creeks is to be undertaken into the future.

14.

Identify ways for tourists to support /participate in local conservation projects.

15.



Appendix 1.

Summary of workshop output



Session 1. What are the big issues for Kingston right now?

This session set out to capture the big issues that participants felt were currently impacting their community. Participants broke into small groups and 'downloaded' their thoughts onto blank flipcharts.

Each group reported back and the issues were grouped together.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

No public transport. Cost of travel. No efficient use of travelling school bus.

ROADING

the devil's staircase. Speeds along SH6. Freight usage.

CIVIL DEFENCE PLAN

Isolation. Community response plan locally implemented. Post event clean up - skips, resources etc. Flooding.

LACK OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Funding for reserves. Public hall is the golf club. School?

COMMERCIAL LAND

No plan or space allocated for work premises.

3 WATERS

Storm water. Uncertainty and cost of connection.

UNSUSTAINABLE GROWTH

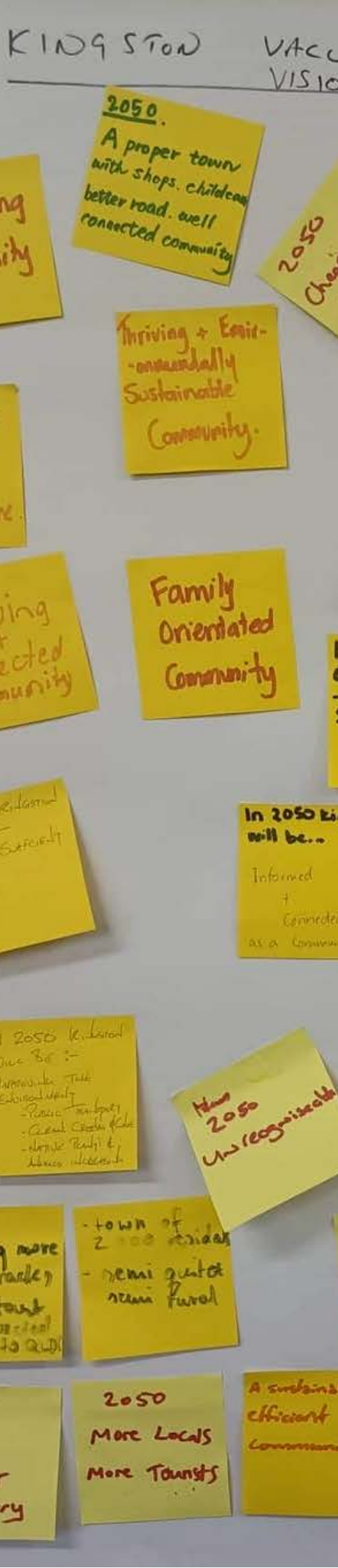
How will this affect the culture of the community? How to manage this? Its impact on the environment.

POWER

- Regular power cuts. Where to get backup power? Communication with QLDC.

QLDC RESPONSE

ignoring the community. Social media updates are not adequate. Shows lack of care.



Session 2. Putting meaning and local context to values

We often hear words commonly used to describe the values of a community or what a community values. In this session, participants were presented with a series of words to choose from and then discussed what they meant in the context of the Kingston Community.

RESILIENT

Multi-faceted economy. Basic needs met within the community: clean water, food production, power. Support networks. Community responds to its own needs. Generation for KST, local tradies contact list, notice board at Flyer cafe.

SUSTAINABLE

Town planning, proactive not reactive, adaptive systems, reliable infrastructure, public transport, keep people in town, conservation - catchment groups, walkways, affordability.

