

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting No. SG7 of the Smartgrowth Implementation Committee
held on 10 December 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: D Stewart

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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 – Governance)

Environment Bay of Plenty: W Bayfield (Chief Executive Officer), M MacLeod (Group Manager Strategic Development), D Phizacklea (Planning Frameworks Manager)

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

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Councillor J Gravit, Councillor M Williams, G R Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), A Lane (Group Manager Policy & Planning), L Davies (Policy Analyst Strategic), A Bell (Democracy Support Officer)

Strategic Partners: J Hannah (SmartTransport), C Gordon and J Garwood (Strategic Partners), T Lawson (PATAG), A Coker (Priority One)

Others

Mr A Ralph (TCC) and Mrs C Ralph (Beca), Mr B Pointon (BOPDHB)
1 member of the media; 8 members of the public

The Chairperson opened the meeting and then called for a minute's silence to acknowledge the passing of Committee member Mayor G L Weld. He acknowledged the contribution of Mayor Graeme to SmartGrowth development and implementation.

Tributes and condolences were then offered by Member K Smith on behalf of the Tangata Whenua Collective, Chairperson Cronin on behalf of Environment Bay of Plenty, and Mayor Crosby on behalf of Tauranga City Council. Acting Mayor R Paterson acknowledged the kind tributes on behalf of Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Apologies

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor W Moultrie (Tauranga City Council).

Resolved: Chairman Cronin / Councillor Nees

THAT the apology for absence from Councillor W Moultrie be received.

Presentations

The Chairperson requested that the first item of business be the Northern Corridor Study presentation as the presenters of the first item of business were not able to attend the meeting until after 2pm due to a prior commitment.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Mayor Crosby

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.1 the order of business be changed and that the item SG7.2 of the agenda be dealt with as the first item of business.

SG7.1 Northern Corridor Study

The Committee received a presentation by John Hannah on behalf of SmartTransport (tabled item 1). Mr Hannah also summarised key points from the draft Northern Corridor Strategy.

Upon discussion of the item by the Committee the following was noted:

- The land use pattern may need to alter depending on the outcome of the Western Bay's and Tauranga City's District Plan reviews
- The importance of having robust strategies to support regional road transport planning
- There appeared to be a lack of Tangata Whenua input into the report. No cultural assessment or maps of Maori land with Papakainga housing or proposed Papakainga housing detailed
- No mention of weak spots on the existing State Highway.

Mr Hannah in response to questions advised that:

- The costing within the draft strategy was a desktop estimate.

- If the draft strategy was signed off by the Committee and senior NZTA management, it would then be put forward for further funding.
- Tangata Whenua issues would be dealt with through the project level. The strategy contained only high level information. The detailed consultation would come later. It was acknowledged that the final draft report lacked detail.
- The findings from the report had validated that there was a need to do physical roading works between Tauranga and Omokoroa. That would also enable public transport to function more effectively. Landuse activity outside the SmartGrowth identified areas should be discouraged.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Councillor Stewart

THAT the presentation on the Northern Corridor Study by SmartTransport Coordinator John Hannah be noted.

SG7.2 **PATAG Implementation – Smart Ageing Plan**

The Committee received a presentation by Tony Lawson of PATAG (tabled item 2).

Upon discussion of the item by the Committee the following was noted:

- Future focus of the strategy
- PATAG performance measurement.

Mr Lawson in response to questions advised that:

- The strategy was focusing on the period to 2012, but also looking as far out as 2050.
- The terms of reference for PATAG were robust which included performance measures. There was the opportunity to gain advice from the SmartGrowth Independent Chairperson and Implementation Advisor.
- The Bi-monthly SmartGrowth report would include advice from the PATAG group.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Councillor Stewart

THAT the presentation on PATAG Implementation by PATAG member Mr T Lawson be noted.

SG7.3 **Growth Management on the west coast of North America – 20 years of Implementation Experience**

The Committee received a presentation by Andy and Christine Ralph (tabled item 3).

Upon discussion of the item by the Committee the following was mentioned:

- Was light rail an option for Tauranga
- Housing intensification.

Mr A and Mrs C Ralph in response to questions advised as follows:

- Knowing what intensification each city wanted to achieve was crucial. A large population was needed before investing in significant transport infrastructure i.e. light rail
- A key component of successful 'greenfields' development was the working together between public and private enterprises.

