

**Environment and Sustainability Forum**  
**Tuesday 19 September 2017, 1.30-3.30pm**  
**School House, Historic Village, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

<b>Forum Members Present</b>	Jo Wills (Chair/Sustainability Options), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology) Doug Barnes (Carbon Reduction Group), Leo Murray (Permaculture NZ), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance), James Hughes (The Sustainability Society)		
<b>SmartGrowth</b>	Bernie Walsh (SmartGrowth Manager), Megan Rumble (Minutes)		
<b>Other</b>	Mark Haseley (NZ Transport Agency)		
<b>Partner Staff</b>	Damon Mathfield (TCC)		
<b>Apologies (forum members)</b>	Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Buddy Mikaere (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum), Gray Southern (Carbon Reduction Group)		
<b>Previous minutes and matters arising</b>	The minutes of the 18 July 2017 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record		
	<b>Previous Actions:</b>		
	1.	January	All Forum Members send Cycleways information to Glen Crowther - <b>Action complete</b> <b>TCC released formal Cycle Action Plan consultation process begun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>
	2.	March	Add TOR discussion to the next agenda - <b>Postponed until later date at the request of the chair</b>
	3.	May	Tauriko subcommittee to be formed, Glen, Mary, James, Jo - <b>Action removed, no longer applicable</b>
	4.	July	Glen to keep the forum up to date around public consultation dates - <b>Action removed</b>
	5.	July	Forum members to note the Tauranga Transport Programme public consultation date in late august – <b>Complete officially launching 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>
	6.	July	Jo to present to the group at the August SLG meeting - <b>Complete - Jo also presented at City Transformation Committee meeting on 5 September around who E&amp;S are, who are represented on the forum and forum outcomes for structure planning and LTP</b>
7.	July	Forum members encouraged to complete the TCC environment survey by 1 September <a href="https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/planning/strategic-focus/environment-strategy">https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/planning/strategic-focus/environment-strategy</a> - <b>Complete</b>	

		8.	July	Michelle Elborn to provide a regular update at future forum meetings – <b>Michelle has left TCC but Jo will invite Celia Walker to update at forum meetings</b>
		9.	July	Jo to take these questions back to SmartGrowth and provide the forum with the response - <b>Complete</b> <b>POST NOTE:</b> Jo has received a response to the above questions, the suggestion was that we are free to use the checklist in its current form and nothing would be operationalised until it has been reviewed, tested and put in front of the SLG for approval. Jo's response was that we really need to gain strong buy in from elected members now and would not be using it in its current form given the huge amounts of work it requires. It was agreed that SmartGrowth would canvas this with elected members.
		10.	July	Jo to feed forum questions back to SmartGrowth/TCC around the structure planning design workshops – <b>Complete</b> <b>POST NOTE:</b> Done, urgent forum meeting taking place Thurs 27 July to begin preparations for design workshops.
		11.	July	All forum members to review indicator list before the next meeting – <b>Action ongoing, really important members review</b>
		12.	July	Jo to email The Lakes Review project update to the forum – <b>Complete</b> Bernie provided an update. This was a case study Karen Summerhays was leading along with the forum chairs before she left. Cheryl Steiner has since been working on a project outcomes checklist, she has been working with Jodie Rickard from WBOPDC and Simone Cuers from TCC and will pilot this checklist on the Lakes project as a post project review. The checklist will also be used on Omokora as it comes up. Cheryl will have one on one meetings with Jo and others in the development process and then will be reporting back to the forums.
		13.	July	Jo to circulate her ECOCITY Summit key learnings and take out document to the forum – attached with minutes – <b>Complete</b> – Jo also presented on this to Rotorua Lakes Council and will be organising a session with Glen in Tauranga, Eastern Bay and with the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.
System Design Team from NZTA – Te Tumu and Tauriko West update	UPDATE	<p>Mark Haseley from NZ Transport Agency provided an update around Tauriko West and Te Tumu. Both projects are collaborative projects with TCC, BOPRC, WBOPDC and SmartGrowth to plan for future development.</p> <p>Tauriko West – Mark covered the benefits the project is seeking including an efficient truck freight route to the Port of Tauranga, enhancing the liveability and connectivity of Tauriko and improving road safety in the area.</p> <p>Te Tumu – it is early days for Te Tumu at this stage but the Papamoa East Interchange onto the Eastern Link has been agreed. Questions and discussion around funding and decision making followed. In depth discussion was had around light rail and KiwiRail. It was clarified that NZTA do not fund KiwiRail and this is government responsibly.</p>		

