From: May, Tracey
Sent: Wednesday, 23 November 2005 2:46 p.m.
To: All Planning Staff
Cc: Rawson, Mark; Claassen, Nico; Roberts, Charles; Galland, Anita; Lloyd,Keith; Hill, Megan
Subject: Proposed Youth Justice Facility

PLANNING DEPT CUSTOMER RESPONSE
As your probably aware from reading the newspapers and the customer enquiries Child Youth and Family have announced their preferred site for the proposed Youth Justice Central residential facility. The site selected for consideration is a 19 hectare site at 830 Te Waerenga Rd.

The Council Planning Dept response to customer enquiries regarding the proposed Youth Justice Central proposal is that Council has not received a formal application for a proposed Youth Justice facility. When an application is received it will be publicly notified as part of the process.

For further information customers can be referred to:

- the following websites which contains information about the proposed site, the proposal and details of the community information day to be held at the Kaharoa Community Hall from 1-7pm on the 29th Nov 2005. www.cyf.govt.nz and www.youthjusticecentral.co.nz
- by phoning 0800YJCENTRAL (0800 952 368)
- or by emailing **yjc.team@youthjusticecentral.co.nz**

Please be clear that it is not Council's or the Planning Dept's role to be providing copies of the information from the website or to be offering an opinion about the rights and wrongs of the proposal.

In order to assist the process the Planning Dept will be keeping a register of names and postal addresses for customers who would like to be provided with a copy of the public notification information once it is to hand. Please let Leigh Sutton know if anybody would like to be added to the list.

Thanks
Tracey

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Thank you for visiting the official government website of Child, Youth and Family.

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21 Nov 2005

Preferred Site Announced for Youth Justice Central

Minister Ruth Dyson has announced that a site in Rotorua has been selected for consideration for a new youth justice residential centre in the central North Island.

The 19-hectare site is on Te Waerenga Road, off State Highway 36, Rotorua.

Ms Dyson said the site could accommodate the buildings, recreation areas, utility services and buffer areas required for the new centre, and would provide specialised regional care for up to 32 young people who offend.

The working group has carried out an extensive search, considering more than 40 sites on both Crown land and commercially available land. A public call for sites was also made.

"Through consultation and feedback, it is intended that any community concerns are identified and, if possible, addressed before I make a decision on whether to proceed with this site."

A community information day to discuss the proposed site will be held at the Kaharoa Community Hall on 29 November, from 1pm-7pm. People have until Saturday, 4 February 2006 to provide feedback about the site.

To take part in the consultation, please contact the Youth Justice Central project team on 0800YJCENTRAL (0800 952 368) or http://www.youthjusticecentral.co.nz

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The Youth Justice Residential Centre - Central is a much needed facility that will provide accommodation for up to 32 young people (generally aged 14-16 years inclusive) under the care and control of the Chief Executive of the Department

A new youth justice residential centre is needed in the Bay of Plenty/Waikat area to provide for the youth justice needs of the region. Currently, Bay of Plenty/Waikatoyoung people subject to a Supervision with Residence Order of the Youth Court must be sent out of the district, away from their families. The lack of youth justice facilities in the region also means many young people remanded in custody are being held in police cells, alongside adult offenders. Clearly, neither situation is acceptable.

In February 2005, the Associate Minister of Social Development (Child, Youtl and Family) formed the Youth Justice Central Site Selection Working Group (chaired by former South Waikato Mayor Gordon Blake) to assist the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services (the Department) find a suitable site for the proposed Youth Justice Residential Centre. The Site Selection Working Group carried out an extensive site search over the past year, looking at Crown land and commercially available land that met the search criteria. A public call for sites was also made.

A site located on Te Waerenga Road, Rotorua, has been selected as being suitable for consideration for the new Youth Justice Residential Centre - Central. The 19 ha site would provide for the buildings, recreation areas, utility services and buffer areas required for the new Residential Centre.

The Department will be consulting with the community over the next couple of months on the proposed Youth Justice Residential Centre - Central and its proposed establishment on the Te Waerenga Road site.

Through consultation and feedback it is intended that any community concerns regarding the proposed Residential Centre are identified and, if possible, addressed. The Department wants to do this before the Minister begins the formal Resource Management Act designation process to provide for the Youth Justice Residential Centre - Central.

FILE

1 Greg Manzone
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4. File.

5 December 2005

File Ref: 62-05-201

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Opus International Consultants
Private Bag 3057
HAMILTON

Attn: Hugh Ratsey

Dear Hugh,

WATER ALLOCATION - 830 TE WAERENGA ROAD

Further to our recent conversation, I confirm that current allocations for the Kaharoa water supply are unable to be increased within the constraints of the existing water supply infrastructure.

Council policy is that any decision on increasing the level of service or extending the area of a water supply would be considered in consultation with the existing consumers of the supply where significant capital expenditure is involved, as I believe would be the case for Kaharoa.

As regards providing an estimate of costs, this would involve investigation and design work for which Council currently does not have resources available, given existing priorities and workloads.

If you wish to carry out this work, we would be able to supply details of the current infrastructure upon which you could base your investigations.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Kim Lockie of this office if you wish to proceed with this.

Yours faithfully

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Utilities Operations Manager

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28 November 2005

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INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS

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Dear Eric

Water Allocation to Lot 2, DPS 71824 (No. 830, Te Waerenga Road)

Further to our recent conversation and my previous discussions with RDC Utilities personnel, I understand the above property is currently on a restricted potable water supply with an allocation of 8.9m^3/d.

We are investigating the site as a possible location for the proposed Child, Youth & Family (CYF) facility, Youth Justice Central (YJC). This facility would require approximately 30m^3/d of potable water (exact requirement to be confirmed). Please could you confirm whether the allocation to the property could be increased within the constraints of the existing water supply infrastructure?

If an increased allocation is not possible under the existing scheme, there would be two possible options for supply of potable water to the site:

1. Upgrade of the RDC scheme to allow increased allocation.
2. Drilling a bore to provide a bore water supply, which would be a permitted activity under Rules 38 and 39 of EBOP's Proposed Regional Water and Land Plan.

We have estimated the cost of installation of a bore and treatment of water to potable standard. Depending on the upgrade required, it is possible that it may be more cost-effective for the existing RDC supply to be upgraded to provide the additional allocation required by YJC.

Please could you advise whether RDC would consider upgrading the supply to the site? If so, please could you provide an estimate of the likely costs to upgrade the supply to allow increased allocation to the property?

If you wish to discuss this, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07 834 1819.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Ratsey

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8 FEBRUARY 2006

File Ref: 01-28-011\56
Doc No: IT-32975

TO: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, KEVIN WINTERS

CC: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, PETER GUERIN

FROM: NIGEL WHARTON, DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: **RE : KAHAROA YOUTH FACILITY**

Our recent discussions refer.

