

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Christchurch
on 4 September 2007 at 9.30am

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council:

Councillor Bob Shearing (Chairperson),
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck,
Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox, Pat Harrow,
Sue Wells and Norm Withers.

Community Board:

Glenda Burt.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Gary Moore, Councillors Anna Crighton,
Carole Evans and Gail Sheriff.

1. OCEAN OUTFALL PROJECT UPDATE

Mark Christison supported by John Moore and Tim Evison provided a PowerPoint presentation on the \$87.2 million Ocean Outfall Project due for completion in late 2008. The presentation was divided into several sections covering:

1. Where we got to last time - Council seminar 17 August 2006.
2. Progress photos.
3. Progress status at 1 September 2007.
4. Summary Programme
5. Budget update.

This was followed by a series of photographs depicting the various stages including:

- South Brighton Microtunnel pipeline excavation commencement.
- Tunnelling machine.
- Pipe manufacture and delivery.
- Pumping station construction.
- Tunnel drive No 1.
- Marine Pipeline egress.

Further information was provided in respect of:

- Pipeline construction progress.
- Pumping station contract.
- Other items
 - Construction liaison group.

- Living street project (Jellicoe Street).
- Project programme chart.
- Budget update.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- Details of how the pipe was to be laid under the seabed.
- The maintenance requirements for the pipeline.
- The good relations established between project staff and community representatives.
- The need to diagnose the effect on the estuary once the pipeline is in operation.
- The need to publicise the project.

OUTCOME

The project staff were congratulated for the progress made on what represents the Council's main project to date, with a further call for a DVD record and appropriate publicity to be given to the project.

The seminar concluded at 10:30am.

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Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Tuesday 4 September 2007 at 1.30pm

- PRESENT:** Councillor Sally Buck (Chair),
Councillors Barry Corbett, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow,
Bob Parker,(until 1.57pm), Bob Shearing (from 1.45pm until
2.30pm), Gail Sheriff (until 2.35pm), Sue Wells and
Norm Withers.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** ECan officers: Tamsin Page and Andrew Willis
Council Officers: Jane Cartwright, John McEwing, and
Kelvin McMillan.
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Garry Moore and Councillors Graham Condon,
David Cox and Anna Crighton.

	ACTION
<p>1. REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY</p> <p>Tabled: “A Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region – Summary” (copy on file).</p> <p>Andrew Willis (ECan) explained the shared vision, scope, goals and the aim to create a collaborative, non-statutory Strategy for the Canterbury region. Tamsin Page (ECan) then spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) and answered questions and points of clarification from elected members.</p> <p>Comments and questions from elected members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sees this as “... <i>forms part of</i> (rather than “... complementing” productivity of our sustainable economy and working lands ...”.• Could work exotics as basis of productive economy. Last sentence queried, “supporting a sustainable harvest” – does it mean sharing the landscape in some way?• There are few indigenous plants suitable for shelter belts, hence the need for Pinus, Lombardy Poplar etc – nothing can match exotic examples for quick results. It was acknowledged that Federated Farmers were part of the advisory group.• Are there many carrots to encourage No. 5 of the 6 Goals?	

	ACTION
<p>Priorities (Guiding Principle) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Subset: “Most threatened environments” frame - “Intermontane basins – means between 400 and 800 metres elevation. Green’s Point on Banks Peninsula would sit fairly low down the list – several instances of low-hanging fruit. Good principles as long as not “black and white”. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What does it mean for ECan given that the Strategy will be non-statutory and non binding/some organisations will require additional resources?● Need flexibility within the strategy to allow for the “garden city” image, and how things are done differently in the heart of the city.● Regional Coordinator role: Proposed the funding of resource should come from ECan rate take? Is this not part of ECan’s role? Many small TLAs are already stretched.● It is understandable the Regional Coordinator would spend a lot of time in rural areas: how can the city ensure it receives the best value from that person? Concern the Regional Coordinator may try to be “all things to all people”.● The view was expressed that the majority of Christchurch residents and townfolk throughout the Canterbury region were of English/European background, (noting and acknowledging that Ngai Tahu have an interest in native plants etc) and would wish to enhance their heritage: assurance was sought that this would be recognised. (It was noted this is enshrined to a degree in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.) The proponent “will be leading the charge” supporting the continuation of the English plantings and the protection of the variety of introduced birds.● Consensus from the seminar was there was a place for everything within the Strategy.● Consideration of a change to the CCC’s planting policy was sought to allow the planting of native trees on the road side berms. <p>The Chair of the seminar, Councillor Sally Buck, expressed a vote of thanks to Andrew, Tamsin, Kelvin, John and all involved with the work leading up to the presentation.</p>	
<p>OUTCOME</p> <p>The information was received and the relevant officers were asked to take into account the various points raised during the seminar.</p>	Jane/team
<p>The seminar concluded at 2.45pm.</p>	Strategy team