

Akaroa Treated Wastewater Reuse Options Working Party
Notes of a Meeting held in the Gaiety Supper Room, Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 6pm.

A series of meetings have been arranged by CCC in quick succession for February 2017 in response to the Robinsons Bay "Community Strategy" document which has been received by the Community Board. This was the first meeting.

The matter of who could attend and whether observers are welcome was the subject of some last minute debate prior to the meeting and there was a certain amount of confusion. Finally it became apparent that there would be two representatives from the three areas in question: Akaroa, Takamatua and Robinsons Bay. Also, one substitute person could attend the meeting so that in the event of one of the representatives being absent, then this substitute person could step into that role being fully up to date with the proceedings. This substitute person would not have speaking rights but could report back to their respective communities.

The following attended the meeting:

Penny Carnaby (Chair)
Andrew Turner (Councillor BP Ward and Deputy Mayor)
Pam Richardson (Deputy Chair of BP Community Board)
Christine Wilson (Chair of BP Community Board)
Kirsty Huxford (Environmental Advisor for Ngai Tahu)
Suky Thompson and Brent Martin (Robinsons Bay)
Kathleen Reid (Robinsons Bay substitute person)
Kevin Simcock and Mark Wren (Takamatua) (No substitute person yet)
John Davey and Andrew Dalglish (Akaroa) (Kit Grigg as substitute person)
Murray Johns (landowner Paua Bay/Pompeys Pillar) and Wills Johns (son of Murray and substitute person)
Bridget O'Brien (CCC Team Leader Asset Planning)
Penelope Goldstone (CCC Manager Community Governance – Rural)
Andrew Dakers (Consultant, Friends of BP)
Liz Carter (CCC Community Board Advisor)

Apologies: Janis Haley (BP Community Board member)

Messrs Murray and Luis Thacker declined to attend.

Pam Richardson expressed disappointment that there were no representatives present from Kokourarata runanga even though they had been urged to attend. Next time hopefully.

TRONT requested that some meetings be held in Christchurch and this request was tabled but not agreed to.

A great deal of time was then spent on discussion around the Terms of Reference for the Working Party and some amendments were made. These are to be posted on the CCC website.

After much discussion about the Local Government Act, it was agreed that the meetings would be closed to the public.

Suky then presented her Principles taken from the Strategy document. The following points were illustrated:

That the buffer zones of 25 metres to a residence is unheard of. Where similar projects have a buffer zone it is to farmland boundaries, not to a residence.

That the haste to develop Thacker's land as (seemingly) the CCC's No. 1 site option was indicative of a pre-determination on the part of the CCC, and that investigation of Takamatua and Pompey's Pillar sites should have a similar level of work done so that true comparisons can be made. The Chair agreed and Bridget is required to do this.

Bridget responded that Mr Thacker had been willing to sell his land and that this certainty of tenure was attractive to the CCC. Bridget was reminded that this is only one consideration.

Suky stated that funding should not completely determine the scope of the project. Better to find an acceptable solution even if it costs more.

There are no incentives for the Akaroa ratepayers to reduce their water use.

There will be one opportunity during the Working Party process for alternatives and ideas to be put on the table and this will be an agenda item at the meeting. The Chair stated that after that it would be too late especially as there are deadlines to be met.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next Meeting: Sunday 19th February at 9.30 at Little River (venue not confirmed yet).