I've checked with Opus Consultants as to whether they have yet made a decision as to the RMA process they will follow viz… designation or resource consent.

The answer is a decision has not been made as yet.

The focus of Opus at the moment is to complete their current community consultation programme and report on the outcome of this to the Minister. It is at this stage of reporting to the Minister that the consultants will be advising her which RMA process option she should take – designation or resource consent.

Under the RMA the process for a designation is similar to that for a resource consent.
* There are some differences, the key one being that the Councils or Commissioners decision on the designation proposal is a "recommendation" to the requiring authority, in this case the Minister. I have attached the relevant parts of the RMA for your information – note in particular Sections 171 (2) and 172 (1). The Minister can advise the Council whether she accepts or rejects the Council recommendation. Appeal rights do exist.

As I mentioned to you, I suspect there would be merit if you were able to get to see the Minister about your concerns before she receives and considers the consultants report.

Nigel Wharton
Director, Environmental Services

* Attachment

From: Andrea Smith
Sent: Monday, 13 February 2006 10:26 a.m.
To: Winters, Kevin
Subject: Meeting 7th February
Attachments: Meeting held Tuesday 7th February 2006.doc

Kevin
As requested, please find attached my notes from the meeting we had with you last Tuesday. I trust that some progress is being made towards identifying a site suitable for the prison, and that the residents of Kaharoa will soon be able to get back to their lives.
Regards
Andrea Smith

Meeting held: Tuesday 7th February 2006, Mayor's Office, Rotorua District Council

Present:	Kevin Winters	Mayor of Rotorua
	Don Hammond	Kaharoa Prison Action Group
	Robbie Moore	Kaharoa Prison Action Group
	Tania Saville-Wood	Kaharoa Prison Action Group
	Andrea Smith	Kaharoa Prison Action Group (took minutes)

Meeting Commenced: 2pm

DH Opened by saying he had several issues to raise regarding the proposed prison at Te Waerenga Road, Kaharoa. These, in no particular order, included safety, the Official Information Act, and the RDC's position on the subject.

RM Said that he had several family members living in close proximity to the prison site. Police response time to the area was not always good, up to 1.5 hours at times. He noted that there were several "escape routes" from the area, including roads to Rotorua, Tauranga, Te Puke, and Hamilton. He noted also that it was an area of a predominantly rural character, and that there was a low level of security on most properties, a decreasing number of dogs, long driveways, and few alarm systems (largely because of the long response time to monitored alarms, and the inability of neighbours to hear alarms due to the distance between properties). He added that at the public meeting CYF had mentioned 2 escapees from their facilities in the past 12 months, and pointed out that a larger concern was the number of visitors that were likely to come to the area if the prison was built, and the types of people they were likely to be. He spoke about the home invasions and murders in the Rotorua rural area over the past several years – noting especially the Boumas, Crafers and Bentleys. He felt that the RDC was not doing the residents of these areas justice in supporting the prison being built in Kaharoa.

KW Noted that this was an important issue and one that needed to be brought up as part of the consent hearing process, if it gets that far.

RM Said that the KPAG was looking for the mayor to provide a public acknowledgement for the proposal to be dropped, due to the safety issue amongst others.

KW Said that he can not do that – if Minister Dyson goes ahead with the application, the RDC will then decide if it will be heard by a council committee or by an outside commission. If a commission hears the application, he can make his views public, if the council hears the application, they become judge and jury.

TSWAsked that the mayor make his views known before that happens.

KW Said there was no reason to do so as there was no formal application as yet.

DH Asked which councillors would be likely to make up a panel to hear any application.

KW Said that Charles Sturt and Russell Judd had disqualified themselves by making their views known. It was likely that the panel would be made up of Geoff Kenny, Maureen Waka, Janet Wepa, Bob Martin and one other. That would have been Glenys Searanke but she wouldn't be involved due to her involvement with the site selection committee. Kevin said he would be the 5th member of the panel.

RM Suggested that Kevin could remove himself from the panel and oppose the site publicly.

TSWSaid that the Kaharoa site was in the middle of residential area, and as such was unsuitable for a prison.

KW said that the definition of a residential area is urban Rotorua, and is thus zoned. Kaharoa is Rural A land.

TSW added that regardless of the official definition, Kaharoa is an area where families live every day, the population density is increasing, and is therefore very close to being residential as opposed to rural.

DH noted that as the facility itself is of a more industrial nature, it shouldn't be sited in a rural area.

KW Suggested that these points be put into a submission. He said that he can't come out in public opposition now as he would prefer to be on any hearings panel. He said he believes he is of more value to the KPAG by being on any panel.

DH Said that the mayor of the Waipa District had come out publicly in total opposition to a prison in Waipa District – he had phoned Gordon Blake and said there was no local government support for it. A member of his council had been on the site selection committee. The KPAG question to Kevin was "what was Glenys Searanke's mandate as a member of the site selection committee?".

KW Said Mrs Searanke had been appointed by him as the RDC representative on the site selection panel.

DH asked him to clarify what "council representative" meant.

KW said he had been advised by CYF that a Youth Justice Facility would be built in the BOP/Waikato area. He was asked if the RDC wanted to have a representative on the site selection committee. He said that they did, and put the question to all councillors. Glenys Searanke agreed that she would be on the panel, and the other councillors agreed to that.

DH Asked if there had been a written invitation from CYF for the council to provide a representative.

KW replied that there had not been anything written, it was a conversation.

DH Asked what Glenys Searanke's instructions were from Kevin, and whether they were in written form.

KW replied that his only instructions were for her to be on the panel, and that it was verbal.

DH Asked Kevin if he could explain the comment in the Minutes of a meeting of the Site Selection Committee from 23 September 2005:
"This site is within the established preferred area and has political support from the local MP and the local Council who has stated they would fully support such a facility within their area." (Pge 2)

KW Said that it showed generic support for the facility coming to Rotorua.

DH pointed out that the comment was made under the heading "Te Waerenga Road", and therefore refers specifically to that site. He said that the Minutes were approved as correct by the Site Selection Committee, which included Mrs Searanke.

KW said that the conversation he had, had supported the Youth Justice Facility coming to the Rotorua area. He had never discussed or voted on the Te Waerenga Road site.

DH Asked how then the Site Selection Committee had ascertained Council support for the prison coming to Te Waerenga Road.

KW Said that it was a general conversation. He added that it was news to him that the Site Selection Committee had been held in the RDC Chambers. He reiterated that the statement related to generic support, and added he didn't know that Te Waerenga Road was the preferred site.

DH suggested that Glenys Searanke had an obligation to report to the council as it's representative on the Site Selection Committee.

KW Said that all the Site Selection Committee meetings were held in confidence, and that he had never had a meeting with Glenys Searanke relating to the site selection.

