

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING
OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber
on Tuesday 11 July 2006 at 9.30 am

- PRESENT:** Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson),
Councillors Helen Broughton (from 1.15pm), Sally Buck,
Graham Condon (to 11.50am), Barry Corbett, David Cox,
Anna Crighton (from 1.15pm) Pat Harrow, Bob Parker,
Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff and Norm Withers.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Glenda Burt, Yani Johanson, Stuart Bould, Steve Lowndes,
Stewart Miller and Winston McKean (Community Board).
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mayor
Garry Moore, Councillors Helen Broughton, Anna Crighton and
Carole Evans.

1. CIVIL DEFENCE

CITY WATER AND WASTE UNIT LIFELINES

Mark Christensen and Bruce Henderson provided a PowerPoint presentation covering:

- Canterbury Lifelines Project
- Lifeline Study hazards considered
- What will happen – waste water
- What will happen – water
- Waste water – mitigation work undertaken
- Water supply – mitigation work undertaken
- Summary
- David Hopkins review 2002
- Broader approach to major hazard event planning
- Priority next steps:
 - NZWWA mutual aid agreement
 - CDEM responsibilities, completion of resilience plans
 - Appreciation of consequences, damage assessment for waste water
 - Use information from study to reassess AMP's, response plans etc
 - Inclusion of solid waste into work
 - Integration of Banks Peninsula aspects

The presentation was supported by a number of photographs.

In the discussion that followed questions or comments were made in respect of:

- The use of a redundant reservoir in Heathcote for additional storage
- The vulnerability of access to the port
- The need to identify other Banks Peninsula hazards
- The seriousness of the loss of financial transaction capabilities, cellphone and intranet coverage
- Who would bear the cost

Conclusion

1. A refresher course was needed for elected members in respect of the hazards that are identified in the Council's Plan.
2. The Audit and Risk Subcommittee needed to assess the LAPP insurance cover on Council infrastructure.

PANDEMIC PLANNING

Dr Alistair Humphreys, Medical Officer of Health, Community and Public Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation covering:

- Purpose of briefing
- Current global situation
- The Canterbury Plan
- Christchurch City Council role
- Personal and professional preparedness
- Understanding pandemic influenza
- 1918–1919 Spanish Flu
- Bird Flu versus Pandemic Flu
- Inter-species transmission of influenza A viruses since 1976
- H5N1 in humans
- The ecology of influenza A viruses
- Documented Avian influenza
- H5N1 as at 20 June 2006 (228 cases)
- Risk factor for human infection
- People, pigs and poultry in China
- H5N1 will it mutate to pandemic flu
- 21st Century advantages v disadvantages
- Speed of travel today (we will have hours, not days, to react)
- Transition through WHO phases could be rapid
- Implications
- The Canterbury response
- What are the issues for Christchurch City Council
 - Leadership
 - Preparation (community and organisation)
 - Communication
 - Personal preparedness v professional preparedness
- Personal considerations
- The community response
- Professional consideration
- Take home the message
 - Hygiene
 - Isolation
 - Preparation

The presentation was supported by a number of charts and graphs.

In the discussion that followed a number of questions and comments were made in respect of:

- The action being taken in New Zealand regarding ducks and chickens
- The effect on the Council's cashflow
- New Zealanders' reaction and attitude to risk
- The need for education
- The role for Community Boards in looking after their communities
- The level of co-ordination between agencies
- The use of the Civil Defence Act's powers
- National co-ordination approach
- The effect on rural communities
- The ability of crematoria and undertakers to cope
- The effect on individual families if it is known that 1% of the population will die

Conclusion

There is need for staff to prepare a CD Rom based on today's presentation for use in educating communities to the danger.

COMMUNITY PANDEMIC PLANNING

Murray Sinclair provided a PowerPoint presentation covering:

- Pandemic response organisation chart
- Limited funds
- The two basic options for community based assessment centres
- Assumptions made
- Map of Christchurch divided into sections and showing location of treatment centres
- Likely issues
- Community (suburban) based primary care during a pandemic
- In-house pandemic planning

In the discussion that followed questions and comments were made in respect of:

- Possible reaction of people in rural areas of Banks Peninsula in the event of a pandemic (ie the closure of roads)
- The time it would take to brief the Civil Defence organisation
- The need to get discussions under way
- The risk of the spread of disease through poor hygiene measures followed by people

2. CIVIL DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTCHURCH/BANKS PENINSULA AS FROM 1 JULY

Murray Sinclair provided a PowerPoint presentation on the measures that had been put in place covering:

- Background
- Topics
- CDEM business unit
- Response structure and facilities
- Emergency operation centre structure
- Staffing the EOC

- Training
- Training delivery
- Communications
- Declarations
- Chain of co-ordination and control
- Building relationships
- Public education
- Plans and SOP's
- How will we fare?

