

**Community Forum**  
Private Bag 4999  
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**Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum  
Thursday 21 February 2013, 6.00pm  
Canterbury Club, Durham St North**

**Present:**

Community Forum members:

Lynne Ball, Peter Jenkins, Tom McBrearty, Trevor McIntyre, Lesley Murdock, Jocelyn Papprell, John Peet, Bruce Russell, Brian Vieceli, Emma Twaddell

**Apologies**

Weng Kei Chen, Gill Cox, Leanne Curtis, Wendy Gilchrist, Paul Lonsdale, Deborah McCormick, Faye Parfitt, Rachel Vogan, John Wong

Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

**Chair**

Darren Wright

**In Attendance**

Jane Bryden, Advisor, Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee

Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Governance, CERA  
Jacinda Lean, General Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA  
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Lynn Smith, Secretary for the Community Forum

**1. Notes Of The Last Meeting**

Moved:

*That the notes from the meeting of 7 February 2013 be confirmed as an accurate record.*

**Carried**

**2. Matters arising**

- Re the discussion of housing issues, Martin Evans, Leanne Curtis and Patricia Siataga will work together to collate information about current housing issues. Any other Forum members who are interested in supporting this work should email Darren Wright.

**ACTION: M Evans, L Curtis and P Siataga to collate information about current housing issues, who is working on what aspects, and who is in control.**

**3. Education update – Trevor McIntyre**

- Mid-2012 schools were given clear and detailed information about demographics, the cost or repair, and the nature of repair for their schools.
- Pre-earthquakes there were approximately 5,000 empty seats in greater Christchurch schools. Currently there are approximately 9,500 empty seats. Each empty seat would cost, on average, about \$10,000 to repair, strengthen, waterproof and modernise.
- In September 2012, the Ministry of Education identified some schools in Christchurch which were affected by demographic changes caused by issues such as land zoning and anticipated population shift, and costs of repair and rebuild, etc. During the consultation phase schools had about 10 weeks to consider the proposals and make submissions. The decision-making process was thorough and involved independent expertise from outside the region.
- Interim decisions were presented to all schools on 18 February 2013. Affected schools have until 28 March to provide any further feedback before final decisions are made. Some will want to consult with their communities again where there have been changes to the proposal for their school.
- The challenge is figuring out where the population is going to shift. Schools plan with a small surplus of seats which will provide for some flexibility in years to come.
- The proposals can provide greater Christchurch with a top quality, modern education network – hi-tech, online, learning savvy. It will be critical that the Ministry of Education delivers on its promises, on time.
- The greater Christchurch's schools have been divided up into 48 clusters (currently primary, intermediate and secondary schools. Some clusters have Early Childhood Education). Shared practice and shared ideas can lift quality.
- Concerned that Christchurch has no vision or strategy for youth. Much money is being poured into the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. Many organisations and public agencies have a youth dimension and each has their own idea of how youth should be catered for in their sector. There is some collaboration and co-ordination but it is lacking an overarching vision or strategy.
- Christchurch needs a youth board that scans the work underway by various organisations across the city, in a wide range of fields (education, health, arts, justice sector, etc) and brings funders and projects together. The board membership should include 25-30 year olds (old enough to have committed to the city and started businesses etc, but still understanding youth interests).
- Need to think about what youth development will look like once CERA is no longer in place. The community needs to lead this.

**ACTION:**

- **Forum members who have contacts in youth networks to forward contact information to T McIntyre**

**4. CERA priorities 2013 – Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Governance, CERA**

- CERA has been reflecting on its role and looking forward, conscious that its role in the Canterbury recovery will cease in April 2016. This is a significant challenge given the diversity of views about CERA's role, but it is important that the organisation has a clear vision of its priorities.
- For 2013, CERA has identified 5 priority workstreams. These are, in no particular order:
  1. *Building and maintaining confidence in the Rebuild*
    - Gathering information and forecasting ahead
    - Considering the impediments that need to be removed

- Communicating the overarching plan for recovery
  - 2. *Residential Repair & Rebuild*
    - Ensuring land use fit
    - Infrastructure rebuild and co-ordination with community hubs
    - EQC settlements and working with insurers
  - 3. *Action on Christchurch Central Rebuild*
    - Pre-conditions (demolitions, land acquisition)
    - Avon River
    - East & North Frames
    - Convention Centre
    - Metro Sports
  - 4. *Strengthening Community Resilience*
    - "Hubbing" of community facilities
    - Winter wellbeing
    - Psychosocial support
    - Education renewal programme
  - 5. *Funding the Rebuild*
    - Cost-sharing arrangements with the councils
    - Capital investment and attracting funding (private and philanthropic) for greater Christchurch.
- The Forum requested that CERA provide information as soon as possible about upcoming matters for which the Forum's feedback/advice will be sought so that the Forum can plan agendas, and any external perspectives or advice required, further in advance.

**ACTION: CERA will advise the Chair as soon as possible of any currently known dates for matters that CERA and/or the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery will seek the Forum's feedback on.**

**CERA will report back to the Forum in two months with an outline programme of anticipated matters that CERA and/or the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery will seek the Forum's feedback on during 2013.**

5. Other matters arising

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- Request to the Minister for Earthquake Recovery that a youth forum be established. Jane Bryden noted that a focus on youth issues would likely form part of the process of rotation of Forum members.
- A member of the Forum expressed concern about investors lacking faith that the "system" will not change with any future change of government. Noted that investors are looking for clarity and clear leadership.
- It was suggested that the Forum might consider focussing on Leadership and Youth as the two main recovery themes for the year. To be discussed at future meetings.
- A member reminded the Forum to also consider the many positive aspects of the recovery, especially projects such as the Pallet Pavilion.
- The Chair explained that, following the Minister's presentation at the next meeting, the Executive will look to establish DRAFT agendas for the year ahead.

**ACTION: Chair to invite ECan to attend the Forum meeting on 7 March 2013**

6. **Next Meeting – Thursday 7 March 2013, Canterbury Club**

Meeting closed 8pm

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