DH Asked if Kevin was comfortable with the comment as recorded in the Minutes of the Site Selection Committee meeting.

KW Said he was not, and that Council support had never been given specifically for the Te Waerenga Road site. He said that Glenys Searanke had an obligation to the Site Selection Committee, to CYF and to Gordon Blake. He said she had been appointed by the site selection panel.

DH Said that if Glenys Searanke was there as the RDC representative, she had an obligation to come to Kevin and let him know about the Te Waerenga Road site.

KW Said RDC had supported the facility generically coming to Rotorua, but not specifically the Te Waerenga Road site.

DH Said that the District Planners appeared to be aware of it (ref Minutes 23 September 2005 – page 2):
*"**Remaining Sites** – This leaves two suitable properties..... Opus International stated that the two District Planners were comfortable with both sites"*

KW Said that as far as he was aware, the District Planner was not aware of it.

DH Said that he had written to the RDC asking for copies of all correspondence relating to the site selection, and had received a reply stating that the Council didn't have any correspondence on the matter. However he had received copies of letters on RDC letterhead, provided by CYF. He showed these to Kevin.

KW Said he was unsure what area was being referred to in the correspondence.

DH Noted that the issue was that he had asked under the Official Information Act for RDC to provide copies of correspondence relating to the site selection, and had been told that there were none on record. This had been proved to be incorrect.

KW Said that any Council approval can only be given once the consent process had been gone through.

DH Said that CYF has RDC documents, and is using these as evidence of council's support for the site. He said further that the KPAG was looking for public support from Council in opposing the site.

KW Said that the council has not supported it as he hadn't been told that Te Waerenga Road was the preferred site until 10 days prior to the CYF media announcement. He had asked CYF to tell the other Councillors about the site, and this had happened about 1 week prior to the announcement. He added that it had been unfortunate that information about the selection of the site had been leaked to the public a couple of days prior to the media announcement.

DH Said that CYF is manipulating the RDC into providing support by only providing 1 week's notice of the announcement. He further noted the arrogance of CYF in that they weren't going to advise the residents of the area other than by letting the news get out via the media. He said that the Tamahere residents had found out that they were on the short-list for site selection, local political pressure had been applied, the Minister had intervened in the process, and the site had been withdrawn. He said that the KPAG was looking for the RDC to say publicly that CYF hasn't done it's job properly – the decision to purchase the Te Waerenga Road site was based on incorrect information provided by Opus Consultants.

RM Asked why Kevin had not told the public about the site selection when he had been informed of it 10 days prior to the media announcement.

KW Replied that he was told in confidence, and couldn't say anything until after the media release.

RM Said that there were no confidence issues now, and asked whether as mayor, by being on the panel (if an application for designation is made) he could stop the process.

KW Suggested that Robbie ask Mai Chen if the Minister can over-ride any decision made by the panel. He said that he is seeking legal advice on this matter himself now through the RDC lawyers as to whether the Minister can overrule any RDC decision on the designation process.

RM Said he understands that any decision by the Designation Panel is advisory only.

DH Noted that the RDC can impose conditions and can turn down the application, but if the Minister can then overturn that decision, it makes the process a pointless exercise.

KW Said that the Minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2005 were incorrect on 2 points.

DH Said that CYF are using the Minutes as evidence of RDC support for the Te Waerenga Road site. If Glenys Searanke did not have a mandate from RDC to secure that site, then she has overstepped her mandate (as stated in the minutes), and action needs to be taken.

KW Noted that the statement in the Minutes had not been attributed to anyone.

TSWSaid that as the Minutes had been approved by all present at the meeting, Glenys Searanke being one of them. Therefore she agreed with the statement.

DH Said that Glenys Searanke had made a comment that the site had been supported by the Te Arawa Trust Board, but a representative of the Board had not attended a Site Selection Committee meeting at that point. He said that he had concerns in terms of the information requested under the OIA, as the Act covers all information relating to the process, not just written. He had been told that the RDC has nothing on its files, but CYF has provided some (on RDC letterhead), so what else is there? Either the RDC does support the Te Waerenga Road site, or Opus and CYF are lying and will leave the RDC to carry the can.

RM The correspondence provided by CYF proves that the RDC did have prior knowledge of the site selection.

KW Said that he had been told that CYF was looking at site for the facility somewhere in the BOP/Waikato 18 months ago, but that he was told verbally, and never received anything in writing from CYF.

RM Said that it was appalling that there had been no consultation with the public through the entire process.

KW Agreed, and said that it was a very hot topic.

DH Said it was important to state that this was not a case of "Not In My Back Yard". The North Ward area is one of significant growth, in lifestyle, economy, etc. He believed personally that Rotorua would be better off without the prison at all, but feels that if it has to be here, there are much better suited sites than Te Waerenga Road. He said the KPAG was looking for more appropriate sites to suggest to CYF.

KW Said that there was the Resource Management Act process to follow through.

RM Said that there may not be enough time for that.

DH Said that the RDC had been shafted by CYF already by them buying the land prior to the announcement – by doing so they ensured they don't have to go through that consultation process.

KW Suggested that CYF had learned from prior experience that greater difficulties are encountered if the land is not purchased before an announcement being made.

DH Said that the Crown already owns 40% of the land in New Zealand. If the prison is built on Te Waerenga Road, the Crown doesn't pay local rates on that land, this would be a further cost to the neighbours, in paying for the upkeep of the roads, water, rubbish removal etc. He reiterated that the RDC had been manipulated by CYF to look as though they supported the site. It was stated in their documentation that political support was very important in order to get approval for the site.

KW Said that he supports the prison being built in Rotorua, but was unaware that Te Waerenga Road was the preferred site.

DH Said that Glenys Searanke had provided support for the Te Waeranga Road site.

KW Said he was unsure if he could comment on information gained under the OIA.

DH Said that it was public information, and anyone could comment on it.

KW Said he would take it under advisement.

DH Said if Kevin was saying that some of the information gained under the OIA was untrue, then that needed to be made public.

RM Suggested that there was no true support for the site at Te Waerenga Road at all, except by Glenys Searanke.

KW Agreed

RM Said that if Kevin now came out in public opposition to the Te Waerenga Road site, it would vastly increase the chances of it being moved. He said it would also vastly increase approval by the Kaharoa community for the RDC.

KW Said he needed to get information to see if he can offer public support.

TSWSaid she found it odd, as a resident of the Kaharoa area, that with the huge impact this facility would have, the RDC hasn't looked at the ramifications at all, that they didn't investigate it more fully, and that they had no mandate from the people they represent to support it.

