

### 3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

**Jillian Stowell**, representing the New Brighton Community Creche, outlined her concerns over a request from neighbours of the creche for the removal of a mature pine tree. Jillian advised that the creche was established in 1991 and that in the period from 1991 to 1996 it had taken full responsibility for the removal and replacement of unsuitable trees. Subsequently the land around the creche had been subdivided and new houses built, this had led to complaints from the new neighbours that the remaining tree was shading properties. Jillian noted that the creche was trying to be reasonable with the neighbours but that it had spent a considerable amount of time establishing a great garden, of which the tree was a significant feature. The tree also provided shade from the sun and protection from cold southerly winds. Jillian concluded by stating that the creche did not object to the removal of unsafe trees but could not accept the removal of a healthy, well-established tree. Jillian also felt that in three to five years there would be acceptable shade from the recently established trees that could allow the removal of the mature tree.

**Merran Fleming**, representing the North Beach Community Cottage was in attendance to update the Board on its activities. Merran informed the Board that she was employed by Anglican Care as a Community Development Worker in a half-time position. Her job was to keep the house open from Monday to Thursday and co-ordinate its various activities, such as: a community café; community development worker; garden club; women's health group; budget cooking group; walking group; music and movement group for preschoolers, and menopause support group. Merran also noted that the cottage was only getting established at the moment and that her primary role was to get the community involved and to establish networks and advertising to meet these ends.

**Tony van Ecklyn**, was in attendance to request the removal of a pine tree in Broad Park, as per clause 7 of this report. Mr van Ecklyn noted that he had purchased a section in Ballance Street which bounded a Council owned reserve area containing a large macrocarpa tree. Mr van Ecklyn wished to have the tree removed as it significantly protruded across his boundary. Mr van Ecklyn raised a number of points regarding the integrity of the publicity sent out by the Council and restated his position as outlined in the report. In conclusion Mr van Ecklyn offered to pay for the removal of the tree himself.

**Barry Rutter**, was in attendance to address the Board on his concerns over the alleyway in Castletown Place. Mr Rutter felt that the Police and Council would confer with residents and close the alleyway and was disappointed that the report to the Board had concluded otherwise. Mr Rutter advised that most residents in Castletown Place wanted the alleyway closed as it created a wide variety of problems. These problems included everything from glue sniffers through to broken windows and dog faeces. Mr Rutter believed that the additional time and distance to walk from Palmers Road to Bower Avenue was only a matter of one to two minutes, and that this extra distance was not worth the problems caused by having the alleyway open.