

## Minutes of BOP and Lakes Housing Forum

11.00am – 1.00pm, 31 May 2017

Held at Toi Te Ora, Rotorua

### Present:

Jim Miller, Toi Te Ora (chair)  
Lorreen Hartley, Whakatāne District Council  
Rawinia Kamau, Trust Manager, Eastern Bay Energy Trust  
Brian Pointon, Planning and Funding, BOPDHB  
Julian Reweti, Recovery Leader, Built, Whakatāne District Recovery Project  
John Pullar, Liveable Homes, Whakatāne District Recovery Project (via video conference)  
Hana Edwardson, Kawerau District Council  
Aroha Morgan, Lakes DHB  
James Low, Bay of Plenty Regional Council  
Jodie Rickard, Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Alistair Rhodes, Bay Trust  
Mike Bryant, MSD  
James Scarfe, Toi Te Ora  
Barbara Mackenzie, DIA  
Jo Smith, CoBOP  
Phillip King, Tauranga City Council  
Felicity Gallacher, Taranaki DHB (observer)  
Lee McCracken, Taranaki DHB (observer)  
Rachel, Stratford District Council (observer)  
Ronda Cleland, TTO (minutes)

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### Apologies

Dominic Lepa, MSD  
Opotiki District Council  
Bill Hewitt, EECA  
Liane Gardiner, TPK  
Pip King, Lakes DHB  
Rosemary Viskovic, Rotorua Lakes Council

Meeting opened by James and introductions made.

### 1. Notes from the last meeting including progress on the actions

- 1.1 CoBOP is supporting this forum as one of their streams. Jim Miller and Brian Pointon will be speaking about forum at next CoBOP leadership forum on 30 June.
- 1.2 James will attend next Rotorua Airshed meeting – looking at VTRs and how they can be administered.
- 1.3 Information from Brian attached with data to 31 December 2016 of the number of referrals received and interventions provided from both Healthy Housing Initiatives in the BOPDHB district.  
BOPDHB is 313 referrals received and 523 individual interventions undertaken for Healthy Homes Initiatives in the BOPDHB. I have asked for Lakes equivalent data.
- 1.4 Current structure – group members to be aware that Forum minutes, Terms of Reference and documents are publicly available on the Toi Te Ora website:  
[http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy\\_homes\\_housing\\_forum](http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes_housing_forum)

- 1.5 Housing NZ discussion with Jim and Jo: HNZ will upgrade housing stock over next few years. They are keen to keep up to date with what the forum is doing and potential to work together. HNZ have a lot of information for home owners on how to keep house healthy – contact HNZ for these. Jo will check if these are available electronically.
- 1.6 Directory of Services: The directory will provide a brief description of providers and services available with links to the organisations. Once completed this will be on the website but more information still required about what services and providers are out there.

### Actions

- 1.7 Voluntary Targeted Rates – a reminder to contact Bill with names of people he can speak with at local councils about this.
- 1.8 Mike will follow up with Lynda Smardon (MSD Auckland) about a report on the Hub initiative with the Manukau Counties Rheumatic Fever programme.
- 1.9 James/Ronda to follow up with Bill about the results of survey on landlords and why they are not taking up insulation initiatives.

## 2. Presentations

- 2.1 Liveable Homes Project (LHP): Whakatāne District Recovery Project – Julian Reweti and John Pullar

Information sheets:



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Edgecumbe is the focus of project but other communities are also part of it, eg Murupara, Taneatua, Minginui. Other rural areas like Ruatoki and Waimana Valleys to still be assessed. There are a large number of properties that have damage but homes are liveable. Edgecumbe has about 50 yellow-stickered homes (unable to be lived in at present but are rebuildable) while about 14-15 red-stickered homes are completely destroyed. There are about 230 yellow stickered homes in region

The project focus is on liveable homes and getting families back into their homes. There are issues with mould, contamination etc so unable to live there at present. Aim is to have houses all liveable by Christmas. Around 4000 tonnes of contaminated family goods – 900 skip bins – have been removed. Work involves putting floors down, putting in donated kitchens and toilets to make houses liveable – compared to an insurance rebuild that aims to restore house to how it was before. Approximately 50 volunteer builders are helping, with another 20-30 available for a few days. The budget is about \$40K per home (including waste disposal etc) but without volunteers and discounted materials, price would be \$70K+.