DH Said he felt that the community had been sold down the river by Glenys Searanke, who had no basis for supporting the site, which didn't meet the site selection criteria. He said that the site was actually outside of the zone defined by CYF, and showed Kevin a map of this. He said that if the RDC is keen to have the prison in the Rotorua District, they need to come out now and publicly state that CYF has not done their job properly, and that they will work with CYF to identify a better site. The information provided by Opus Consultants to CYF is totally meaningless, and therefore the decision on which it was based can't be meaningful either. An acoustics survey was done for the Tamahere site as it was the preferred site until the Minister intervened and had Tamahere removed from the process. An acoustics survey had not been carried out for Te Waerenga Road. No good information had been supplied, and the RDC had been misrepresented. If the prison is to come to Rotorua, then a working party should be set up to determine the best place for it. The selection process, which has been flawed from start to finish, must be restarted. All the information had thus far been contributed by Opus, to whom it is just another job, and they had done an exceedingly poor job. The Minister won't listen unless the RDC stands up and says that the information is not useful and needs redoing. The RDC needs to stand up to CYF and say "No".

RM Said that CYF will steamroll ahead regardless, unless there is intervention from RDC. He said that growth in the area was huge, and it was just the wrong site for a prison. Thus far it appeared that the RDC had sat on its hands and done nothing. Residents opposing the selection Tamahere had support from their local council, and the site had then been withdrawn. Public and local political pressure has never been identified as part of the site selection process – yet it worked for them.

KW Said he knew there were 5 potential sites in the Rotorua area, and was told of Te Waerenga Road 10 days prior to the announcement. If the Tamahere site had been leaked to the Mayor of Waipa .....

AS A difference was made because he decided to make a stand against it, in support of his ratepayers.

DH Said that government departments should not be telling us how to do things – CYF had been manipulating information so that the blame lies with the RDC. KPAG has said that it's not the fault of the RDC, but now the council needs to stand up and say "We've been shafted, due process has not been followed, the process needs to start again". He said that CYF had described Tamahere as their ideal site, and that Te Waerenga Road had been described as less than ideal. They had stated that there would be no effects on Kaharoa School, but this was certainly not the case. KPAG had come to the RDC to ask the council, as their elected representatives. to say to CYF that they need to take a step back and rethink the process. The information was flawed, and RDC has been misrepresented by CYF.

RM Said that Te Waerenga Road had been selected by default as CYF were in a panic after Tamahere was withdrawn.

DH Pointed out that the site selection criteria required consultation with the local community prior to the site selection – this had not occurred, and CYF had not even met their own criteria.

RM Said that a huge threat to the Kaharoa Community was being imposed, and the process had cost a huge amount so far, and that there was no support for it. He pointed out that if Kevin was not on a Panel for a Designation application, there were still another 7 councillors who could be.

KW Said that they were free to express their opinions, just as Charles Sturt, Russell Judd and Glenys Searanke had done.

DH Asked if Peter Guerin could express an opinion on the process.

KW Said that this was not appropriate.

DH Said that the media had been asking him where the RDC stood on the issue, and he had been saying that he can't comment. He said he is trying to keep pressure on CYF, and as Rotorua's elected representatives, he is asking the RDC to say they oppose the site.

RM Said that the inmates of the prison would not be good people, but equally neither would the people visiting them, who were free to move about in the community.

KW Said he had met some of the clients of the YJF in Auckland.

TSWSaid that CYF have said that can't categorically guarantee the safety of the surrounding community.

AS Said that the RDC has to publicly oppose the selection of Te Waerenga Road now. The decision made by the Site Selection Committee to choose Te Waerenga Road was based on outdated, incomplete, and sometimes untrue information provided by Opus Consultants to CYF. If the decision was based on flawed information, the decision itself is inherently flawed, and the integrity of the process is lost. The best chance of stopping the process now stood with the RDC publicly opposing the site, before CYF got to the point of applying for a Designation, which regardless of what the RDC then said, would probably go through.

KW Said he was waiting for legal advice on that.

DH Asked what the RDC saw as the benefits to Rotorua if the prison is built here.

KW Said that a lot of the inmates would be from this area.

DH Said that based on CYF information, only a small portion of the inmates would be from Rotorua, but that CYF seemed happy with the idea of destroying a strong community which already exists at Kaharoa.

KW Said that at 14-16 years old, they are still kids, many of whom have not been brought up properly and have a lot of problems. The facility provides a chance for society to put them back into a normal life program. He said that the success rate is very high while they are in the program, and it's an opportunity to give them some form of normality.

RM Said there is no doubt of that, but Te Waerenga Road was simply not the best place for it.

KW Said it was also important that they be close to family members.

DH Said that the CYF information was contradictory on that point – that they want the facility to be accessible to family members, but that family provides 2/3 of the problems in the first place.

KW Asked how much importance that was given in the Site Selection Criteria.

DH Said that supposedly all Site Selection Criteria were given equal importance. He said that there would inevitably be staffing problems, as evidenced by experience at other facilities in NZ. The economic analysis proves that Hamilton is the best place for it to be built. In accepting that there has to be a prison built somewhere, Kevin still hadn't said what benefits he perceived there to be for Rotorua.

KW Said there would be around 150 jobs at the prison.

DH Said that CYF had already identified that the majority of the labour force would come from outside of Rotorua.

RM Said that given the staffing problems CYF had experienced elsewhere, it appeared that CYF had given higher priority to sourcing of staff than to some of the other Site Selection Criteria.

TSWSaid that the health industry in Rotorua was experiencing staffing problems now, and that any new facility could not be maintained with existing staff. The health staff for the prison would have to be sourced from out of town, otherwise if health staff currently in Rotorua moved to the prison to work, Rotorua Hospital would have inadequate staffing for its requirements.

DH Said that Government departments had a history of contracting out for services, and that it would not necessarily be local labour that was used for anything from construction of the facility to providing milk. He couldn't see any benefits to Rotorua at all in having such a facility built here.

RM Said that there would be a marked drop in property values in the area, particularly those within a 4km radius of the proposed site.

DH Added that there had been no iwi liaison carried out by CYF, other than an email by an Opus Consultant to Mauriora Kingi to ask for a list of names and contacts.

AS Said that again, Opus had provided bad information, therefore the decision was not justifiable.

DH Asked Kevin to write a letter saying that Opus had not done its work properly, especially with regard to iwi consultation. He added that it was a myth that such a facility needed to be in a rural area, and that Kaharoa was fast approaching the point where it could be considered "semi-rural" at best. He asked Kevin to contact him once he had received the legal advice he required.

KW Agreed.

Meeting closed at 3:05pm

From: Claire Whelen
Sent: Tuesday, 21 February 2006 3:05 p.m.
To: Winters, Kevin
Cc: Steve Chadwick
Subject: Kaharoa YJF - Minister Dyson's letter to the editor
Attachments: DYSON LettertoEdDailyPost17Feb.doc

Dear Kevin

Steve Chadwick asked me to follow up on your meeting with her and Minister Dyson last week.