Copies of the presentation would be made available to the Committee.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Councillor Stewart

THAT the presentation on Growth Management on the west coast of North America – 20 years of Implementation Experience by Andy and Christine Ralph be noted.

SG7.4

Beca Business Land Demand Study - Beca

The Committee received a presentation by Christine Ralph (Beca) of key findings of the report which was work-shopped at the October 2008 meeting (tabled item 4).

Upon discussion of the item by the Committee the following was mentioned:

- The impacts of land development had not been investigated.

Mrs Ralph in response to questions advised as follows:

- Further work would need to be done to consider all the impacts of land development, the report did not have the scope to consider those issues
- Proximity to rail was a factor with the Rangiora Business Park location.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Councillor Stewart

THAT the presentation on Beca Business Land Demand Study be noted.

Decisions**SG7.5 Confirmation of Minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee SG6 held on 22 October 2008**

It was noted by the Committee that Dr Paul Malpass had now resigned from the District Health Board and a letter of appreciation would be sent to Dr Malpass from the Independent Chairperson.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Councillor Stewart

THAT the minutes of SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meeting SG6 held on 22 October 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Information**SG7.6 Review of Reports on Railway Crossings on Tauranga Harbour**

The Committee considered a report by the Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) as circulated in the agenda.

The Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) advised that the author of the report was overseas at present and would be available at the February meeting to respond to any questions.

The Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) advised that the report pulled together information that was already available and OnTrack and the Port had been consulted with as to whether they agreed with the findings, and early indications were that they did. The report had also been presented to the Regional Transport Committee. There would be further information available at the February SGIC meeting.

Resolved: Acting Mayor Paterson / Councillor Nees

1. *THAT the Review of Reports on Railway Crossings on Tauranga Harbour by the Group Manager Strategic Development (EBOP) be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee confirms that a presentation on the report will be made at the 2009 meeting.*

3.40 pm
4.00 pm

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea.
The Committee reconvened.

SG7.7 Final Draft Northern Corridor Study

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor as circulated in the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor advised of the revisions that would be made to the actions in the report and would be put back to the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum at their next meeting.

The final report would be circulated back to members of the SGIC.

Resolved: Councillor Stewart / Acting Mayor Paterson

1. *THAT the Final Draft Northern Corridor Strategy report by the Implementation Advisor be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee adopts the Final Draft Northern Corridor Strategy.*
3. *THAT the Committee refers the Strategy to the Regional Transport Committee for its input.*

THAT the Committee refers the Strategy to the NZ Transport Agency

SG7.8 Electricity: Security of Supply and Grid Development

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor would clarify the acronyms used in the report.

The Chief Executive (EBOP) advised that New Zealand did have an energy strategy; there were a couple of regions exploring undertaking a regional strategy. He was of the opinion that Transpower should investigate the adequacy of supply and report back to the Committee.

Resolved: Chairman Cronin / Councillor Nees

1. *THAT the Electricity: Security of Supply and Grid Development report by the Implementation Advisor be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee send a request to Transpower that they investigate the adequacy of the current East-West Bay of Plenty supply lines should additional geothermal electricity generation at Kawerau occur and report back to the Committee with their findings.*
3. *THAT the Committee note that there is likely to be much closer focus on identifying electricity supply as a key infrastructure project for New Zealand.*

SG7.9 Tangata Whenua Representation and Opportunities

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor summarised his report. The report had already been presented to the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum. The Forum would be discussing the report further at their next meeting.

It was noted by the Committee that communication with those situated north of the Wairoa River had not improved, it was suggested that more use be made of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Maori Forum. It was also suggested that increased resourcing to allow for better communication be considered.

Resolved: Member Ihaka / Chairman Cronin

1. *THAT the Tangata Whenua Representation and Opportunities Report by the Implementation Advisor report be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee notes that the subject matter is being discussed by the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum at its meeting on 2 December 2008.*
3. *THAT the Committee agrees that there be a final report back on discussions to the February meeting of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee.*

SG7.10 Social Infrastructure and Community Wellbeing Plan

The Committee considered a report by the Policy Analyst Strategic (WBOPDC) as circulated with the agenda. A presentation was given by the Policy Analyst Strategic in support of the report (tabled item 5). Mr B Pointon, Public Health Portfolio Manager (BOPDHB) assisted with the presentation of the report. A letter from the Ministry of Health was tabled (tabled item 6).