Funding (\$220,000) has been provided for insulation for yellow stickered homes through Eastern Bay Energy Trust which is able to help people that might not have qualified before. This has encouraged people to approach John about receiving insulation – about 95 have registered. About one third of houses were uninsured. The trust is keen to insulate all homes in the area with ceiling insulation, and where John recommends under floor and walls. No ceilings were affected in flood.

Discussion:

- Messaging that might need to be tweaked around how no ratepayers funds are being used. Would be good to acknowledge council is helping eg providing rubbish disposal.

- The data gained about the number of uninsured homes at Edgecumbe, in conjunction with the KDC Healthy Homes data, could be extrapolated for other towns, for example, Whakatane.

#### 2.2 Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service: Qualitative Housing Survey

Presentation by James Scarfe on behalf of Lindsay Lowe, *Residents' perspectives of the impact of housing on their health and wellbeing*, available: <http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/vdb/document/1796>

#### 2.3 Results from the Toi Te Ora *Issues of Health and Wellbeing 2016 Population Survey*

Presentation by James Scarfe. Survey available: <http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/populationsurvey>

People were asked a range of questions about housing and the impact this may have on their health – page 22.

3. **The Action Framework.** Due to time constraints this was not discussed but will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 4. **Healthy Housing projects and potential projects**

Discussion about where the forum can best add value to current housing projects. There was agreement that development of a best practice guide/template with key learnings from other projects would be very useful for housing projects, rather than getting involved in a particular housing project. Education resources could also be developed.

Plan: to bring people from current projects together using a workshop approach and look at key learnings, pitfalls, what should emphasis be on, how forum can be of assistance to projects, what is needed. Would also be good to discuss co-investment. It is important to ensure that attendees feel that they will benefit from attending, that something will come out of it to make it worthwhile, eg a data gathering tool. Bay Trust could provide support for a facilitator.

Other ideas:

- Research and evaluation to inform best practice – from Toi Te Ora surveys/studies, shared evidence and data, and mapping and discussing evidence to find what it means for individual areas and regionally. This would then assist with advocacy/funding and advocacy.
- Education/comms around healthy/unhealthy homes and health – determining audiences and communicating it.

There is potential funding for workshop or for research from Regional council. There is also an opportunity to insert an extra question about housing in the Western Bay of Plenty's Vital Signs research project (2015 Vital Signs survey available here:

[http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/uploads/8/4/0/5/84053396/af965\\_vital\\_signs\\_document\\_final\\_march\\_5\\_2016.pdf](http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/uploads/8/4/0/5/84053396/af965_vital_signs_document_final_march_5_2016.pdf)).

#### **Actions:**

**4.1** Form a sub-group (Brian, Barbara, Aroha, Loreen, ?James Low) to organise a workshop for representatives of community housing projects to come together in order to develop a best practice guide. Important that there is a benefit for participants and that something tangible will come out of it to help community, eg education resources, data collection tool, comms plan for advocacy.

4.1.1 Bay Trust to fund a facilitator for the workshop.

4.1.2 Will need resourcing for someone to pull it all together afterwards – would BOPRC be available to fund this?

4.1.3 Loreen will find name for Ngati Whare representative.

4.2 Develop questions for Vital Signs **who?**

4.3 Jim to feed back to DHBs and CoBOP re regional direction that group is moving in; and to also feedback to wider group like insulation companies, Accessible Properties.

4.4 Reword: Toi Te Ora could potentially look at what advocacy avenues available if this is a direction the group goes in.

4.5 To meet again in about 90 days.

Meeting closed by James at 1.15pm.

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