MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION STEERING GROUP HELD IN THE RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2017 AT 4.00PM.

PRESENT

Kaiapoi Community Board – Al Blackie (Chair), J Watson, P Redmond, S Stewart, C Greengrass, R Blair, J Meyer, M Pinkham, N Atkinson.

Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust representative A Jolliffe; Environment Canterbury representative C McKay; David Ayers (Mayor) Jim Palmer (Chief Executive) C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation).

IN ATTENDANCE

Duncan Roxborough (WDC), Michelle Flanagan (WDC), Ken Stevenson (WDC).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness were received and sustained from Jackie Watson and Mayor Ayers.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: A Blackie Seconded: J Palmer

2.1 S Stewart noted an amendment from the previous minutes Clause 4.9 – amend ensured to assured.

THAT the Regeneration Steering Group:

Confirms as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6 March 2017.

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

4. REPORTS

EARTHQUAKE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAMME – MARCH 2017 UPDATE

4.1 C Sargison noted that this report will go to the Council and will be circulated to the Regeneration Steering Group. It was noted there has been one questioned raised in relation to the Cust earthquake repairs. This relates to some well repairs that had been damaged as part of the earthquake.

Moved: N Atkinson Seconded: A Jolliffe

THAT the Regeneration Steering Group receives report No. 170228019100 for their information.

CARRIED

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5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MONTHLY RSG COMMUNICATIONS UDPATE – MARCH 2017

5.1 D Roxborough gave an update on the attached communications update and noted some of the key communication activities that are coming up for the end of the week. The website has been updated for the Regeneration projects. At the moment there is still the old website www.redzoneplan.nz, and with our move away from using the terminology around red zones the content that was on this page is still accessible but will be migrated to a new regeneration front end page on the Council's website. There will be a more prominent presence on the front page so that people can easily find their way to information on the regeneration programme. The website will go live at the end of this week. The website will also include some other functions such such as the ability to sign up to e-newletters.

D Roxborough advised that they have managed to obtain copies of the maps that have been used in the Recovery Plan and the right to use them. These maps will also be available on the website.

A project identity logo has been produced to be used on all of communication material from now on. There has since been an amended to correctly refer to as Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach and Kairaki.

There are some key communications materials being distributed at the end of this week. There will be an advertorial in three local newspapers, Kaiapoi Advocate, Northern Outlook and the North Canterbury News. This advertorial will include some joint messaging from Council, LINZ, and the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust as the key implementing parties. This advertorial will be informing the public on what we have been up to and what is happening next. The advertorial will also a diagrammatic timeline, which shows the key project priorities.

In addition to the advertorials that are going into the newspapers there will be flyers delivered to all of the properties that are within the regeneration areas and those who are on the immediate fringes of the regeneration areas and will also include all of The Pines Beach and Kairaki communities. There will also be posters being put up in the council service centres and a letter and flyer that will be distributed to the residents that still live in the regeneration areas.

There will be an email update sent to the members of the Regeneration Steering Group this Thursday covering all of this information.

N Atkinson asked that any communication material should go via the Regeneration Steering Group for approval prior to release of any material.

C Sargison advised that the normal procedure would be for communication material to go via the Regeneration Steering Group first but in this instance there were timing restraints with the newspapers to get the material published.

Mayor Ayers suggested that the letter and flyer should also be distributed to the property owners who are directly adjacent to the regeneration areas.

6. GENERAL

KAIAPOI INFORMATION BOARD USAGE

6.1 C Sargison asked if the Regeneration Steering Group would be happy for the Kaiapoi information board to be used for communication material. A mock-up will be brought back to the Regeneration Steering group for approval at the next meeting.

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FOOD FOREST SUB COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

6.2 C Sargison circulated a map to the group showing the suggested area for the Food Forest. C Sargison was seeking support from the Regeneration Steering Group to work with Brent Cairns who has a keen group of community people who have put a lot of thought into this project on how it could work, operate, and then develop and report back to the Regeneration Steering Group. This group would then be responsible for developing and running the Food Forest. There will be a report back to the Regeneration Steering for the formal approval of the Food Forest location.

A Blackie noted that this area was chosen for several reasons. There are a lot of people located around this area. It has boundaries on two sides at least with close neighbours who would hopefully take ownership of this sort of project. International experience shows that the more people that are close to a Food Forest, the better it is integrated into the community and looked after in the terms of the vandalism. It is also a reasonably high profile site with the new road passing the edge of it. There is good access to water and is in within easy walking distance to Williams Street on the main area and it has very good soil.

R Blair asked what the size of the area is.

A Blackie advised that it is around 1.5 hectares in size.

Mayor Ayers asked if there would be sufficient parking around the edge of the Food Forest.

C Sargison advised that this was considered, as the whole purpose of a food forest is to get people involved and noted that there will be parking on the roadsides.

A Blackie noted that once the walking and cycling tracks are established they would possibly be diverted through the Food Forest.

S Stewart asked if there would be any communication to the neighbours about the Food Forest.

C Sargison advised that if the Regeneration Steering Group supports this being progressed we would wait until some further work, and a plan and report have been done and would then do some communication around that.

J Meyer asked if the greenspace area next to Gray Crescent had been considered for the Food Forest.

C Sargison advised that this site had been considered and the reason for not using this area for the Food Forest is that the greenspace area next to Gray Crescent has the potential for a kick a ball space for the people that live in that area.

M Pinkham asked how a Food Forest is different from a Community Garden.

C Sargison replied that there are similarities but the Community Gardens tend to be focused on vegetables and can have a different concept of ownership of the groups working in the community garden. The Food Forest concept is designed to be sustainable and to regenerate forest.

C Greengrass noted that about three years ago, there was a two-day seminar and there is quite a bit of documentation, which may be useful.

C Sargison noted that this information would be included in the report back to the Regeneration Steering Group for next month.

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COAST GUARD BUILDING OPENING

6.3 A Blackie noted that the Coast Guard building is opening on Saturday 8 April and at least three councillors have advised that they have not received an invitation. C Sargison advised that the opening is by invitation and he will contact Coast Guard and let them know that there is an expression of interest, that if possible for members of the Regeneration Steering Group and Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board to attend.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Regeneration Steering Group meeting will be held on Monday 1 May at 4.00pm, at the Ruataniwha Centre.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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