4.25 pm Mayor Crosby withdrew from the meeting.

Upon discussion of the item the following comments were noted:

- The lead forum was needed to be identified to drive the plan
- Funding would be sought from outside sources
- Initial awareness and training would need to put in place
- Support for presenting the report to the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum was given.

4.45 pm Chairman Cronin withdrew from the meeting.

- The social wellbeing of the community should be considered within all SmartGrowth actions

4.50 pm Chairman Cronin re-entered the meeting

- Community support should be provided from within, there was not a role for Council to play

The Group Manager Policy and Planning (WBOPDC) advised that no funding was being sought from member Councils. The plan was to put a framework around what was already being delivered.

Resolved: Councillor Stewart / Councillor Nees

1. *THAT the report named Social Infrastructure and Community Wellbeing Plan by the Policy Analyst Strategic (WBOPDC) be received.*
2. *THAT the report be referred to the Implementation Management Group to consider the matters raised by the Committee including the costs of implementation of the action plan, who the appropriate lead forum could be, resourcing of action plan implementation, and the possible application of the approach to the Eastern Corridor including the proposed extension of the Ranguru business land area.*
3. *THAT provision be made in the action plan for review and reporting to SGIC on implementation after 12 months.*

SG7.11 **Affordable Housing**

The Committee considered a report by the Policy Analyst Strategic (WBOPDC) as circulated with the agenda.

The Group Manager Policy and Planning (WBOPDC) reminded the Committee of her brief.

Resolved: Councillor Nees / Councillor Bruning

1. *THAT the Affordable Housing report by the Policy Analyst Strategic (WBOPDC) be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee notes the following proposed next steps:*
 - A second working party meeting facilitated by Priority One is planned to be held on 11 December 2008
 - Identify the niche markets that will provide affordable housing

- Review central government's role and initiatives in relation to the Western Bay of Plenty and begin to develop some local solutions
- Organise a second developer workshop to present the Hobsonville Land Development Company approach to affordable housing.

SG7.12 **Industrial Land Study Implementation**

The Committee considered a report by the Implementation Advisor as circulated with the agenda.

The Implementation Advisor advised that the report was about moving in a specific direction. He advised that money had been set aside to review the methodology used within the report.

Resolved: Councillor Bruning / Acting Mayor Paterson

1. *THAT the Committee notes the implementation of the Beca Industrial Land Study with its focus on implementing an extended Rangiuru Business Park as the major solution for business land needs beyond 2021.*
2. *THAT the Committee notes that project planning is currently being undertaken. This involves the following:*
 - *A Memorandum of Understanding between the main parties.*
 - *Financial impact assessment.*
 - *Investigating development contributions for the area.*
 - *A comprehensive structure plan.*
 - *Infrastructure servicing plan.*
 - *A detailed implementation plan.*
 - *Progressing a plan change if the outcomes of the work undertaken above support this.*
3. *THAT the Committee notes that the process is being overseen by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council with input from SmartGrowth when required.*

SG7.13 **SmartGrowth Bi-Monthly Implementation Report**

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

The Combined Tangata Whenua Forum minutes were tabled (tabled item 7).

The Implementation Advisor identified key areas of the report. The Independent Chairperson advised that the new Minister had visited the City and taken the SmartGrowth tour.

Resolved: Acting Mayor Paterson / Councillor Nees

1. *THAT the SmartGrowth Bimonthly Implementation Report by the Implementation Advisor be received.*
2. *THAT the Committee refers for information the PATAG paper on Residential Intensification to the Tauranga City Council and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.*

SG7.14 **Schedule of Meetings for 2008**

The Committee considered a report by the Democracy Support Officer dated 26 November 2008 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Independent Chairman Wasley / Acting Mayor Paterson

THAT the Democracy Support Officer's report dated 26 November 2008 regarding the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meeting schedule for 2009 be received.

Upon closing the meeting the Chairperson acknowledged the work of the Partner Forums and wished the members of the Committee a very happy festive season.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

W Wasley
Independent Chairperson

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