3. COASTAL EVACUATION PLAN CANTERBURY

Murray Sinclair presented a PowerPoint presentation covering:

- Establish the estimated time of arrival of danger
- Establish the tide ETA and likely effect this will have on the identified evacuation sectors
- Preservation of life
- Protection of property
- Four areas identified through 2005 University of Canterbury as the priority evacuation areas were:
 - Spencerville/Brooklands
 - New Brighton Pier and shopping
 - South Shore residential area
 - Moncks Bay
- Staging areas
- Traffic cordon points
- Lyttelton tide tables
- Warning notices

In the discussion that followed, comment was made in respect of:

- The need to take the information out to residents groups
- Which radio stations do you listen to
- The need to get information out to Community Boards who in turn will get the information out to their communities
- People's level of perception as to the requirements in the event of an emergency
- The use of Council communication means

CONCLUSION

There was need for the Council to communicate through the various means at its disposal (ie City Scene) information presented at the seminars as to:

- The level of preparedness required
- What is likely to happen with their community in the event of an emergency, ie will normal services cease.

It was deemed that the matter is urgent and should not await more details being provided. Community Boards would be a good means of spreading the news to the communities.

The seminar concluded at 11.45am

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 Bob Shearing, and Norm Withers.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Graham Condon, Carole Evans,
 and Gail Sheriff.

	ACTION	GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
<p>1. SHOP TRADING HOURS ACT REPEAL (EASTER TRADING) AMENDMENT BILL AND THE EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING AMENDMENT BILL</p> <p>Judith Cheyne and Chris Gilbert were in attendance to speak to a PowerPoint presentation on this topic (tabled), in conjunction with Peter Mitchell (General Manager Regulation and Democracy).</p> <p>The two Bills both propose amending the Shop Trading Hours Act Appeal Act 1990.</p> <p>The purpose of the “Dean” Bill is stated to be “to grant a partial exemption to shops in visitor districts from the requirement in the Shop Trading Hours Act Repeal Act 1990 to be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday”.</p> <p>The “Chadwick” Bill’s purpose (clause 4) is to, “(a) enable territorial authorities to decide whether retail shops in their districts may be open on Easter Sunday: (b) require territorial authorities, before making any such decision, to consult their communities by adopting the special consultative procedure provided for the Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002”.</p> <p>It was noted that Christchurch was not currently included in the “visitor districts” category.</p> <p>The consensus of the seminar was that these were matters which should clearly rest with central government. With regard to the Chadwick Bill, concern was expressed that, given the number and difference in size and roles of territorial authorities, there would be a complete lack of nationwide consistency. The consensus was that local government should not be carrying the</p>			

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<p>cost of consultation etc. The need to retain a degree of practicable flexibility, the freedom to choose, and consideration of community views was raised and acknowledged.</p> <p>The elected members were reminded of the meeting with MPs, to be held on Friday 14 July 2006 at 3.30 pm, and also the Local Government Conference, to be held over 17 and 18 July 2006, which would provide appropriate venues for elected members to voice the views of the council.</p> <p>Points and comments noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submissions is 28 July 2006 • A proposal to seek residents' and ratepayers views on trading hours on Easter Sunday through City Scene was considered, but presented deadline constraints. Instead, it was agreed to encourage residents' and ratepayers to make individual submissions to central government through the CCC website. • It was mooted that the cost to local government of conforming with central government legislation be included in the Council's Annual report. • A report to the council was sought on costs to territorial local authorities with regard to meeting the requirements of central government legislation e.g. LTCCP, Prostitution Law Reform, Gambling, micro-chipping under the Dog Control Act 1996. 		<p>Judith Cheyne/ Chris Gilbert</p>	
<p>It was agreed by consensus that draft submissions be prepared for consideration at the 27 July 2006 council meeting, to include the following:</p> <p>“Dean” Bill submission: While the Council does not promote or necessarily support the Dean Bill, should it be passed, expect that Christchurch will be seeking designation as a “visitor destination”.</p> <p>“Chadwick” Bill submission: The Council expresses opposition to the Bill and the associated cost to territorial local authorities from the consultative process, whilst recognising the need to look for alternative solutions.</p>		<p>Peter Mitchell</p>	<p>End of August</p>
<p>The seminar concluded at 2.33 pm</p>		<p>Judith Cheyne/ Chris Gilbert</p>	<p>Peter Mitchell 27 July 2006</p>