

**Minutes of the Christchurch Housing Forum**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
**Oxford Tce Baptist Hall**

**Present:** Glen Livingstone, David East, Paul Lonsdale, Pauline Cotter, Andrea Cummings, Phil Clearwater, Karolin Potter – CCC; Louise Lewis Comcare, Wenonah Bolton CMCT, Jane Song CMCT, Rebecca Kirner Globug, Joel Browne MBIE/CTAS; Rex GGGibson ChCh Migrant Centre; Mahina –Ina Kaai, Kavin ia Kingi – Otautahi Womens Refuge; Jackie Moore Pathways Health; Wendy Butcher Cooperative Sections; Jan Rogers Family & Community; Josiah Banbury; James Hadley, Paul Hulse CCC; Wendy Anderson START; Peter Freeman Mike Greer Homes; Peter Allen Waimakariri District Council; Geoff Butcher Cooperative Sections; Jo Aldridge MSD; Wayne Reid Pegasus Health; Tim Baker; Lisa Coulter; Leonie Stephen ; Denise Huisman ChCh Resettlement Services; Tim Weir Delta Community Support Trust; Di Harwood, Georgia Dempsey TPA; Bryon Cope Depression Support Network; Sue Bagshaw Korowai Youth Wellbeing Trust; David Coom AVIVA; Alma Sturgess Rowley Resource Centre; Lesley McMillan Avebury House Community Trust; Claire Milne & Paul Cottom CCC; Mary McGrath City Mission Mens Services; Gray Crawford City Mission; Charlie Goodwin Mainland Capital; John Peez Fletcher EQR; Jo Prejza City Housing; Steve Orme City Housing Ian McChesney CEA; Joanna Corbett City Housing Christing Lane CCC\_SCT; Anna Langley Te Puna Oraka; Trevor Cattermole – Strengthening Communities; Shayne Landall MBIE; Karen Curtis, Robin Mason, Frazer Benson, Andrew Booker – HNZC

**Apologies:** Gerry Brownlee MP Hon Nick Smith Minister of Housing; Raf Manji CCC; Leanne Dalziel Mayor; Yani Johanson CCC Councillor; Nicky Wagner MP; Ali Jones CCC; Gill Coe, Ruth Dyson MP, Henning Borchers; *(And our apologies for anyone we have missed off the attendance or apologies list.*

**Facilitated by** Helen Gatonyi – Tenants Protection Association – Helen opened the forum with a karakia (thank you Lavinia Kingi) food blessed and the first 30 minutes were taken up with networking and settling for the presentations.

**Introductions City Councillors & Community Board Members:**

City Councillors and Community Board Members were welcomed and congratulated for their success in recent elections – each outlined their interest in housing and what they would like to see into the future. Glen Livingstone – Chair of the Council Housing Committee; David East not on housing committee but oversees regulations and consents committee; Paul Lonsdale on Housing & Finance Committee, Chair of Planning – would like to see creative solutions, joint ventures, housing opportunities social housing opportunities and maximise to leverage in housing arena; Pauline Cotter Newly elected to City Council Deputy Chair Housing passionate about being a leading landlord, looking for cheaper more energy efficient and a “sense of ownership by tenants”. Andrea Cummings Community Board Pegasus Burwood – understands issues; Phil Clearwater Councillor long interest in Housing – Policy traction – also on environment committee – overlaps, housing number one issue to address. Tim Barker Burwood Pegasus Community Board – Aranui. Peter Allan Waimakariri District Council Housing working party in Waimakariri district. Karolin Potter 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Spreydon Heathcote community board, Housing is fundamental interested in accessibility and disability and LifeMark standards. Complimented CCC for taking on housing people who face need, (not just one sector).

CCC Staff were called on to comment – Paul Hulse City Housing Manager – Replaced Kevin Bennett totally committed to rebuild housing stock – looking at partnership work schemes and intensification 8 new units at Knightsbridge Lane Aranui/ 12 at Maurice Carter Place – 45 will soon announce.

