

**GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (UDS) FORUM**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER CHRISTCHURCH  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FORUM**

**Held in the Waitaki Room, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch  
on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 1pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Banks Peninsula District Council**  
Mayor Bob Parker (Chairperson)

**Christchurch City Council**  
Councillors Sally Buck and Bob Shearing

**Environment Canterbury**  
Councillors Sir Kerry Burke, Richard Budd and  
Alec Neill.

**Waimakariri District Council**  
Councillors Kath Adams and Kevin Felsted

**KEY STAKEHOLDERS:** Colin Knaggs (Transit New Zealand), Max Percasky (Palms Mall), Dr Mel Brieseman (Canterbury District Health Board), Dr Simon Kingham (University of Canterbury), Peter Townsend (Chamber of Commerce) and Craig Pauling (Ngai Tahu).

**Committee Secretary**  
Warren Brixton

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Sue Wells, Steve Lowndes, Debra Hasson, Annette Foster, Jens Christensen, Malcolm Lyall and Dr Morgan Williams, Pam Richardson and Stephen Collins.

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 5 December 2005, were taken as read and confirmed.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Ken Tremaine, who had taken over the role of the Forum's project leader, supported by Bill Wasley, were introduced to members.

### 3. **DEBRIEF SESSION ON UDS SPEAKERS**

Councillor Richard Budd, supported by Alice Ann Wetzel and Karen Banwell, summarised the presentations given to the Forum by:

- Professor Malcolm Grant
- Sebastian Moffatt
- Mayor Stuart Crosby
- UDS Study Area bus tour

It was **resolved**:

That the Forum note the comments or recommendations made by Forum members and they be integrated into the UDS Work Programme (as attached).

### 4. **COMMUNITY CHARTER**

A discussion on the Community Charter was introduced by the Chairman who commented that it brought together a number of results through the comprehensive programme undertaken and would assist the UDS with the Charette' process.

Ken Tremaine added that the document could be likened to the glue between the consultation and the strategy. It would help anchor the strategy so that it could not be set off in one direction or another.

He had suggested to the Management Team that the timeframe be brought forward from that currently being followed.

Comment on the Charter was then invited including:

- The Charter needed to last at least 30 years so it crossed over the three year boundaries local government elections followed.
- It should not be seen as being compulsory, it would not work if such practice was adopted. People needed to buy into it.
- Strong statute backing was required.
- The parameters within the Forum was working needed to be well known.
- The direction being taken by the Forum needed to be signaled in the various local authorities' LTCCP.
- Was it about existing urban centres or their subsequent development?
- The legal framework of the Charter needed to be checked before various changes were made.
- A glossary was required for the terms used in the document.
- A catch all clause was needed to cover protecting and enhancing urban centres, communities and reserves, energy, health and education. The need to include the quantity and quality of the groundwater aquifers was another matter for inclusion.
- Land banking was a problem, particularly with commercial growth being stifled. There was no reference to human beings as such. A bullet point was needed in respect of the relationship with communities.
- Another word other than "productive" was required.

- It was about having a well-resourced community link with business.
- A diverse and skilled community to provide the base for industry was referred to.
- Care had to be taken that the changes made did not impact on the consultation process already carried out.
- Recognition needed to be made of climate change, as it affected development.
- In terms of recreation, there were issues such as the loss of horse grazing to be considered. The same could be said for camping grounds.
- The Charter could be included in the three year local authority triennial agreement process.
- The statement shown on the cover page needed to be amended through the incorporation of the first two bullet points on page 2 (concentrating development patterns by focusing on well-defined urban centers and towns, drawing a defined boundary between urban and rural areas).

It was **resolved** that:

1. The UDS Forum adopt the Community Charter, as amended, and it be presented to Constituent Local Authorities and Transit New Zealand, as an Information Only document.

## 5. **MEETING DATES**

It was agreed that the schedule of meeting dates be adopted, but some alteration be examined for July.

It was requested that at one of the meetings, the subject of “Rail” be fully discussed.

The meeting concluded at 3pm.