The Minister decided to write the following letter to the editor of the Rotorua Daily Post, the Department of Child Youth and Family also wrote a similar letter explaining more fully about the inaccurate minutes that led to the media coverage. Both letters were sent to the paper on Friday 17 Feb so they should be published at some point this week, if they haven't been already.

I've attached a copy of the Minister's letter to the editor, for your information.

Kind regards

Claire Whelen
Executive Assistant
Office of Steve Chadwick MP
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17 February 2006

LETTER TO EDITOR - Daily Post

Dear Sir,

Recent publicity about the Youth Justice facility (*Daily Post*, 2 Feb) contains information which is not correct.

The minutes of the site selection working group meeting of 23 September are correctly reported but the minutes themselves are wrong.

The minutes say that the Te Waerenga Rd site has support from the local council and local MP. This is not the case.

Neither the Rotorua District Council nor the local MP Steve Chadwick has ever indicated support for the Te Waerenga Rd site or <u>any</u> other specific site.

Furthermore, they <u>could</u> not have indicated support in September because they had no knowledge of this particular site.

Your report accurately reflected the minutes, but the minutes were factually incorrect.

Ruth Dyson
Minister for Child, Youth and Family

ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

This Committee met on Wednesday, 15 March 2006 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 1, Council Civic Centre, Haupapa Street Rotorua

PRESENT: Cr Sturt (Chairperson), Mayor Winters, Cr Gould, Cr Judd, Cr Lee, Cr Martin, Cr Maxwell, Cr McVicker, Cr Searancke, Cr Te Kowhai, Cr Waaka and Cr Wepa,

APOLOGIES: Cr Kenny

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Rene Mitchell (Iwi Representative) (from 2pm until 3:45pm)

STAFF PRESENT: P Guerin, Chief Executive; C Roberts, Director Community Services; N Wharton, Director Environmental Services; A du Toit, Democracy Support Manager; D Gunn, General Manager, Destination Rotorua Tourism Marketing; M Rawson, Economic Development Manager; P McLeod, Manager Events Centre; O Hopkins, Business Support Manager; G Delamore, Travel Office Manager; V Coventry, Committee Administrator.

The Chairperson welcomed the members of the Committee to the second round of meetings for 2006 with a special word of welcome to Ms Virginia Coventry who was the newly appointed Committee Administrator within the democracy unit.

1. APOLOGIES

The Committee resolved:

That apology be accepted from Cr Kenny.

F06/03/110
Gould/Judd
CARRIED

2. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS

The Chairperson introduced and welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

a) Mr Don Hammond: Kaharoa Prison Action Group;
b) Mr Matt Clarke: Manager, RRAL;
c) Mr Bryce Heard, Chairman, BrightEconomy Advisory Board; and
d) Inspector Steve Bullock: New Zealand Police Rotorua.

The Chairperson mentioned that the following presentations would be made:

e) Mr Don Hammond: Kaharoa Prison Action Group; Proposed development of Kaharoa Prison;
f) ***(Summary attached as Appendix "A");***
g) Mr Matt Clarke: Manager, RRAL: Update: ***(Appendix "B");***
h) Mr Bryce Heard, Chairman, Bright Economy Advisory Board: Leading Prosperity Naturally; ***(Appendix "C");*** and
i) Inspector Steve Bullock: New Zealand Police Rotorua: Crime and Crash Update, ***(Appendix "D").***

After the presenters made their presentations and addressed questions they were thanked by the Chairperson on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee resolved:

That the following presentations be received and contents noted;

a) Mr Don Hammond: Kaharoa Prison Action Group; Proposed development of Kaharoa Prison;
b) Mr Matt Clarke: Manager, RRAL: Update;
c) Mr Bryce Heard, Chairman, Bright Economy Advisory Board: Leading Prosperity Naturally; and
d) Inspector Steve Bullock: New Zealand Police Rotorua: Crime and Crash Update.

F06/03/111
Gould/Judd
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee resolved:

That the meeting stand adjourned until 3:45pm.

F06/03/112
Lee/Martin
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

The meeting re-convened at 3:45pm.

Ms Rene Mitchell left the meeting at 3:45.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 REPORT OF MANAGER DESTINATION ROTORUA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (01-15-215) 6/3/1

The Committee resolved:

That the report of Destination Rotorua Economic Development be received and contents noted.

F06/03/113
Winters/Wepa
CARRIED

4.2 REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER DESTINATION ROTORUA TOURISM MARKETING (01-38-276) 6/3/6

The Committee resolved:

That the report of the General Manager Destination Rotorua Tourism Marketing be received and contents noted.

F06/03/114
Gould/Wepa
CARRIED

Kaharoa Prison Action Group Presentation To RDC 14th March 2006

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

- RDC's role is to promote growth and asset management for the District.
- Environmental protection – social and physical.
- Community development.

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

- Prison site selection process was flawed and dishonest.
- Selection panel was biased and given very poor information with which to work.
- Inadequate time and resources to digest information and develop a response.

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

- Kaharoa site fails to meet the criteria.
- Purchase price was 40% above valuation.
- Site outside the predetermined site area.
- Many shortcomings cannot be mitigated.
- "Political support" is not a selection criteria.

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

- Council's own Bright Economy Group opposed to Kaharoa site as it impedes future development.
- Site is contrary to the District Plan and potential growth for Rotorua.
- EBOP opposed to the site.
- Few if any benefits to Rotorua – most accrued elsewhere and Rotorua gets to pay for that.

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

The Way Forward

- Council to put its own submission in to CYFS.
- Council to publicly and formally voice its rejection of Kaharoa as a suitable site.
- Council to work with CYFS to locate a suitable site that meets the needs of the electorate and District Plan.

Kaharoa Prison Action Group

Benefits to Rotorua

- RDC does not prejudice its right to hear a designation application for another site by rejecting Kaharoa.
- Significant savings for Ratepayers, Taxpayers and Residents.
- Significant time savings for CYFS.
- Rotorua retains control of its District and is not dictated to by Wellington.

FILE

15 March 2006

62-05-201

Please Quote: 0128011
Doc No: OW-58713

Hon Ruth Dyson
Associate Minister for Social Development
& Employment
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Ms Dyson

YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY SUBMISSION

Following on from my visit to you on 15 February, I wish to formally write those concerns to you, and to thank you for your letter to the *Daily Post* outlining Council's involvement.

There are a number of issues, during the course of the process and advice given to the site selection committee, that I have concerns with.

1. Why, if the site selection committee was under strictest confidence, did it leak news like a sieve?

2. Why is it that the Mayor of Waipa could influence the decision early, and yet I was not accorded the same opportunity by the site selection committee?

