

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 REALLOCATION OF NEW BRIGHTON FUNDS

Roger Hunt and Michael Tisdell, representing the New Brighton District Business Association, were in attendance to note their disappointment at the Council's reallocation of \$50,000 for New Brighton car parking to the Pier Landscaping Design.

Mr Hunt advised that the Business Association felt that the money had been taken away from it and that the library should provide its own money for parking. Although Mr Hunt was unsure as to where the money had originated, he did feel that it had been raised by the Business Association through a separate rate. Mr Hunt felt that the \$50,000 had been left over from this separate rate, established to develop New Brighton Mall in the 1970s, and that when the Business Association approached the Council in the 1990s for an upgrade it went into consultation mode and developments in the mall had been put on hold. He believed that in the last 10 years little money had been spent on anything other than maintenance. Mr Hunt firmly believed that the cash should have been spent in the mall area and not outside it. He also hoped that the \$300,000 already set aside for future mall upgrades would not be reallocated as well.

3.2 JET SKIS AND POWER CRAFT IN THE ESTUARY

Mr Des Lander, representing the South New Brighton Residents' Association, and an honorary river warden, was in attendance to express his concerns over noise and speed problems with motorised craft and jet skis in the Estuary. Mr Lander believed that this had been an ongoing problem ever since motorised water craft had been in the area. Although he acknowledged that many people did adhere to the rules, Mr Lander considered that there were a few users who were ignoring them. Mr Lander noted that the area of concern was monitored by the Canterbury Regional Council, which had a ranger assigned to the area who was based at Lyttelton, although no locals had ever seen the ranger in the area. Mr Lander believed that powered craft should not be allowed in the Estuary as it was a renowned wildlife habitat and that the speed boats were disturbing bird species and other animals. Mr Lander concluded by noting that he would like to see the Christchurch City Council take over control of the area and monitor it through its Parks Ranger service.