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<td>Date:</td>
<td>Friday, 10th June 2016 9am – 11am</td>
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<td>Location:</td>
<td>Committee Room 2, Wanganui District Council</td>
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<td>Taskforce Attendees:</td>
<td>Richard Thompson (Chair), Cr Martin Visser, Bob Davies, Peter Robinson, Rory Smith, Stuart Mackintosh, Trevor Goodwin</td>
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<td>Council Attendees:</td>
<td>Carolyn McIntyre (notes), Kym Fell, Clive Aim, Jonathan Barrett, Leighton Toy, Greg Hoobin</td>
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<td>Bruce Dickson, Gerald Cogan, Dave Corney, Ritchie Minnell, Ian McGowan</td>
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1. | **Apologies** as above. | |
2. | **Previous Meeting Notes 15 July 2015** – Read and accepted. | |
3. | **Matters arising – updates on:** | |
   | (a) **Council-owned buildings** | |
   | i. **Opera House** – last stage of upgrades. | |
   | ii. **Alexander Library** – going well, due to be completed in coming months. | |
   | iii. **Museum** – Item been to Council advising that closure will occur later this year. | |
   | Will be closed about 18 months. Museum to go in where Alexander Library is on Ridgway St. | |
   | iv. **Wakefield Chambers** – still weighing up options. Still working on option of Library being relocated here. | |
   | v. **Block 6** – Trevor Goodwin noted his interest as part owner in this block. | |
   | Transport hub – consultants have questioned whether this is best use of the land and best use of Council’s investment. Suggested having on side of road utilising existing infrastructure. Group thought this was not a practical option for a number of vehicles. Palmerston North had theirs by Police Station and didn’t work that well. | |
   | Block 6 project has been rolled into Regeneration Strategy. Wakefield Chambers is seen as catalyst for development in this area. Leighton advised that the Long Term Plan is the best place to put this project and be the driver for it. Kym suggested with the new Council coming in shortly, it would be good to get in early and present the issue, could attend Council workshop. The last item taken to Council last year could be revisited as the issues are still relevant. | |
   | (b) **Media and publicity** – few stories about what other centres doing but most authorities waiting like us for legislation. | |
   | (c) **CBD property sales** – Bob advised that there had been 4 sales in Vic Ave, bottom block. Banks not lending unless above 67% strengthened. Peter said BNZ said they would lend. Comment that as a taskforce shouldn’t we be trying to get alongside our banks. We need to fully understand what our banks lending conditions are. Agreed we would write to banks and insurance companies asking them what their position is and rationale behind. | |
   | (d) **Town Centre Regeneration Strategy** – Jonathan updated group. Draft strategy received in Feb. Feedback was we needed prices for implementing projects. Working on that with Leighton and Rui. Some big ticket items embedded in strategy but they might be implemented over 20-30 year period. | |
   | (e) **Advisory support to owners** – Leighton said Council is working on business friendly approach. For any commercial opportunity or venture we are trying to encourage pre-engagement with Council at early stage. | |
   | (f) **Report to Council** – left with Julian. No further traction. | | Richard – draft letter to banks/insurance companies |
### QuakeCoRE research

1. **Olga Filippova** – economic impacts. Inquiry that came through to Richard, from Massey in Auckland. Forwarded her question to Bob and Trevor and they have responded.

2. **Temitope Egbelakin** – student research. She’s co-ordinator of Auckland research efforts and is in contact with EQ Strut guys. Was looking for research topic for students. Jonathan and Martin suggested to her the topic of “Obstacles to reoccupation of first floor buildings in town centre”. Will look at incentives that Council can put forward, practicalities.

### Other updates:

- **Greg** has a MBIE Document to circulate on implementation of the EQPB legislation
- **Conference feedback** - Stuart spoke about a conference he attended - draft methodology comes out August/Sept. Want TAs around the country doing the same things. Hope to see criteria identifying when substantial alterations become an upgrade. Not sure whether old IEPs will still be valid, some debate as to this. Regulation expected to kick in in 12 months time. Standard solutions for around the country will be put forward to help with strengthening parapets.
- **Rebuilding facades** - Peter asked whether there has there been engagement with Heritage NZ in terms of replacing facades with a different material which looks the same? (e.g. polystyrene instead of plaster). Jonathan said he is building relations with new staff at Heritage NZ.
- **Ugly facades** - 18 buildings in Vic Ave and Guyton St identified as having ugly facades. Mainstreet has been to owners but there is reluctance from some as they are concerned about what may be uncovered. Jonathan is keen to work on ways to provide incentives to owners to upgrade their facades.

### Workshop on inner city apartments

- **Aim** to hold mid-August. Will invite stakeholders – opportunity to think of barriers and possible solutions. Bob was asked how much demand he had received for inner city apartments. He said he hadn’t had huge numbers, 3 or 4 recently. Comment made that with bit more marketing this could change, and once a couple of apartments are established it will assist in bringing more demand. Richard passed on Dave Corney’s frustrations about upgrades triggering major building code requirements. Greg said different parts of the legislation can be used including alternative solutions, but they are not often put forward. This is value of workshop. Sometimes the mindset is that the consent process will be too hard. Richard commented that it would be good to have examples. Greg said it is difficult to do this as each situation is different, however, pre-engagement meetings will help.

### Next meeting

- **When** draft regulations come out to consider them. Key thing will be around what work triggers upgrade.

### Other matters:

- Peter advised that Mainstreet had received notice to vacate their premises (have 4 or 5 months). Mainstreet working with owner of Ceramic building – looking to take those premises. As a tenant want it to be over seismic compliance, and would want commitment from owner for building to be upgraded inside.