3. Can you confirm that the Mayor of Waipa was invited and sat in on one of those meetings, when I was not?

4. Councillor Searancke was the person nominated by Rotorua District Council (RDC) to be on this site selection committee. RDC wanted to have input, but Councillor Searancke was under strict confidence so she could not report back to RDC. She could not keep us informed, nor could she seek a mandate from RDC as her hands were tied. I just think the site selection process was flawed in this respect right from the start.

5. Councillor Searancke and I have come under enormous pressure from our community and received a fair amount of abuse, both verbally and in writing. I now believe that the site selection committee was also flawed in that RDC is responsible for local decision making, yet 10 of the 12 members were from outside our district. This is not a <u>local</u> decision by locals for locals.

6. Mauriora Kingi, our Maori Liaison Officer for RDC, was implicated during the course of one of the meetings at Kaharoa as having done the iwi consultation. This was not the case as all Mauriora did was give Opus names and addresses of people to consult. You said you would apologise to Mauriora via a letter, which has not yet been received.

I have said all along that I am okay with having this facility in the Rotorua District. I have spoken with Anaru Rangiheuau, Chairman of Te Arawa Maori Trust Board who is also okay with this facility in Rotorua District and I quote him "these are our people"

Allow Rotorua District Council and Te Arawa Maori Trust Board to have an input into this process, as at the moment we have not had any official say.

With kind regards

Kevin Winters
Mayor

Cc Steve Chadwick
Member of Parliament
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

May, Tracey

From: May, Tracey
Sent: Sunday, 19 March 2006 11:33
To: Christophers, Peter
Subject: File note
Attachments: 190306 file note YJF.doc

Peter attached is a copy of the file note that Don Hammond asked for in relation to the Kaharoa youth Justice Facility.

In relation to your queries the following responds:
1. File note attached

2. In my capacity of Manager Planning I am not aware of any meetings, nor subsequent file notes, of meetings that occurred prior to February 2005 in relation to the location of a Youth Justice Facility in the district .

3. The powerpoint presentation I believe was given to elected members. I am unaware of dates.

Tracey

FILE NOTE

DATE: 19 MARCH 2006

File Ref:
Doc No:

TO: 62-05-201

FROM: TRACEY MAY, MANAGER PLANNING SERVICES

SUBJECT: RETROSPECTIVE FILE NOTE

Following a meting with Peter Christophers and Don Hammond, Mr Hammond requested that a note be placed on file of an informal meeting between RDC staff and staff from Opus that had occurred on 20 September 2005.

Meeting Aaron Ingoe, Opus Consultants
Tracey May, Manager Planning Services

- Mr Ingoe called in as he was undertaking other work in the district. He mentioned that Opus was undertaking work in relation to a Youth Justice Facility. It was noted that he site selection group had identified two sites in the Rotorua district – Te Ngae Road and at Kaharoa
- Discussion was had on issues that Rotorua District Council would expect to see addressed if an application was forthcoming.
- Mr Ingoe asked what the Kaharoa community was like. It was noted that the community is a relatively affluent one, as with any rural community they value their rural values.
- Other issues that were discussed relate to
  - Assessment of effects
  - Land use consent, designation process
  - Kaharoa water supply
  - Traffic assessment
  - EBOP consents – earthworks and stormwater
  - Outline of consultation programme
  - Maximum number of occupants

Tracey May
Manager Planning Services

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ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Referred to: Mayor
Rec'd 23 MAR 2006
Copy to: Youth & Family Services
Instructions:

Office of Hon Ruth Dyson
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Minister for Disability Issues
Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth & Family)
MP for Banks Peninsula

21 March 2006

Reference: 01697

FILE

Mr Kevin Winters
Mayor
Rotorua District Council
Private Bag 3029
ROTORUA

Your Worship

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2006 regarding your issues in relation to the proposed youth justice residence site in Rotorua.

Hon Ruth Dyson, Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth and Family) will respond to you directly information has been received from the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Little
Private Secretary (Child, Youth and Family)
Office of Hon Ruth Dyson

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 28 MARCH 2006

TO: CR BOB MARTIN

FROM: NIGEL WHARTON

CC: KEVIN WINTERS, MAYOR
PETER GUERIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE YOUTH FACILITY - KAHAROA

Following our discussions yesterday I make the following comment from the excerpts from the two documents that you gave me:

1) Consideration of Alternative Sites

In his email the Project Manager, David Hay, makes the comment that
"When the Department owns a property it does not have to demonstrate, in local authority hearings, that it has adequately considered alternative sites".

Notices of requirement issued by Ministers of the Crown are served on territorial authorities pursuant to Section 168 of the Resource Management Act. Section 169 of the Act requires that Notices of requirement issued by Ministers must follow the same process as prescribed in the Act for resource consents which means, in turn, that they must be subject to a full assessment of environment effects as is set out in schedule 4 to the Act. Clause 1(b) of Schedule 4 requires that an assessment of environmental effects should include:

> *"Where it is likely that an activity will result in any significant adverse effect on environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity".*

Any Minister issuing a notice of requirement would need to have regard to this as they undertake an assessment of environmental effects for consideration of the territorial authority. A judgement call would need to be made as to whether there were any adverse effects of such significance to trigger the need for consideration of alternative locations.

It is also pertinent to note that Section 171 of the Act provides that when considering a notice of requirement a territorial authority must consider the effects on the environment of allowing the requirement, having particular regard to ....

> *"1 (b) whether adequate consideration has been given to alternative sites, routes, or methods of undertaking the work if .....*
>
> *(ii) it is likely that the work will have a significant adverse effect on the environment ....."*

2) Remaining Sites (Committee minutes)

The minutes from the Site Selection Committee says:

> *"This leaves two suitable properties remaining – Kuranui Road, Morrinsville and Te Waerenga Road, Rotorua. Wendy Turvey, Opus International, stated that the two District Planners were comfortable with both sites".*

Council staff have never expressed any view about the Kaharoa proposal. All that has occurred to date is that Opus Consultants have made preliminary contact with Council staff and staff have responded by providing an outline of the relevant policies and rules from the district plan and an indication of the sorts of issues that might need to be taken into account in any application. This is totally consistent with the response staff give to any intending applicant regardless of the nature of the proposal.

The applicants have not been provided with any documentation that would enable staff to form any view in terms of the RMA. No staff view has been expressed.

Nigel Wharton
Director Environmental Services

FILE

29 March 2006

62-05-201.

Please Quote: 0128011
Doc No: OW-59842

Hon Ruth Dyson
Assoc. Minister for Social Development &
Employment
Parliament Building
WELLINGTON

Dear Ruth

YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY AT KAHAROA

Further to my submission dated 16 March, I enclose further information.

At our Council meeting, the following Notice of Motion was debated and carried unanimously.

