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From: Jo Miller
Sent: Thursday, 3 October 2019 7:40 PM
To: Ray Wallace
Subject: Further to our meeting today

Dear Ray

Unfortunately Gary is away on leave until Tuesday and so he cannot personally confirm what he has told you until such time, however my understanding, having had the records produced and having spoken with Gary prior to his departure is the following:

1. A meeting was held at Council offices on 15 September 2017 between Gary, Andrew Cummings and John Gloag titled "Meet Campbell and Josh re Wainuiomata Urban Growth." I understand from Gary that the meeting was to brief the Councillors however Gary will have to confirm whether the meeting actually took place and if so then who was there. Unfortunately there is no record I can refer to.
2. A Councillors' planning session was held on 17 November 2017. Councillor Briggs was not in attendance.
3. A three day officer workshop was held between 21 – 23 November 2017 to discuss a possible Upper Fitzherbert development. The workshop invitation indicates that there would be a briefing at 12:30pm on the 23 November 2017 for Wainuiomata Councillors and this is confirmed by the agenda I have previously provided you. I understand from Gary that both Crs Briggs and Barry were in attendance and that you were away sick at the time. I have seen the workshop power point presentation for the officers and it appears to contain the information which formed the basis of the report that was later produced. I am not sure to what extent that information formed the basis of the Councillors' briefing. Gary will need to confirm that when he returns from leave. I should also note that the content of that slide show has been withheld in recent LGOIMA requests.
4. A closed council workshop was held on 26 April 2018. Neither Cr Barry or Briggs attended that briefing.

Gary has advised me there are no records of nor any recollection of any briefing of the Wainuiomata Councillors other than those detailed above.

I have produced the below table which may be of assistance in clarifying the timeline for this matter:

Date	Event	Josh Briggs	Campbell Barry	Ray Wallace	Other Councillor	Council Officers	Documentary Evidence of attendance
15-Sep-17	Meet Campbell and Josh re Wainuiomata Urban Growth	?	?	No	No	Gary Craig, Andrew Cummings, John Gloag	nil
17-Nov-17	Councillors' Planning Session	No	Yes	Yes	All		Councillors Planning Session Agenda
21-Nov-17 to 23-Nov-17	Officer workshop to consider possible future development of Upper Fitzherbert	Yes (from 12:30pm on 23-Nov-17)	Yes (from 12:30pm on 23-Nov-17)	No	Cr Cousins (from 12:30pm on 23-Nov-17)	Tony Stallinger, Matt Reid and others	Agenda and invitation by Andrew Cummings
26-Apr-18	Closed council workshop	No	No	Yes	Crs Barry, Briggs and McDonald were apologies	Gary Craig, Tony Stallinger, Kim Kelly, Andrew Cumming, Christine Chong	Agenda

Please let me know if there is anything more you need prior to Gary's return.

Thanks
Jo

From: Ray Wallace <Ray.Wallace@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: 3 October 2019 at 4:25:31 PM NZDT
To: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Further to our meeting today

Hi Jo

Thanks for your time today and appreciate your draft was sent in error.

As I have indicated I urgently need confirmation what Gary has verbally told me, that the details of the officers work on the Wainuiomata North /Upper Fitzherbert Development proposal was discussed with the two Wainuiomata Councillors at the conclusion of the officers 3 day workshop and the Councillors indicated support.

As I said I am deeply concerned that Mr Inness has every intention of trying to embarrass the Office of the Mayor and myself personally along with tarnishing the Council's reputation over the Wainuiomata North Development proposals to create an upset within the community similar to that of the Queen Street Reserve.

I therefore request urgent confirmation from Gary what he relayed to me that all of the above actions took place. While I am aware there may be no actual minutes any file note or staff notes would also be helpful supporting what was discussed.

Regards
Ray

From: Jo Miller
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2019 2:55 PM
To: Ray Wallace
Cc: Josh Briggs; Campbell Barry
Subject: Fwd: Draft response to Mayorr

“Dear Ray

I write further to my email to you of 19 September which was a response to queries from you regarding Wainuiomata North Development framework and queries from Craig Innes . I copied Councillors Briggs and Barry into that email as we agreed . Since then you've asked for further clarification of a couple of points and my responses are set out below . As was the case previously & with your agreement, I am once again copying in Councillors Briggs & Barry .

Turning to the questions you raised :

A further records search has been conducted and I can confirm that there are no records of either Councillor Barry or Briggs having been individually briefed by officers on the Wainuiomata North Development prior to the closed Council briefing held on 26 April 2018.

Having instructed a further records search I can now provide the following further information;

1. A Councillors' Planning Session was held on 17 November 2017. A copy of the agenda for that session is **attached**.
2. Whilst I confirm that there was no report provided for the 3 day briefing session there was a draft agenda prepared, which I **attach**.

With regards to your email below, I should note that there are only records of invitations and no actual records of the meeting you refer to at paragraph one. Further, to be clear, our records do not show that the Councilors were briefed after the 26 April 2018 meeting.

Please note I have copied in Councillors Briggs and Barry as your request pertains to them.

Thanks
Jo''

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