

Community Forum
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Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 4 October 2012, 6.00pm
Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Avenue

Present:

Community Forum members:

Richard Ballantyne, Joseph Chamberlain, Weng Kei Chen, Gill Cox, Martin Evans, Wendy Gilchrist, Peter Jenkins, Lesley Murdoch, John Peet, Bruce Russell, Emma Twaddell, John Wong

Apologies

Lynne Ball, Marty Braithwaite, Leah Carr, Belinda Charteris, Leanne Curtis, Maria Godinet-Watts, Ruth Jones, Paul Lonsdale, Tom McBrearty, Deborah McCormick, Jocelyn Papprell, Faye Parfitt, Patricia Siataga, Wally Stone, Brian Viececi, Rachel Vogan, Darren Wright, Jane Bryden

Chair

Trevor McIntyre

In Attendance

Lynn Smith, Secretary for the Community Forum
Jacinda Lean, Manager, Ministerial and Chief Executive Support, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA

Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i)

Benesia Smith, General Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA

1. Notes Of The Last Meeting

Moved: John Peet Seconded Bruce Russell

That the notes from the meeting of 20 September 2012 were confirmed as accurate records.

Carried

2. Matters Arising - nil

3. Feedback From EQC Presentation

- Benesia Smith advised that Bruce Emson, EQC General Manager Customer Services, has offered to facilitate arranging a meeting for the Community Forum with Fletchers EQR
- In light of this, feedback from the EQC presentation will be deferred until such time as this meeting is confirmed or otherwise.

ACTION: CERA to facilitate, with EQC's assistance, Fletchers EQR attending a Community Forum meeting as soon as possible.

4. Submissions For CERA Strategy, Planning & Policy Group and CERA Economic Recovery Group

- The Community Forum's involvement in the development of these drafts was acknowledged
- The information and advice provided by the Community Forum is being methodically worked through, with good progress being made
- The Community Forum would like to revisit these documents and their implementation in twelve months

5. CF Plan For The Next Few Months and Annual Calendar

- 15 minutes will be set aside at each meeting for Community Forum members to update on their representative groups.

ACTION: L Smith to notify 3 Community Forum members at least 1 week prior to the following meeting that they have 5 minutes to speak on behalf of their representative group

- The following meeting plan was set:
 - 18 Oct 2012
 - EQC & Fletchers EQR – 1 hour
 - Community Forum discussion and advice back to Minister
 - 3 Community Forum members to speak (5 minutes each)
 - Lynne Ball
 - Richard Ballantyne
 - Leah Carr
 - 1 Nov 2012
 - Treasury – to discuss the review of the EQC act. Documentation will be circulated Forum members as soon as it is available.
 - 3 Community Forum members to speak (5 minutes each)
 - Marty Braithwaite
 - Belinda Charteris
 - Joseph Chamberlain
 - 22 Nov 2012 (note: date of Forum meeting moved from 15 Nov)
 - Sports
 - Disability
 - 3 Community Forum members to speak (5 minutes each)
 - Weng Kei Chen
 - Leanne Curtis
 - Gill Cox
 - 6 Dec 2012
 - Community and Community Resilience
 - 3 Community Forum members to speak (5 minutes each)
 - Martin Evans
 - Rachael Fonotia
 - Wendy Gilchrist
- Areas to be covered in early 2013 include Arts & Culture, Education, Business Recovery and Sustainability
- Meetings will resume in 2013 on 24 January, then every first and third Thursday of the month

- The Forum agreed it will become standard practice to request written feedback from speakers regarding how the information and advice provided by the Forum has been had regard to and for a progress update on the issue 6 months later.

6. Education Renewal Plan

- It is estimated that there are currently 4,500 more classroom seats in greater Christchurch than are required and with an estimated school repair cost of \$10,500 per child it does not make economical sense to retain the system as it currently stands
- The aim is to provide children of greater Christchurch with first class educational facilities
- The Education Renewal proposals are not set in concrete therefore it is essential that communities engage in meaningful consultation
- The Education Renewal Plan of greater Christchurch is the biggest review undertaken and the Minister's role is to ensure that a fair and just process is followed
- It is understood that when a school is closed that the offer back provisions of the Public Works Act applies, i.e., the land is first offered back to the original owners. If the owners decline, then the right of first refusal which is set in place by the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act comes into play.

7. Youth Forum

- It is vitally important for a Youth Advisory Forum to be set up to give a strong voice to the future of Christchurch and the Community Forum strongly support this
- The Youth Advisory Forum should run as a separate entity and have a direct line to the Minister as required
- 5 youth representatives should have a place on the Community Forum
- CERA and the Ministry of Youth Development will be able to provide advice and support
 - a Youth Advisory Forum be set up and supported, as appropriate, by CERA and the Ministry of Youth Development;
 - five members of the Youth Advisory Forum be confirmed as members of the Community Forum

ACTION: L Smith to draft a letter to the Minister for the Chair's signature strongly advocating for the establishment of a Youth Advisory Forum as set out above. Once the letter is signed, a copy to be sent to the Minister and copied to Jane Bryden and Benesia Smith for information

- J Chamberlain will extend an invitation for a further 4 youth representatives to attend future Community Forum meetings

ACTION: J Chamberlain and Jane Bryden to report back to the Forum meeting on 1 November with an update on the Youth Advisory forum proposal

8. Next Meeting – Thursday 18 October 2012

Meeting closed 7.45pm