> *To ask the Minister of the Department of Child Youth and Family Services (FYFS) to reconvene a Waikato/Bay of Plenty site selection committee for the Youth Justice Facility.*

The second motion

> *That the Rotorua District Council advise the Honourable Ruth Dyson Minister of Child Youth and Family that it does not support the siting of the Young Persons Rehabilitation Centre at Te Waerenga Road Kaharoa and requests that the Minister re-convene the Site Working Party to scope other sites.*

was also debated.

It was carried by 7 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions.

Votes For -	Crs Lee, Maxwell, McVicker, Te Kowhai, Gould, Martin, Sturt
Votes Against -	Crs Judd, Searancke
Abstained -	Mayor Winters, Crs Waaka, Wepa, Kenny

From the debate last evening, there was a fair bit of frustration shown by Rotorua District Council councillors.

The site selection process has shown to be inconsistent, with a huge number of inaccuracies in the minutes being recorded.

There is also inconsistency in the way various councils were consulted and used.

I wish to speak to this submission.

With kind regards

Kevin Winters
Mayor

Cc Steve Chadwick
MP for Rotorua
P O Box 2442
ROTORUA

Cc All Councillors

Cc Mr Don Hammond
Central Road
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Minister for Disability Issues
Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth & Family Services)
MP for Banks Peninsula

31 March 2006

Reference: 01732

FILE

Kevin Winters
Mayor of Rotorua
Private Bag 3029
ROTORUA

Your Worship

Thank you for your fax of 29 March 2006 enclosing further information relating to your letter of 16 March 2006 regarding the proposed youth justice residence site in Rotorua.

Hon Ruth Dyson, Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth and Family) has forwarded your information to the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Little
Private Secretary (Child, Youth and Family)
Office of Hon Ruth Dyson

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Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth & Family Services)
MP for Banks Peninsula

13 APR 2006

Kevin Winters
Mayor
Rotorua District Council
Private Bag 3029
ROTORUA

FILE

Your Worship

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2006 regarding your concern about the Youth Justice Central Site Selection Working Group (SSWG).

It is indeed unfortunate that it appears that at least one member of the SSWG was not able to maintain the discipline of 'strictest confidence'. Glenys Searancke should be commended for her ability to do so.

You have raised concerns about the perceived influence that the Mayor of Waipa may have had on the SSWG. Early in the site selection process, when all 40 sites were still under consideration, the Mayor of Waipa did attend one meeting of the SSWG, as a significant number of the sites were in his district. The purpose of his attendance was to receive a briefing on the site selection process. His opposition to the development of a facility in the Waipa District had been minuted at the previous meeting, and he had been asked by the chair to formally record that opposition in writing. This was never received. The Mayor left the meeting following the presentation. I have attached a copy of the minutes of that meeting for your information.

I believe the SSWG consisted of hard working individuals, who acted with integrity and professionalism in the face of the difficult decision they had to make without allowing external pressures to influence them. All local authorities in the area of investigation for the Youth Justice Central site were invited to put forward a nomination for the SSWG. Not all authorities took advantage of this opportunity and the SSWG was made up of the nominees of those bodies that did reply. At time the group was formed there were no

preconceived ideas as to the location of any likely site, and therefore geographic bias was not an issue.

The department has apologised for the delay in sending the letter of apology to Mauriora Kingi. This should be with her/him shortly and I have asked the department to forward me a copy when it is sent.

I acknowledge that this is a difficult situation for you, and regret that there has been a lot of pressure placed on you and Councillor Searancke. No decision on whether to seek designation of the Te Waerenga site will be made without careful consideration of all views and concerns, including those of the Rotorua District Council and its people.

I thank you for taking the time to approach me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Hon Ruth Dyson
Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth and Family)

YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRAL
Site Selection Working Group (SSWG)
Minutes from the Meeting
13 May 2005, Cambridge

Agenda Item	Minute / Action	Who
	Attendees: Gordon Blake (GB) Dianne Yates (DY): - left at 11.45am Garry Dyet (GD) Paul Carpenter (PC): - left at 11.45am Steve Home (SH): - left at 2.00pm Wally Pollock (WP) Glenys Searancke (GS) Wendy Turvey (WT) Chris Farrell (CF) Ray Boyd (RB) : - left at 1.30pm Rhiannon Symmons (RS) David Hay (DH), Ewa Szuba (ES) Chris Polaschek (CP)	
Item	New Members: Mr Darrin Haimona arrived: 10.20am left: at 2.00pm Mr Ruka Hughes arrived: 10.30am	
	Guests: Mr Alan Livingstone, Mayor of Waipa District left at 2.00pm	
	Apologies: Gordon Chesterman (GC) Dave Barbour (DB) Jeanette Black (JB) - to be confirmed at the next meeting.	
Item 1	Housekeeping: Introductions and Apologies • The new agenda format was presented. The benefits of providing a more complete written record of the SSWG's proceedings were noted and a new agenda format was approved. • Since two new members joined the SSWG, the Chair asked all group members to introduce themselves.	GB All

Item 3	Minutes of the last meeting • The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. • Since the last meeting 15 new sites were offered from the Real Estate Agents in the area. • GB and the Department briefed the Minister about the Site Selection Progress for Youth Justice Central. The Minister indicated that she would prefer to have a choice of sites recommended to her rather than one site to make a decision. • There is still some confusion between the Ministry of Justice pilot project Te Hurihanga and the Youth Justice Central Residence. The Ministry of Justice is having an open day to present their project. DH has been invited to attend the open day. It has been noted that some Media are still confused about the two projects.	GB
Item 4	Site Selection Process • DH updated the group on the site selection process to date for the benefit of the guest and new members joining the group at that meeting. • The SSWG noted the progress of the site selection for Youth Justice Central project to date.	DH All
Item 5	NZIER Labour Force Report • The NZIER Labour report titled: "Youth Justice Central: Profile of potential labour force" was presented and briefly discussed. • CP noted the report did not ask, or answer; the question of how competitive would CYF be in the market in different major population centres in the area. • It was noted that the report confirmed a new youth justice residence needs to be located in a close proximity to a major population centre to avoid problems with recruiting staff.	CP

Item 6	<u>Property Report</u> • The updated Property Report was tabled at the meeting. The list of properties was presented to the SSWG in three groups: o Group One properties: those most adequately meeting the site selection guidelines; o Group Two properties: those having some merit in terms of the site selection guidelines; and o Group Three properties: those being unsuitable for consideration as sites for the new youth justice residence. • The Group One, Two and Three properties were discussed at the meeting. The sites from Group One and Two were discussed in more detail. The merits and disadvantages of the most interesting sites were outlined by WT and CF. • Based on provided information the SSWG decided to: o consider further **Hamilton** – Site 37 which is currently over the department's budget for land purchase and therefore was classified as Group Three property; o consider further **Cambridge** – Site 05 **Morrisville** – Site 09 and **Rotorua** Site 19 sites from the Group Two properties; o Visit the sites which were easily accessible in the time available. • It was noted by GD that Sites 25, 29 and 36 listed as Group One properties were classified as high quality soil under the Waipa District Plan, and it may be difficult to get consent to build a youth justice residence on one of these sites. • AL asked whether the Department had considered locating at Waikeria prison. Davhd H said the Department would only consider Waikeria if there were no other viable sites that met the site selection criteria – it would be the site of last resort. Darrin H said young people would see it as the first step toward prison.	WT, CF & DH

