

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting No. SG6 of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee
held on 22 October 2008 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga
Commencing at 1:30 p.m.**

Present

Independent Chairperson: W Wasley

Environment Bay of Plenty

Chairman: J Cronin

Councillors: J Nees, A von Dadelszen

Tauranga City Council

Mayor: S Crosby

Councillors: W Moultrie, D Stewart

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Councillors: R Paterson

Tangata Whenua Representatives

P Ihaka, K Smith, M Tapsell

In Attendance

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

Environment Bay of Plenty: M MacLeod (Group Manager Strategic Development), F Robinson (Senior Communications Advisor)

Tauranga City Council: S Town (Chief Executive), C Jones (Group Manager City Directions)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: G R Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), A Lane (Group Manager Policy & Planning), A Bell (Democracy Support Officer)

Strategic Partners: A Coker & A Hill (Priority One), P Wyatt

Others

Dr A Hampton (Bay of Plenty Polytechnic), Prof D Sutton (University of Waikato) and Dr P Malpass (Bay of Plenty District Health Board), Councillor J Gravit (Western Bay Of Plenty District Council), two members of the public and one member of the media

The Independent Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed those present and called for apologies.

Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from His Worship the Mayor G Weld and Councillor N Bruning.

Resolved: Chairman Cronin / Councillor von Dadelszen

THAT apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor G Weld and Councillor N Bruning be received.

SG6.1 **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No.SG5 of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee held on 20 August 2008**

On page 6 of minutes an amendment to be made to resolution SG5.6.

The Chairperson advised that the Arrington and Burden presentations would be circulated to the Committee, he apologised for the delay.

Resolved: Councillor von Dadelszen / Mayor Crosby

THAT the minutes of meeting no. SG5 of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee held on 20 August 2008 as amended be received.

Presentations

SG6.2 **Tertiary Education Update**

A presentation was made by the Dr A Hampton and Prof D Sutton from the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and the University of Waikato.

Dr Hampton and Prof Sutton in response to questions:

- Once the partnership was formed it was envisioned that the partnership would reach out to Iwi for their input, this was a task for early 2009 and was vital to the process.
- There were places available in their programmes for Tangata Whenua; there was commitment from the parties to keep pathways open for Maori.
- Appropriate support needed to be available for Maori to facilitate successful outcomes.
- An Advisory Group was being formed for the new Partnership; there was an opportunity for participation from all sectors of the community.
- There were no foreseen weaknesses in the partnership; there were joint groups in place to consider any problems that arose. The key role that SmartGrowth could play was to aid and assist where the partnership could not achieve alone.
- A considerable concern was having the partnership recognised by the business community in the region.

- Support was sought in marketing Tauranga as a student and research destination.
- There was a memorandum of understanding in place with some Iwi; they were moving towards looking for other partnerships also. Alliances and relationships with other industry training organisations were also required.

Congratulations for the progress made were put forward by the Chairperson on behalf of the Committee.

The Implementation Advisor gave a brief summary on the background of the tertiary education partnership and how important it was to the SmartGrowth strategy.

Resolved: Councillor Nees / Councillor Moultrie

THAT the presentation made by the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and the University of Waikato be received.

SG6.3

Bay of Plenty Clinical School

A presentation was made by Dr P Malpass of the Bay of Plenty District Health Board.

In response to questions:

- The school sites needed to be based at the Tauranga Hospital.
- There was an option of working with the Polytechnic to offer student accommodation.
- The idea was to be held in high regard for clinical training and research, 40% of current students were from the UK.
- Australian students also came to Whakatane for their clinical training.

The Implementation Advisor summarised the link between the Clinical School and the SmartGrowth strategy.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Malpass and congratulated the Clinical School for the progress achieved to date.

Resolved: Councillor Nees / Councillor Moultrie

THAT the presentation made by the Bay of Plenty District Health Board be received.

Information

SG6.4 **SmartGrowth Bi-Monthly Implementation Report**

The Committee considered a report by the Independent Chairperson and the Implementation Advisor dated 8 October 2008.

The Implementation Advisor summarised his report.

Affordable Housing

- There were many issues in regards to Affordable Housing. Additional work needed to be done on specific needs. It would be valuable to have a Developer forum led by Priority One.

A request was made for a list of outcomes from the Affordable Housing Forum held in August 2008 and the Implementation Adviser noted that a report on the Forum would go to the December meeting.

PATAG

PATAG report would be an item on the December 2008 agenda. The minutes from the last PATAG meeting would be circulated separately.

Rail

The Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) advised that a report on rail matters would be presented to the SmartGrowth December 2008 meeting.

Social Infrastructure Report

An action plan was being created to work through the Social Infrastructure issues and would be placed on the December meeting agenda.

Regional Policy Statement

Concern was raised that the residents of Matakana not be left out of the discussions regarding Matakana Island.

Central Government Election

The Chairperson advised that there were briefing papers being prepared for the incoming government.

The Chairperson acknowledged the work done by Mr A Coffin, on the Tangata Whenua Combined Forum and wished to record his thanks to Mr Coffin on behalf of the Committee.

Resolved: Mayor Crosby / Councillor Stewart

1. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee bi-monthly report by the Independent Chairperson and the Implementation Advisor be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee approve the preparation of a SmartGrowth submission on the DIA Sustainable Urban Communities Discussion paper.*

SG6.5 **Industrial Land Study**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 8 October 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The report was summarised by the Implementation Advisor who advised that Beca would be undertaking a presentation at the December 2008 meeting.

He advised that all of the available locations had been identified in the report and formed part of the 48 sites.

In discussion of the report the following was noted:

- The development costs in Rotorua were half of those in the Western Bay.
- Rotorua had its challenges and did not have the projected growth of the Western Bay.
- Belief that there was ample water at Waiari.
- Missing off the list was the protection of Marae and Marae site lines.
- Due to land prices in the Western Bay, industrial land in Rotorua could be looked at favourably.
- There could be resistance to any further take on the Waiari stream.

The Implementation Advisor advised that specific interviews had been undertaken with developers and a number of investigations and further work was being undertaken in different areas.

Resolved: Chairman Cronin / Councillor Paterson

1. *THAT the report dated 8 October 2008 by the Implementation Advisor be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee notes the Industrial Land Study report by Beca circulated with this agenda.*

SG6.6 **SmartGrowth Monitoring Report**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor dated 8 October 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor summarised the report.

He advised that the implementation of the strategy was on target.

The Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) advised that the Regional Economic Development Strategy was being linked with SmartGrowth through Priority One. The SmartEconomy Action Group was also monitoring the strategy.

Resolved: Councillor Stewart / Councillor Paterson

THAT the SmartGrowth Monitoring Report by the Implementation Advisor be received.

SG6.7 **General Business - Economic Development**

Chairman Cronin outlined the progress to date on the Regional Economic Development Group and its regional representatives. A press release was being released that day regarding an aquaculture and marine industries grant to the Bay of Plenty. The Regional Economic Development Strategy was being launched later in the month. A presentation would be made to individual Councils in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

W Wasley
Independent Chairperson

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