

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL EARTHQUAKE FORUM

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Thursday 18 October 2012 at 9.30am

PRESENT: The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, and Livingstone.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mayor Parker and Councillors Johanson, Reid, and Wells.

1. BRIEFING FROM ROGER SUTTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Roger Sutton addressed the Council on CERA's activities over the past month, including progress on public meetings with TC3 affected residents, foundation design issues around rivers, CCDU's involvement with landowners in the retail precinct, a recent workshop on rockfall issues and cliff collapse at the university, and news that CERA will have a stall at the upcoming Canterbury A&P Show.

The Deputy Mayor then asked for questions from Councillors. Discussion was then had on the following topics: Red zone review process for homes on the Port Hills, rockfall mitigation on the Port Hills and the release of information on this topic, CERA potential involvement with Hagley Park Cricket Oval issue, the difficulty for elderly and vulnerable members of community accessing earthquake support including public meetings and the internet, design challenges for buildings outside the central city, the demolition route to Burwood Recovery Park, vacant sections and related insurance and government offer issues, the Ministry of Education's recent announcement regarding schools in Christchurch, and accessibility for the disabled around the city.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Graham Jones and Ian Leckie addressed the Council about the Ministry of Education's Earthquake Recovery Plan and the impact on the Canterbury communities affected. Mr Leckie gave his view on behalf of the New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) that the consultation process should be more collaborative. Mr Leckie also stated that the timeframes for the consultation were very tight. Mr Leckie requested the Council advocate for the future of education in Canterbury.

Tony Ging, John Clarke and Eric Ewe addressed the Council about the potential for rockfall mitigation and presented slideshow examples. Mr Ging gave his view that there would be a significant cost savings if mitigation was an option for residents.

David Mason addressed the Council about his view that mitigation on an individual basis would be beneficial for the community as well as the individual property owner.

Robin McCarthy addressed the Council about his view that a fence needs to be erected on the Akaroa wharf to make it suitable for tourism operators to access the wharf. The Deputy Mayor asked for Council staff to find out the scope of works involving the Akaroa wharf and the needs generated by the tourism operators in that area.

Malcolm Ott addressed the Council about his request to have a wheelie bin service at his property which is awaiting demolition. Mr Ott has had a rates rebate due to earthquake damage to his property. The CEO noted that staff would review the rates rebate policy for people in Mr Ott's position. Councillor Corbett suggested an agreement could be sought with the Committee chairs for the resulting staff report to go straight to the Council.

There being no other items on the agenda, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.41am.