



Notes from the Christchurch Housing Forum
Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, Christchurch
27 March 2013

Present: Laura Gartner TPA, Louise Lewis, Comcare, Fiona Buchan-Ng MoBIE, Maureen Mundy MMSI, Ali Woodruff MHAPS, Denise Huisman CRS, Anne McDrury CPIA, Patricia Siatoga CERA, Edmund LeGrelle Braziers, Malcolm McMillan MoBIE, Ken Dawson Salvation Army, Michael Herman Green party, Graeme Dunstall PARS, Gray Crawford City Mission, Steve Orme CCC, Nelida Pennington Kingdom Resources, Rowan Taylor CERA, Angela Meier PSUSI, Alannah Winters MMSI, David Griffiths MSD, Andrew Clapham CERA, Anna Turner The Press, Leanne Curtis CanCERN, Anne Marie Reynolds Red Cross Refugee Services, Kate Taylor CPIT, Raewyn Pope MoBIE, Vivienne Allan Housing NZ, Andrew Booker Housing NZ, Shayne Landall MoBIE, Karolin Potter HRC, Anna Langley Te Puna Oraka, Gill Coe Pegasus Health, Susan Smith Right Service Right Time, David Marra Community Rebuilders, Tony Milne PGF, Gary Burt Going Digital, Helen Gatonyi TPA, Gary Watts SigJaws Trust, Martin Evans Canty Property Investors, Ta Karati Harcourts, Lee Sampson CCC, James Hadlee CCC, Lisa Coulter TPA, Di Harwood COSS

Apologies:

Guests: Gary Burt Going Digital
Andrew Booker / Vivienne Allan, Housing New Zealand
James Hadlee / Lee Sampson, Christchurch City Council

Facilitator: Lisa Coulter

Gary Burt from Going Digital opened his talk with a rousing bugle piece. He explained that as of 28 April the analogue signal will be turned off and if people haven't gone digital they won't get any reception. If they have gone digital and haven't tuned their TV's they also won't get any signal. Analogue video recorders won't work. MyFreeview box is a PVR which works like MySky. There is a targeted package for over 75's and people on Invalids Benefits. These packages will provide set top box, aerial and installation however if people apply and already have SKY or digital TV in one room they won't be eligible. <http://goingdigital.co.nz/> 0800 838 800 or Gary can be contacted on 027 540 2316 Email: gary.burt@goingdigital.co.nz.

James Hadlee and Lee Sampson explained their roles in the Christchurch City Council. James thanked Gary Burt for talking to CCC tenants and helping retune some TV's.

CCC have some temp housing but are looking for other options. If anyone knows of any blocks of flats or motels for sale please contact James. There are 319 on the wait list – 10 of the high priority matched and to be rehoused. There are currently 1600 buildings owned by CCC and being re assessed. James and Lee gave a presentation covering whats available, Fit for Occupancy and Occupy programme. They listed the top 30 properties being re assessed and they were in no particular order of priority. The Facilities Rebuild team has updates through the CCC website <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/councilfacilities/index.aspx> and also <http://www.futurechristchurch.co.nz/>

Lee explained The Social Housing Strategy – 3 elements. Infill schemes, Closed units, EOI. The 'D' priority are about 30% complete and CCC are looking at strategies to get these done more quickly. First 3 complexes about to start next month and tenants to be moved into temp accommodation. Glen Buckner asked about the financial loss occurring because of red zoned properties. It's approx. \$15 mil and CCC have had conversations with CERA re this. Glen suggested if other agencies could provide a stronger voice it might help. James – would welcome any support.

Strategic fit – Social Housing Work Package 1 is from Jan to Dec 2013. CCC are working with LifeMark – as yet no MOU but this is being trialled.

Tony from PGF – Has CCC been working with CERA re land swaps – James – Unaware of these discussions. Gary Watts asked re assistance for units on TC3 land – James – some units have yet to be assessed for land damage.

Karolin HRC – Whats happened with Brougham Village – James – It's close to insurance sign off but it's not looking good.

Housing New Zealand presentation from Andrew Booker and Vivienne Allan

Andrew explained the map he had brought showing HNZ properties over Christchurch and how many were on TC3 land. Following discussion with Nic Smith Minister for Housing, HNZ intend to repair 5000 properties by 12/2015 and build 700. All tenants move out of red zone. There are significant issues around 1113 TC 3 properties. 27000 urgent repairs over last couple of years. Plenty of Greenfields opportunities. HNZ is interested in brownfields and staying in the suburbs they are already in. Looking at moving some Red Zone houses to Rolleston prison for work – 30/year. A MOU has been signed. However due to the size and scale of the work they are looking for partners.

Can you assume when HNZ makes repairs they will be insulating houses as well – Yes repairing internal/external walls and insulating.

Gary Watts – Will some of the older 50's houses on ¼ acre sections be subdivided? Yes – 1 house to 450 sqm. zoning changes will help.

Karolin Potter – Waiting list issues – people still in cars/garages etc? Can't give an answer on individuals. Approx 200 on serious waiting list . Not so many people leaving HNZ properties.

Trish, Community Forum – where can we get stats on groups/tenants who have lost their homes through HNZ>?

Some have been rehoused (over 600 in 24 months) and some have just left. 350 empty houses and not all tenants traceable.

Dave Marra – real costs? Will these be available?

HNZ website will have some info.

Is there discussion between HNZ and CCC re consent process? Yes – they are getting them through quickly. TC3 are causing issues but it's been worked through.

If people have concerns re housing process? www.hnz.co.nz/CERP.

Michael, Green Party – If you ring 0800# as a person living next door to a HNZ tenant and have concerns it's hard to get HNZ to respond. Andrew said these should be sorted by the 0800# and passed onto tenancy manager.

Ali Brunel, TPA explained about the Housing Forum page on the TPA website. www.tpa.org.nz or google Christchurch Housing Forum. Or put christchurchhousingforum.org.nz in the address bar of your browser.