**Introduction: Residential Rebuild and Housing General Manager – CERA – David Griffiths.**

David introduced himself- he has a long history in social housing was head of CTAS Christchurch Temporary Accommodation Service and a history with HNZC as Regional Manager for many years. David's motivation for taking on the position is that he wants to make a difference in Christchurch and greater Christchurch area.

He will be responsible for the oversight of the programme of repair/rebuilds new supply across the spectrum. Currently working with Insurers and TLA's to get best solution. Excited to have the role and work with the community and private sector. David said there are lots of things happening and lots of good stories.

*Helen Gatonyi talked about David's' long history with Housing New Zealand saying it was the best era for the development of community relationships – David set the framework for dealing with each other which assisted in those relationships immediately post-earthquake.*

The forum was introduced to **Jo Aldridge the new manager of CTAS** – although Jo is on a steep learning curve she has a background from Work & Income and is looking forward to her new role.

**Jackie Moore – General Manager Pathways Health (Mental Health Services)** Jackie introduced herself to the forum outlining that she is managing the Family Violence Strategy– Housing Work Stream – Jo has made the connection between family violence and housing and is attending the forum from now on – is interested to hear from anyone around issues of housing and family violence.

**Ian McChesney Community Energy Action** – talked about the new trustees, new chief executive, and the move to take up the new premises alongside Christchurch Community House; and the energy focus to a broader brief and scope.

**Frazer Benson - HNZC gave a brief snapshot**

503 new tenancies started, priority focus – rebuild, turnaround Christchurch (health and safety 7 days); waiting list 417. Positive spinoff from earthquake is toe opportunity to reshape and rebuild HNZC housing. 95% stock was damaged. Vacant 282 done back in stock of the 5000 repair 430 done with tenants remaining in housing. 700 new homes by December 2015 4 done and ten by Christmas.

Thinking outside the square – those on the list who wanted to move to another area were offered the option – 63 families have taken that option – it is offered to all new applicants.

The housing assessment transfer to MSD – HNZC working closely with MSD to make that work and HNZC will become just another housing provider – MSD will have a full picture on customers.

Focus on mixed tenure opportunities five sites across the city.

People spend on average 35 days on the A waiting list.

**Rex Gibson – Migrant Centre** – wearing his migrant centre hat, Rex asked the City Council to update the Statistic Department information on their website (when it came available) with the information on migrants etc.

He stated we have 42000 non English speaking residents in Christchurch and many are reluctant to question issues around housing etc. But they will go to the migrant centre. Please contact the migrant centre if you want any support for your clients or more information. 166 St Asaph Street 3661379 [www.facebook.com/ChristchurchMigrantCentre](http://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchMigrantCentre)

**Otautahi Maori Women's Refuge**

Mahina-Ina & Lavinia introduced themselves, thanked HNZA for the help they had received with a client. Discussed briefly issues around fleeing domestic violence and housing needs.

**Phil Clearwater – City Councillor** – talked about the number of people who are dislocated and how we connect with them – he proposed reintroducing the door-knocking similar to what was done post-earthquake and an intervention to involve prevention. **Anna Langley** advised that they are already doing this and have a comprehensive survey they are conducting at the time which is providing a wealth of amazing information on health issues, affordability and quality. So far in their door knocking they have received no refusals – people are happy to share information. Anna can be contacted at Te Puna Oraka (Shirley Early Years Hub) 136 Holly Road St Albans 3659087 [www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Puna-Oraka-Early-Years-Services](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Puna-Oraka-Early-Years-Services)

Finally, Leonie Stephen tenant talked about the long and involved process she went through to get a tenancy issues sorted against a landlord in the city. Helen Gatonyi mentioned Leonie's dogged determination, and courage to get justice and her fight to reclaim her rights. Leonie acknowledged Christchurch City Council and the lovely home she now has with them and the improvement in her wellbeing.

Forum closed for the year.

**Forum members are reminded to complete the survey on survey monkey – this is an evaluation of the forum and an opportunity to contribute to the agenda next year. This is your forum please take some ownership.**

**Would those people who showed an interest being on the planning group please ring and leave your details on 3791122 (It is a message machine).**