

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting No. SG5 of the Smartgrowth Implementation Committee
held on 20 August 2008 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga
Commencing at 1:30 p.m.**

Present

Independent Chairperson:

W Wasley

Environment Bay of Plenty

Councillors:

J Nees, A von Dadelszen

Tauranga City Council

Mayor:

S Crosby

Councillors:

W Moultrie, D Stewart

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Mayor:

G L Weld

Councillors:

N Bruning, R Paterson

Tangata Whenua Representatives

P Ihaka, K Smith, M Tapsell

In Attendance

SmartGrowth: K Tremaine (Implementation Advisor), Te Pio Kawe (Tu Pukari Advisor)

Environment Bay of Plenty: F Robinson (Senior Communications Advisor), G Maloney (Transport Manager), J Thompson (Planner)

Tauranga City Council: C Jones (Group Manager City Directions)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: G R Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), A Lane (Group Manager Policy & Planning), R Woodward (Strategic Policy Manager), L Davis (Policy Analyst Strategic 1), G Kroon (Policy Analyst Strategic 2) and A Bell (Executive Officer Regulatory),

Strategic Partners: P Wyatt (Community), R Kinzett (Priority One), C Gordon (PATAG) K Clarke (NZ Transport Agency)

Others

Councillors Gravit and Matthews (WBOPDC), Councillor Grainger (TCC), Councillor Bennett (EBOP), three members of the public

Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Chairman Cronin.

Resolved: Councillor Paterson / Mayor Weld

THAT apologies for absence from Chairman Cronin be received.

Public Forum (if required)

Under Standing Orders Appendix F, a period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for a public forum. Members of the public may attend to address the Committee for up to three minutes on items that fall within the delegations of the Committee provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, and are not already subject to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chair by members.

Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting. A brief record will be kept of matters raised during any public forum section of the meeting with matters for action to be referred through the service request system.

Resolved: Councillor Nees / Councillor Stewart

THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Councillor Jo Gravit addressed the Committee providing comment in relation to the Social Infrastructure item, she raised concern that infrastructure needed to keep up with the progress made by the stakeholder groups.

1.40pm The meeting reconvened in open session

SG5.1 **Confirmation of Minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee (SG4)**

The Committee considered the minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee (SG4) dated 18 June 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

A correction was asked to be made to item 4.7. The words 'at the October meeting' were to be added to the last paragraph before the resolution.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Mayor Crosby

THAT the minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee (SG4) dated 18 June 2008 as amended by the addition of the words "at the October meeting" to the last paragraph before the resolution, are confirmed as a true and correct record.

SG5.2 **SmartGrowth Bi-Monthly Implementation Report – Submission to Plan Change 48**

The Committee considered a report by the Independent Chairperson and the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor summarised his report. In relation to roading issues he noted that with any large scale law reform there was often a loss of momentum, which he was monitoring. The region had been asked to put its regional land transport programme together.

He also advised that since the agenda was put together there had been a significant part of the SmartGrowth corridor achieved. A consent order was filed this week for the release of part of the Rangiuru industrial area which would allow the first 15% of the land to be released for development.

The Transport Manager (Environment Bay of Plenty) advised that there was a Ministry of Transport roadshow next week that would be valuable for those able to attend. There were also other tools that were being developed to help understand the new legislation.

Ms K Clarke (NZ Transport Agency) advised that the New Zealand Transport Agency was aware of the work that needed to be completed and agreed there were challenges ahead for all.

In discussion of items on the report the following points were noted:

- Dan Burden visit, was acknowledged as a very practical workshop with excellent examples given regarding his theories. It was suggested that the JB Arlington and Dan Burden presentation handouts be circulated to the Committee.
- The Katikati Bypass was a project that should not be overlooked again by the transport agencies, it would not be acceptable.
- There needed to be a clear understanding of the transport funding process.
- At the regional land transport meeting recently the Regional Manager of LTNZ gave a clear indication that once reconciliation had occurred there would be additional funding available. There was a significant funding shortfall for roading infrastructure over the next 10 years.
- More information on the Land Transport Strategy needed to be made available to governing bodies.
- Electricity security of supply – the region should consider putting a lines company together to ensure long term sustainability. A combined voice from the region was needed. There were regional networks that could assist with the putting together of a lines company.

It was requested that once further progress was made with projects associated with land use that the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum be given the opportunity to give further comment.

The Chairperson noted **tabled items 1 and 2** being minutes of the SmartGrowth Strategic Partners Meeting dated 5 August 2008 and the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum dated 5 August 2008. He also noted that the Tertiary Education presentation would take place at the October meeting.

The Independent Chairperson, Mayor Crosby and Councillors Moultrie and Stewart declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

2.00pm The Independent Chairperson vacated the Chair
Mayor Weld assumed the Chair

The Implementation Advisor summarised the submission made on behalf of SmartGrowth to Tauranga City Council's Plan Change 48.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelzen / Councillor Nees

1. *THAT the Bi-monthly Implementation report by the Independent Chairperson and the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee endorses the SmartGrowth submission on Plan Change 48 to the Tauranga District Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.*

2.10pm The Independent Chairperson resumed the Chair

Change to the order of business

The Independent Chairperson requested that the next item of business be the SmartEconomy Progress Report 30 June 2008 in order to release Mr R Kinzett from the meeting.

Resolved: Councillor Paterson / Mayor Weld

THAT the order of business be changed to allow the item of the SmartEconomy Progress Report 30 June 2008 as next item.

SG5.3 **SmartEconomy Progress Report 30 June 2008**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

Mr R Kinzett (Business Development Manager – Priority One) summarised key points of the report (**tabled item 3**).