MULTICULTURAL

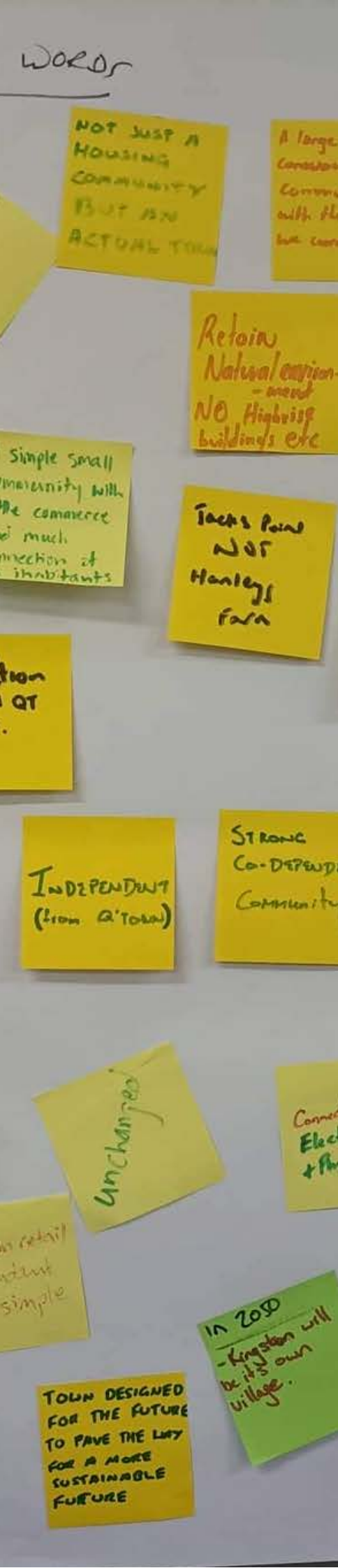
Affordability, community engagement - volunteers, events and initiatives (social things). Community consensus - if we understand who makes up our community we can better understand how we can include them

THRIVING

Conservation, tourism, local business - bring people here as a destination, community spaces, commercial land. Ability to work from home, community garden, quiz nights.

CONNECTED

Fundraising events, door knocks, who's checking on the elderly? welfare officer, a welcome pack for new residents, KCA contact, volunteer groups.



OPPORTUNITIES

Work opportunities, business growth, create a commercial zone, protect foreshore, skate parks, marae, Maori wardens, multi-use hub.

QUALITY SERVICES

Robust services, Doctor, Health centre, Ambulance and bus to return, butcher, commercial facilities will come with the development of KVL, multi use hub with health facilities for visiting practitioners. Monorail.

“Do we build it then let them come or let them come then build it?”

PROSPEROUS

thriving individuals and community groups, community connections, supportive of local businesses, a trade and swap barter system.

FIT FOR PURPOSE INFRASTRUCTURE

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VIBRANT

Creates jobs, local hire - e.g- community minibus, clean air, variety of active organisations, all voices listened too, places to meet places for kids to play, strong civil defence plan,

SAFE & HEALTHY

Community safe spaces, creeks, lakes pollutant free, safe drinking water, police, roads - fatalities and behaviours, health services visiting.

Session 3. In 2050, Kingston will be...



Workshop participants were asked to offer a couple of words that completed the statement “In 2050 Kingston will be..”. The purpose is to start to describe success in the long term and capture words that could be used to draft up a long-term vision statement for the community.

The words captured have been grouped together into themes below:

Aspiration for the settlement

A beautiful safe village. A quiet peaceful lake side town. Not over developed, still rural in feel. Self sustained village/town with existing lake shore. Well designed for future growth. A safe and healthy place to live. A cohesive and positive Kiwi town. Somewhere other communities will aspire to be like. A proper town with shops, childcare, better road. Not just a housing community but an actual town. A simple small community with little commerce and much connection between it's inhabitants. Not Hanleys Farm. It's own destination, not just a suburb of Queenstown. Independent of Queenstown. Unchanged. Unrecognisable. An important and respected partner of QLDC. A town of 2000 residents. Semi rural. Minimum retail, independent and simple. More locals. A town designed for the future to pave the way for a more sustainable future. It's own village. More job opportunities that make people stay.

Infrastructure

Unlimited water supplies. Free of power outages. Fit for purpose infrastructure. No building higher than two stories anywhere. Beach front simple and undeveloped – no food carts. Public transport. Connected electronically and physically (roading). More hiking tracks.

Community

Welcoming. Simple living. Cooperative society. Authentic with heart. Thriving. Amazing. Friendly. Desirable. Prosperous. Strong community focus. Happy. A community working together. Community orientated, family focus. Well-connected community. A large, environmentally conscious community with the values we currently have. A thriving and environmentally sustainable community. A thriving and connected community. Family orientated community. Where the Kiwi way remains. An informed and connected community. Strong & co-dependent community.

Environment

Self-sustainable. Clean creeks & lake. Sustainable development, carbon neutral. An eco-destination. Clean, natural – an oasis/refuge for nature, a place to reconnect with nature. Unpolluted. A self-sustaining community. A sustainable, self-contained community. Improving the environment with clean creeks and native plantings. Sustainable and efficient community.

