

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

6.1 CATHEDRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL – CLOSURE OF CHESTER STREET WEST

Mrs Nicky Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cathedral Grammar School, addressed the Board suggesting the conversion of Chester Street West into a pedestrian mall to ease present traffic congestion in the street and to make it simpler and more friendly for the students of the school on school days. Landscape plans showing a possible development of the area as a semi-public open space and as a pedestrian mall were displayed and outlined to the Board. The proposal was that Chester Street would become a play area for the school during school hours but that outside school hours it could continue to be used for traffic.

The Board agreed to refer this proposal to Peter Atkinson, Area Engineer: Central, for a report back to the February 2000 Board meeting.

6.2 CHRISTCHURCH YACHT CLUB INC

Ms Glenda Proko, Commodore of the Christchurch Yacht Club Inc and Mr Michael Timings, addressed the Board and outlined the history of the Yacht Club and the problems now being experienced with erosion of the sand in the vicinity of the Yacht Club facilities, caused by the current in the estuary, possibly as a result of a slight shift in the channel in the estuary.

Concerns expressed by the deputation were over the erosion of the slipways, which it may prove difficult to obtain approval for the replacement of. The Yacht Club was also seeking funding from the Board to undertake an expert engineering study and a recommendation to the Council for a low-interest rate loan from the Council Community Organisation Loan Scheme to repair the slipways and jetty quickly before any more damage occurs. The anticipated cost of such repairs was approximately \$6,000.

6.3 HORSE DRAWN WAGON PROPOSAL

The Board considered a late request for speaking rights from Mrs Alice Phillips.

The Board **agreed** to hear this deputation.

Mrs Phillips addressed the Board and tabled a written proposal for approval to operate a horse-drawn wagon for passengers in the Sumner area over the summer holiday period.

The Board **decided**:

1. To ask for a complete report on the implications of this form of entertainment.

2. To support the proposal brought to the Board for horse-drawn wagon rides at Sumner, subject to evidence of public liability insurance being sighted by the Community Advocate and discussion with the Area Engineer on matters relating to parking and the proposed routes to be taken.

(Linda Rutland requested that her vote against this decision be recorded.)