

Community Forum
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**Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 18 October 2012, 6.00pm
Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Avenue**

Present:

Community Forum members:

Lynne Ball, Richard Ballantyne, Leah Carr, Joseph Chamberlain, Leanne Curtis, Martin Evans, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Deborah McCormick, Lesley Murdoch, Jocelyn Papprell, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Patricia Siataga, Emma Twaddell, John Wong, Darren Wright

Apologies

Marty Braithwaite, Gill Cox, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Peter Jenkins, Bruce Russell, Brian Vieceli, Rachel Vogan

Chair

Trevor McIntyre

In Attendance

Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
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)

Jane Bryden, Advisor, Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee

1. Notes Of The Last Meeting

Moved:

That the notes from the meeting of 4 October 2012 were confirmed as accurate records.

Carried

2. Update from Richard Ballantyne – business sector

- Richard gave an overview presentation of some of the major initiatives within the business sector.
- After the earthquakes some of the most important developments have been:
 - Government wage subsidy (Earthquake Support Subsidy) saved many businesses from collapse
 - Recover Canterbury, a joint venture of the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce and the Canterbury Development Corporation, which is still busy and still helping many businesses
 - Formation of the Canterbury Business Leaders Group
 - Restart Plan in the city – some businesses have been more successful than before the earthquakes and it has inspired Christchurch about what the new city could look like.
- While there are difficulties the business community is in pretty good heart.

3. Presentation from David Wood – Fletchers EQR

- David Wood, Chief Operating Officer, Fletchers EQR gave an outline of the work of Fletchers EQR, following on from the presentation to the Forum by Bruce Emson from EQC on 20 September.
- 25,000 houses have been fully scoped, completed and handed back. There are approximately 90,000 houses still to be repaired. 3-4,000 worksites are active at any one time.
- 10-15,000 additional workers are likely to be needed long-term. Worker villages will be needed.
- Current issues:
 - workflow for contractors (contractors have choice and EQR need to keep the workflow as constant as possible)
 - high health and safety compliance standards
 - homeowner delay (currently 1500-2000 homeowners contacted to commence repairs are saying "not now"). This makes the work programming difficult. The reasons for homeowner delay included accommodation difficulties, tenancies, worry about further damage, and general inconvenience
 - managing expectations about what is "earthquake damage" and is within the scope of the repairs.
- Fletchers EQR itself does not have a prioritisation system. Work is allocated once it is referred to the hub by EQC. EQC are working on a vulnerable persons' prioritisation system.
- EQR and the main contractor monitor the work during the job and have to sign off at the end. The accredited main contractor takes responsibility for the subcontractor on the site. There must be a licensed building practitioner on every job site. Fletchers EQR has a vigorous process around who is accredited to be a main contractor.

ACTION: L Smith to combine the Forum's feedback on the presentations from EQC (20 September) and Fletcher's EQR for discussion at the 1 November meeting

4. Update from Leah Carr – Save the Children Fund

- Leah gave a presentation on the Journey of Hope suite of psycho social programmes being delivered across greater Christchurch by Save the Children New Zealand.
- There are different versions of the programme for adults (parents and caregivers), junior, primary, teens, older teens and families.
- The programme is run in schools (over 20 schools so far) in partnership with Barbados, Plunket and Te Puna Whaiora.
- The focus is on resilience – empowering and refocusing on the future.
- The programmes are not counselling-based. It is group work, with the ability to refer participants to existing support networks if required.
- A video explaining the programme, and showing feedback from children and parents, is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=APHASYlaTRw

5. Other matters arising

- J Bryden and J Chamberlain will meet in the next 2-3 days to discuss the proposal for a Youth Advisory Forum. CERA will lead the work (in consultation with the Ministry of Youth Development) to provide advice to Ministers on the proposal.

ACTION: T McIntyre to forward the finalised letter strongly supporting the Youth Forum Proposals to the Minister and Associate Minister for Earthquake Recovery

- The Forum requested that CERA's Community Wellbeing staff attend the 6 December meeting "Community and Community Resilience" agenda item to listen to the presentation.

ACTION: CERA representative to arrange for CERA Community Wellbeing staff to attend 6 December meeting.

- Forum members discussed a Christmas gathering. The Forum proposed holding this on 6 December, after the usual meeting.

ACTION: T McBrearty to make enquiries about a possible venue for the 6 December meeting and Christmas function.

8. Next Meeting – Thursday 1 November 2012

Meeting closed 7.45pm

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