		Concerns around the decisions and public transport options on offer in consultation processes. Jo to get in contact with Ian Herbert to discuss these queries.
	ACTION	-Jo to speak to Ian Herbert around inclusion of a third option prioritising PT and come back to the forum. Jo and Glen to arrange to meet with Ian. -James to send rail report links through to Jo for circulation.
Further Transport updates	UPDATE	The update was covered by Glen in the previous minutes and actions discussion.
	ACTION	Megan to circulate the Smart Transport Forum invitation to the forum <b>Post note:</b> Actioned 20 September
Te Tumu and Tauriko West Structure Planning Meetings	UPDATE	<p>Jo attended the Te Tumu workshop. James Hughes attended the Tauriko West workshop.</p> <p><u>Te Tumu:</u> It was confirmed that the dunes are under complete protection. The dunes are owned by the landowners and they will be putting specific beach accesses in place. The only way to change ownership is through the Maori Land Court. The development is also quite setback from the dunes and the dunes will be treated as the Tsunami barrier. Te Tumu is in private ownership, and with the exception of a plan change to allow development there, the council has limited input to how it's developed (i.e. density). It is recommended the forum meets with the landowners directly.</p> <p>The forum discussed the water table being high and ground water modelling.</p> <p>Jo noted that all of the forum chairs were saying (at the structure planning meeting) the same thing and are on the same page. The next meeting for Te Tumu is in October.</p> <p><u>Tauriko West:</u> There was discussion around the forum been unhappy with the Lakes development and council wanted the forum to explain. Jo noted an informal presentation that was given to TCC some time back by herself and Glen. Jo to pull this out and resend.</p> <p>There was discussion around the forum/SmartGrowth's role and ability to influence the structure plan. Bernie confirmed TCC are in charge of the structure planning and SmartGrowth's opportunity to influence was in August 2016. Bernie will check with Bill and Ken around what role SmartGrowth may have around structure planning going forward.</p> <p>The forum discussed concerns in depth around the development been left up to the market.</p>
	ACTION	-Jo to contact Campbell Larking and clarify around water table and ground water modelling for Te Tumu. -Jo to pull out the feedback Jo and Glen put together around the Lakes project and resend this. -Bernie to check with Ken Tremaine and Bill Wasley what influence/role does SmartGrowth have around structure planning going forward. -Jo to make contact with Peter Cooney for Tauriko West and with the Fords for Te Tumu - Discussions. -James to provide examples of changes made to past structure plans.

<p>SmartGrowth Forums Independent Health Check Research Report</p> <p>Suggestion for another structure</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Jo noted that the forum have been given the opportunity to input their feedback on the recommendation the consultant has put forward. Feedback needs to be put forward by October 27.</p> <p>Jo presented her potential alternative forum structure as a starting point, and not to be considered a solution, and welcomed thoughts and feedback.</p> <p>Jo noted that she has realised many of the forums are giving the same messages so there is some logic in having fewer forums, there is so much overlap of the issues and the goals we are all trying to achieve.</p> <p>It is essential E&amp;S issues are discussed at every discussion and there is representation at every table.</p> <p>Ultimately, we want to strengthen the influence and the impact we have.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working group would meet to discuss the E&amp;S forum response – Jo Wills, Mary Dillon, John Garwood and Michelle Elborn will make up this group. Jo will also welcome and invite other forum chairs and members.</p>
	<p>ACTION</p>	<p>Jo, Mary, John, Michelle to meet and discuss forum response. Forum members to contact Jo will any feedback to add.</p>
<p>Watching Brief Update</p>	<p>UPDATE</p>	<p>Due to time restraints, this item was not covered.</p>
	<p>ACTION</p>	
<p>General Business</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Nothing to note.</p>
	<p>ACTION</p>	
<p><b>Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group</b></p>		<p>The forum is deeply engaged with the structure planning process for both Te Tumu and Tauriko West. We value the chance to sit at the table and contribute our knowledge, although continually ask the question how much influence we can have on the process. We will be taking the advice provided to start engagement directly with the landowners to share our vision and understand theirs.</p> <p>Alongside the structure planning engagement, the forum has a significant focus on transport for the sub region and many forum members are involved in external groups advocating for more comprehensive and visionary approaches to Public Transport and Active Transport as alternatives to car dependency. We strongly support the Cycle Action Plan process and principles approach.</p>

**Meeting closed 3.58pm. Next meeting Tuesday 21 November 2017 1.30-3.30pm, School House, Historic Village, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

### Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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