A tourist destination. Part of a great walks track. More tourists.

Session 4. Headlines from the future

In this session, participants were asked to imagine it is 50 years from now and the local newspaper or blog posts a headline reporting a major achievement for the community. This exercise prompts further discussion about what success looks like for the community.

- K.C.A wins sustainability award
- Kingston designs its own power supply.
- Kingston Flyer! Now electric!
- Electrified Earnslaw comes back to Kingston.
- Kingston goes totally solar.
- Wind turbines are now connected.
- Kingston road becomes a double lane.
- Kingston beachfront remains untouched.
- Climate change comes true. Mataura river returns to Kingston.
- Queenstown and Kingston linked by monorail.
- Electric commuter ferry established to Queenstown
- Kingston Roadkill pie shop wins top pie for 2050
- Local billionaire builds a new hospital.
- Kingston Marae opened.
- No dog poo seen for 3 months now.
- The main culvert for the Kingston stream is actually fixed.
- Kingston changes to Southland council.
- Kingston highschool employs a local head.
- QLDC comes to visit Kingston.
- Kingston civil defence saved Queenstown residents from disaster.

Session 5. Priority issues: outcomes & actions

In the last session of the workshop, participants reflected on the range of issues that had been raised and the factors that influenced the. Next they considered, in light of what had been discussed around 'success', what some ideal outcomes and next-step actions could be.



Resilience

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
Vulnerable to weather events and power outages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underground powerlines Township generator Local generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby MPs, povernet, get grant for funds Fundraise/lotteries bid Study for windfarm
Cellphone connectivity	Better back up power supply for local tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chorus to upgrade Consider Starlink
SH 6 QT to KST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pullover areas Establish passing lanes Wider longer visibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear scrub to incl visibility 2 or 3 to do this Clear scrub
Kent St	Formed to full width	Widen it
Access to new subdivision	Access from SH6 not Kent St	QLDC/Waka Kotahi to sort



Community Engagements

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
People in Kingston	More engaged inclusive community	Community survey/census ask about who they are, what they want, what they'd like to get involved in, do they intend staying, any skills/talents to offer
Better connection between residents to create vibrant community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund a Kingston community events & engagement manager • Create community events quiz nights, fun days, tournaments, cultural events, markets, movie nights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek national / local funding for the role. • Create community fund for Kingston for longevity of community
Community garden	Community garden created to allow residents to 'grow together' and swap produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify space, decide size of plots. • Seek support from garden centres, • Interest from residents. Could be a tourist attraction?
No space for businesses to connect	Create a business hub to allow work from homers to work together	Find a location. Maybe a fitted out container by the library?

Self sufficiency

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
Government funding Weather - sun/rain	Lower power bills Back up battery banks up the hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar panels & wind generators for electricity & hot water. • Local coal • Massive backup generator • Hydrogen power sources • Windmill/wind turbines • Town reservoir for water • Community reserve (foods) • Community vege garden

Water

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
Drinking Water	Clean drinking water funded by QLDC	Understand community requirements
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a new water system • Affordable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing infrastructure • Create catchment group • Community survey
Waste/storm water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal impact on environment • Reliable / resilient system 	

Water/Wastewater/Stormwater

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
QLDC no info given	Information given to the community	Need more transparency to what is happening/costs
How does it influence old residences of new subdivision	Change law to allow a choice of homeowner to connect or not	
Don't know what to expect		
Uncertainty time/costs		
options to keep rain water tanks		

Infrastructure

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
NZTA	Better roads	Funding
Powernet	Reliant power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse supply • Improved communication
QLDC	Water clean & reliable	
ORC	Public transport	
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town plan • Sustainable growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a community backed plan
Remoteness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self sufficiency • Transport in and out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil defense plan • Investigate and apply for grants
Future proofing	Proactive planning	
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmentally friendly • Weather adaptations • Affordable • Community Engagement 	

Social Infrastructure

Influences	Ideal outcomes	Actions
Allowing us to maintain social community as it is as previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community pool • Spaces for casual meeting to make/form connections • Shared shed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraise to get spaces • Plant shelterbelt for existing facilities • Community market
Places to meet as a community in many forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social spaces BBQs Play areas • Outdoor night cinema • Multi purpose space/container available for meetings /civil defence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community driveway/garage sales twice a year • Make a community garden as a space to sit in next to the library