Item 7	Site Visits • The SSWG visited the following sites: Before lunch: (sites in a close proximity to Hamilton) o Kaipaki 3 - Site 36 o Kaipaki 2 - Site 29 o Kaipaki 1 – Site 28 o Hamilton – Tamahere o Cambridge – Site 05 After lunch (sites in a close proximity to Rotorua) o Rotorua – Site 21 o Rotorua – Te Waerenga Rd o Rotorua – Site 19	All
Item 8	The meeting reconvened in Committee Room One, Rotorua District Council offices, Rotorua at 3:30 pm • The merits and disadvantages of the visited sites were discussed. Morrisville – Site 09 was not visited at this meeting due to the lack of time. However, the merits of the site were discussed at the meeting and based on this discussion the SSWG decided to add it to the shortlist. • The SSWG decided to shortlist the following sites for detailed evaluation: o Hamilton – Tamahere o Hamilton – Site 37 o Cambridge – Site 05 o Morrisville – Site 09 o Rotorua – Site 19 o Rotorua – Te Waerenga Road • Three of the shortlisted sites are currently above CYF's budget for the land purchase for Youth Justice Central (YJC). However, the SSWG noted that the initial higher cost might mean savings on infrastructure, RMA consent and legal expenses, once a site had been purchased – and perhaps also savings in time, if a protracted Environment Court hearing could be avoided.	All WT/CF/ DH

	• DH agreed that a cost-benefit analysis of site purchase options should be prepared for the Minister's consideration. This would require cost estimates for development, and an assessment of the risk that legal costs would be incurred, on a site-by-site basis. • The SSWG will receive detailed reports on the shortlisted sites including cost benefits of each site.	DH
Item 9	<u>General Business – Media Release</u> • The next media release regarding site selection process for Youth Justice Central (YJC) was discussed. It was agreed that the media release would say that the SSWG has now shortlisted potential sites for YJC but would not reveal any information about the shortlisted sites. • WP noted that the project does not attract a lot of attention at the moment. However, it is expected that the interest in it would rise closer to the Minister's decision regarding the site and public consultation period. • There was no other business discussed at the meeting.	RS&GB
Item 10	<u>Date for the next meeting</u> • The next SSWG meeting will be held in twelve to fourteen weeks time, depending on the time required for detailed evaluations to be completed (WT to advise DH). • Date of the meeting: TBA • The meeting ended at 4.35pm	

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Office of Hon Ruth Dyson
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Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth & Family Services)
MP for Banks Peninsula

4 May 2006

FILE

Kevin Winters
Mayor
Rotorua District Council
Private Bag 3029
ROTORUA

Your Worship

I am writing to inform you of progress on the selection of a site for a new youth justice residence in the central region.

I received a report at the end of April based on an analysis of the submissions received, and after discussions with officials I consider that there has been insufficient time for the department to prepare advice for me on a preferred site. I have directed officials from the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services to continue exploring a number of potential alternative sites in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato regions. This means I have deferred making a decision on a preferred site.

Your participation in the consultation process has been of great assistance in helping me and my officials better understand the views and concerns of the wider community in relation to the possible location of a youth justice residential facility.

I wish to continue the process that started in November 2005, whereby officials from Child, Youth and Family were working with you and community representatives, to identify all potential alternative sites in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato regions.

Therefore I have asked Child, Youth and Family to return to me with further advice by late September 2006. Once I have received this advice, it is planned that a further consultation process will be undertaken if an alternative site has been identified.

Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand. Telephone: 64 4 470 6570, Facsimile: 64 4 470 6784

I realise that you will be anxious about when a final decision will be made. I do wish to stress that it would be inappropriate for me to make any decision on the suitability of the Te Waerenga Road site as a potential site for a youth justice residential facility until officials from Child, Youth and Family have completed the analysis of any alternative sites.

My officials inform me that you and other community representatives acknowledge the need for a youth justice residence in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato. I consider the community's input to be extremely valuable, and it is my hope that community representatives and leaders will continue to work cooperatively with Child, Youth and Family in identifying other possibilities for a youth justice residential facility.

Yours sincerely

Hon Ruth Dyson
Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment (Child, Youth and Family)

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FILE

22 June 2007

ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Referred to: Mayor
Rec'd 6 JUL 2007
Copy to.....
Instructions .....

Mayor Kevin Winters
Rotorua District Council
Private Bag 3029
ROTORUA

Dear Kevin,

As you will be aware the preferred site for the new Youth Justice Central secure residence is the Parekarangi Trust Site, rather than at Te Waerenga Road site.

Public support is essential to the success of establishing the Youth Justice Central secure residence and we are really pleased with the positive feedback and support from you and the community towards the Parekarangi site.

The residence is a vital resource for the youth justice system and a major investment for Child, Youth and Family.

Te Waerenga Road

We have not yet made any decisions about the Te Waerenga Road land, but are aware that the District Council may be interested in acquiring the site for other public work. Any acquisition of the land by Council would be a transfer in accordance with section 50 of the Public Works Act, 1981, for value to be established using a suitable valuation process.

I have enclosed a copy of the title to this 19.807ha small holding showing the land is in the name of Her Majesty the Queen for Social Services Purposes. Also enclosed are the historical title and the Consent Notice pursuant to section 221 Resource Management Act 1991.

As part of any transfer process we would need to notify Land Information New Zealand in accordance with the recent disposal of sensitive land policy, as well as the Office of Treaty Settlements. The Office of Treaty Settlements may require an encumbrance on the land prior to any transfer that would require Council to adhere to the Maori Protection Mechanism process should the land be disposed of by Council in the future.

If your Council is interested in acquiring the land Te Waerenga Road, or you would like any further information, please contact Trish Kirk, Project Director of Youth Justice Central on (04) 9189417 or by emailing trish.kirk004@cyf.govt.nz to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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Attention: Trish Kirk

Dear Trish

KAHAROA YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY

My apologies that you have not received a formal response to your enquiry.

Having reviewed the Open space Strategy for Rotorua District, I can confirm that we do not foresee a requirement for additional open space of the kind represented by the former proposed site for the Youth Correctional Facility in Kaharoa.

Yours sincerely

Charles Roberts
Director, Community Services