

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 5 March 2019, 1.30-3.30pm
The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group), Vicktoria Blake (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Partner Staff	Amy Brasch (TCC), Jodie Rickard (WBOPDC), Phillip Martelli (WBOPDC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 27 November 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record</p> <p>Previous actions: Previous actions have been addressed. Megan to follow up on WBOPDC waste team update.</p>
	Action	Megan to add Amy and Vicktoria to the membership post note: actioned by Megan
Growth planning in the Western Bay – Omokoroa, Katikati and Te Puke	Update	<p>Phillip Martelli provide an update around growth planning from a WBOPDC perspective:</p> <p><u>Omokoroa</u> – moving along well. According to the NPS – UDC 10 years of land availability is required. 8.5 years supply left in Omokoroa. The Omokoroa structure plan is exciting as it offers a range of new opportunities. Looking to create a standalone community. Looking to more industrial land plus a new town centre. The Ministry of Education have committed to a secondary school and a second primary school which will provide more balance with the family mix out there as secondary age families are often forced to move out presently. Looking at a community of 12,000 people – similar size community to Cambridge. Additionally, council are reviewing the Residential Urban Form part of the District Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion followed around SH2 and the Urban Transport Development plan. Serious issue. - More efficient and affordable to put in dedicated rapid bus lanes than rail – study done. - Discussion was had regarding concerns around urban sprawl, transport, housing typologies, placemaking. Essential that these areas are well thought through.

		<p><u>Katikati</u> - Have basically run out of residential land – now looking at land down Beach Road. Local dairy farm owners are not interested in developing and likewise a family who own an orchard. Unfortunately, this means developing more productive land. Busby Road is difficult due to the cost of connecting to the state highway and distance from town and schools. Beach road is a good option as it is close to the town centre and school – except for the fact it is on the productive land. New development will be more intensified but in the general Katikati area it is unlikely we will see infill happening – provisions will be made for this however if a developer does so desire.</p> <p><u>Te Puke</u> – Call to look at Paengaroa as a result of the FDS. Could impact on Te Puke – that’s the biggest concern there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion was had around the lack of car parking in Te Puke. - It was noted that it is essential councils deal quickly with the issues around growth in the kiwifruit industry.
	Action	Phillip M to keep the forum updated around WBOPDC growth planning.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Environment Strategy	Update	<p>Jodie Rickard from the WBOPDC planning team provided an update. The team are currently developing the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Environment Strategy. View the PowerPoint presentation update here.</p> <p>Vision – Clean, Green, Valued Environment Natural Environment Chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$360,000pa - for grants, environment education, protection lot monitoring, fencing subsidies and enhancement planting, Coastcare. <p>Transport – walking and cycling Open space Stormwater Waste – rubbish and recycling</p> <p>Three key areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural Environment – Ecological financial contribution, Blue/Green network plans, grants, identifying areas for mass tree planting. - Sustainable Living – Waste 80% increase in waste diverted from landfill by 2022, Kerbside March 18 – April 18 open for submissions, Waste Education, Sustainable Neighbourhoods (the kiwi way of

		<p>life), Tahataharoa – projects – headlands of the Wairoa River, WB and BOPRC have purchased this land with funding from BayTrust – Wetland restoration project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change – Corporate Sustainability Plan, Energy Audit, Enviromark – Carbon Zero, CEMARS - Adaptation – Modelling, Coastal Hazard Guidance <p>Discussion was had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial composting facilities? Opportunity for the region!! Including bio plastics. - Threats to forests – needing public pressure for change. - Future Fit – excellent programme.
	Action	Jodie R to keep the forum updated around the WBOPDC Environment Strategy process.
E&S Forum 2019 work plan discussion	Discussion	<p>Mary noted the SmartGrowth chairs met with Bill. Mary proposed that the matter of the 2019 work plan be put on hold until after the UFTI announcement in April. UFTI is the partnership responding to the government’s direction. Looking at ambitious urban planning – four wellbeing’s.</p> <p>Note Ken Tremaine’s paper – here – around the governments Urban Growth Agenda with its emphasis on sustainable development reinforced by the Government Policy Statement on Transport which leads us to the position of pursuing more sustainable cities through compact urban form, better placemaking etc.</p> <p>Bear in mind what work needs to be done in terms of the environment with Climate Change being a key area - Waste minimisation of up most important as well as planting trees.</p>
	Action	Nothing to note
FDS/TUS consultation emerging theme presentation	For information	FDS/TUS consultation emerging theme presentation from the 12 December 2018 SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting.
	Action	Nothing to note.
General Business	Discussion	<p>Amy TCC - Resource Wise community fund is open – encouraging waste reduction and minimisation focussed organisations to apply for funding. For more information regarding the criteria and application forms, visit the Resource Wise Community Fund webpage. Amy happy to provide advice on applications to anyone interested. Contact Amy on the below email and phone number: Amy.Brasch@tauranga.govt.nz</p>

		027 609 7728 Sustainable backyards – https://envirohub.org.nz/sustainablebackyards/
	Action	Anyone interested in advice around community fund application to contact Amy Brasch @ TCC.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		Nothing to note

Meeting closed 3:31pm. Next meeting Tuesday 2 April 2019 1.30-3.30pm, The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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4.	March	Anyone interested in advice around community fund application to contact Amy Brasch @ TCC.