

Community Forum  
Private Bag 4999  
Christchurch 8140

**Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum  
Thursday 5 December 2013, 6:00pm  
Canterbury Club, Cambridge Terrace**

**Present:**

Community Forum members:

Leah Carr, Weng Kei Chen, Gill Cox, Leanne Curtis, Martin Evans, Wendy Gilchrist, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Lesley Murdoch, Jocelyn Pappriill, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Emma Twaddell, Brian Vieceli, Darren Wright

**Apologies**

Richard Ballantyne, Maria Godinet-Watts, Trevor McIntyre, John Wong  
Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

**Chair**

Darren Wright

**In Attendance**

Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Governance, CERA  
Daran Ponter, Senior Advisor, Effective Government Service, CERA (Item 1 only)  
Amanda Shaw, Acting Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA  
[Redacted] Advisor, Effective Government Services, CERA  
Alan Merry, Region Management Advisor, NZ Fire Service (Item 1 only)

Withheld under section 9(2)(a)

**Agenda**

**1. New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) – Strategic Redevelopment.**

Alan Merry (NZFS) gave a presentation on the strategic redevelopment of the network of fire stations across Christchurch.

- The new fire station network has been developed following extensive agency consultation and advanced computer modelling.
- NZFS have the opportunity to better place fire stations that meet the needs of the community now and in the future.
- The redeveloped network will retain existing volunteer brigades and will build seven new fire stations, three on existing NZFS sites and four in optimal locations.
- NZFS noted that while incidence of fire is tracking down across Christchurch, and New Zealand, they have seen an increase in medical and injury related call outs.
- The network redevelopment programme was announced on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and in the week following the NZFS have presented to particular groups such as the Community Forum and the Community Board Chairs. The community consultation period is expected to begin in the first quarter of next year as potential sites are identified.
- The goal is for the new network to be completed within 5 years.

Discussion:

- The Forum asked for clarification about the rebuild on 3 existing sites and if they will retain their historical features. Alan Merry advised that historically significant buildings or features would be maintained.
- The Forum asked about closing stations, like St Albans, which has not involved community engagement. Alan invited correspondence from St Albans community representatives to work through the programme. The Forum noted that better use of communications tools, such as social media, by NZFS would help increase community awareness and participation.
- The Forum asked about builds on existing sites (for example, Woolston) and if that will have a negative impact on the services provided. Alan Merry confirmed that the Woolston Station will continue to be located on the same site, but just set further back on the site.
- The Forum suggested linkages with other first response agencies, like St Johns and Civil Defence and are supportive of collaboration with organisations which have a similar focus.

**Action Point:**

**Forum to write a letter NZFS and CERA in support of interagency collaboration, co-location and shared training as a feature of the NZFS rebuild programme.**

**2. Update from CERA – Benesia Smith, DCE, Strategy and Governance Group, CERA**

Benesia Smith gave an overview of recent recovery milestones including:

*Port Hills Zoning Review*

- Decisions were announced on 5 December and resulted in 270 properties (at 129 addresses) being rezoned. Of these:
  - 237 properties (at 96 addresses) have been rezoned red
  - 33 have been rezoned green
- The calls were made by the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executives, senior managers, and trained staff supported by counsellors from Relationships Aotearoa.

*Land Use Recovery Plan*

- The Land Use Recovery Plan, as approved by the Minister, is to be released on 6 December 2013 and will be made available online and at local authority service centres.
- Benesia thanked the Forum on behalf of the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery for their valued contribution to date including crucial feedback and commentary provided from the Forum on matters such as:
  - proposed revocation of Proposed Change 1; and
  - proposals for residential intensification areas.

*General comment*

- Benesia noted that looking forward CERA is encouraged by the current willingness of agencies involved in the recovery to take greater responsibility for collective visions and goals (beyond 2016). Benesia noted the importance of leadership and not just co-ordinating delivery of outcomes – a theme that has come through strongly from recent Forum meetings. The recovery of greater Christchurch will ultimately be owned and led by CERA's strategic partners – the local authorities, ECan and Ngai Tahu, and the communities the strategic partners serve.

Discussion:

- The Forum noted the tension between the importance of being able to provide advice in confidence to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and CERA's Chief Executive and the time lag before that advice can be shared and discussed with the communities the members represent.
- The Forum noted and echoed the need for leadership in greater Christchurch now, because communities are tired and they need recovery champions.
- The Forum outlined that there are only six or eight quarters left before the expiry of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, which does not leave time for extensive talk on recovery but rather a need for action.

### 3. Way Forward

The Chair noted that a subgroup has met to discuss the way forward for the Forum and what the Forum's advice should be to the Minister and Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery on the Forum's continuing role as the recovery process evolves.

The Chair will circulate a draft letter to the Minister for the Forum members to consider.

### 4. Notes of previous meeting

Moved

*That, subject to the amendments discussed below, the meeting notes from 7 November 2013 meeting be confirmed as an accurate record.*

Carried

#### **Matters arising**

- The Chair advised the following change to the record that:
  - o CERA, and not the Chair, is to schedule a presentation from John Ficelle on the draft Sport and Recreation Programme in early 2014.

**Action Point:**

**Chair to circulate a copy of the draft letter to the Minister, regarding way forward for the Forum, welcoming feedback.**

**Next Meeting – Thursday 30 January, 2014, Canterbury Club, Cambridge Terrace**

Meeting closed 7.40pm