2.35pm Councillor Bruning withdrew from the meeting
2.40pm Councillor Bruning returned to the meeting

In discussion of the report the following was noted:

- It was great to see agencies working together collaboratively.
- There seemed to be gaps in COBOP report between human deprivation and human capital.
- There was support for providing regional based services.

Mr Kinzett **tabled item 4** and advised the Committee that the booklet was provided to individuals interested in making an economic investment in the region and was given to new business interested in moving to the region. It was also available at overseas trade shows.

Resolved: Mayor Crosby / Councillor Nees

THAT the SmartEconomy Progress Report for the period to 30 June 2008 be received.

SG5.4 **Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor summarised his report accompanied by a Powerpoint presentation (**tabled item 5**).

2.45pm P Ihaka withdrew from the meeting

Upon discussion of the item the following points were noted:

- Road transport is expected to rise by 60%
- Interpretation of the law reform would be a significant challenge
- The region needed to be proactive in consolidating the road funding that had been promised.
- There was debate at present regarding the Agency's (NZTA) role in the setting of the regional roading priorities. There would not be sufficient funds for all regional roading needs and priorities would be set with a

potential for conflict between territorial authorities regarding their own priorities.

- The amount of money earmarked for transport was not being increased over the next 10 years; the only increase was an adjustment for inflation.
- The National Party had indicated using debt to forward fund infrastructure.
- Compliance with the new legislation would take considerable effort.

3.20pm Councillor Bruning withdrew from the meeting

- There seemed to be 'R' funds that had gone missing. These funds were 'borrowed' by Transit New Zealand and had yet to be returned.

Resolved: Councillor Paterson / Councillor Moultrie

THAT the report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 regarding 'Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008' be received.

3.25pm Mayor Weld withdrew from the meeting

SG5.5 **Social Infrastructure**

The Committee considered a report by the Policy Analyst Strategic 2 (WBOPDC), the Group Manager Policy and Planning (WBOPDC) and the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The Policy Analyst Strategic 1 summarised the report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation (**tabled item 6**).

3.30pm P Ihaka re-entered the meeting

Upon discussion of the item the following points were noted:

- There was praise from the Committee on the report content.
- There was potential for further work to be done to consider other networks that are currently working in the area of social infrastructure.
- Was there social infrastructure that was not being used at its capacity now or in the future.
- Resources needed to be maximised and duplication of services minimised.
- There would be benefit in looking at the Maori way of taking care of the social needs of their whenua.
- There could be challenges to the partner Councils regarding financial support for this initiative.

- Engagement needed to happen with the social agencies involved regarding the challenges ahead that had been identified in this report.

In response to questions the Policy Analyst Strategic 1, Policy Analyst Strategic 2 and Group Manager Policy and Planning advised that the stock-take was carried out at a high level and further work to drill down on the providers and users could be undertaken. There was a framework now in place that could be built on when undertaking land use planning. There were many resources within the community that had not been captured at the high level that the report covered. There were groups such as COBOP collating that data.

The Group Manager Policy and Planning advised that agreement needed to be reached to take that back to the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum and the Strategic Partners Meeting in addition to the partner council's to develop a way forward.

4.05pm

Mayor Weld re-entered the meeting

Resolved: Councillor Nees / Councillor Stewart

1. *THAT the Committee receives the Social Infrastructure report dated 21 July 2008.*
2. *THAT the Committee notes that this report is in fulfilment of 7.2.12 Action 1 of the SmartGrowth Strategy*
- 3a) *THAT the report be referred to the Strategic Partners and the Combined Tangata Whenua Forums and the Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group for comment and that any comments received be referred to the October meeting of SGIC for consideration .*
- 3b) *THAT the concept of a Social Infrastructure Forum be referred to the Strategic Partners the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum and Population Aging Technical Advisory Group for consideration regarding the scope of such a forum to report back to the October SGIC meeting.*
4. *THAT the Committee agrees in principle on the broader definitions and framework for community development and social infrastructure set out in this report.*
5. *THAT the Committee agrees on SmartGrowth's role identified in each of the areas set out in Appendix 3 of the report.*
6. *THAT the Committee agrees that SmartGrowth will monitor the uptake of Social Infrastructure planning by partner Councils. Progress and council uptake will be reported as part of the quarterly SmartGrowth Implementation Monitoring Report.*

7. *THAT an action plan be developed by the IMG and reported back to the October meeting of the SGIC.*

SG5.6 **Affordable Housing: Enabling Territorial Authorities Bill 2007 Update**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

Upon discussion of the item the following points were noted:

- There was clear evidence of devolution of Central Government's responsibility onto Local Government. There was no need for clause 15(A) which was undeliverable.
- Central Government created the climate that made housing unaffordable.

The Implementation Advisor advised that the issue regarding clause 15(A) could be taken up by supplementary order paper, which he would be pleased to do. He noted that there would only be a limited way that legislation could assist with the affordable housing issue.

Resolved: Councillor Moultrie / Councillor Stewart

1. *THAT the report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 regarding Affordable Housing: Enabling Territorial Authorities Bill 2007 Update be received.*
2. *THAT the Implementation Advisor and the Independent Chairperson be given delegated authority to put forward a supplementary Clause 15(A) of the bill to the Select Committee on behalf of the Committee.*

SG5.7 **Electricity: Security of Supply - Way Forward**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor summarised his report. He advised that agencies would work collaboratively to ensure the best outcome for the western bay sub-region.

There was support in principle for the concept of providing a regionally owned lines company.

Resolved: Mayor Crosby / Mayor Weld

1. *THAT the report by the Implementation Advisor dated 20 August 2008 regarding "Electricity: Security of Supply – Way Forward" be received.*

2. *THAT the Committee noted the proposed actions outlined in section 3 of this report, and that a progress report be provided to the December SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meeting.*

The meeting closed at 4.30pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

W Wasley
Independent Chairperson

Date

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