

## **2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

### **2.1 EDIBLE FRUIT AND NUT TREES ON PARKS**

**Councillor Barbara Stewart**, was in attendance to outline the idea of planting edible fruit and nut trees in parks throughout the city. Councillor Stewart advised that this idea had come from the Council's Creativity Team and was supported by the Parks Unit. The Area Parks Officer had forwarded a list of parks and tree species seen as appropriate to the Burwood/Pegasus area. Councillor Stewart was attending the meeting to request Board support for the project, which could look at a grove of trees in a local park of its choice. The current funding was a one-off grant from the Council and the future implementation of this project would be for the Board to promote and possibly fund.

### **2.2 MEON STREET ALLEYWAY**

**Mr Geoff Milne**, a resident of Meon Street, was in attendance to outline his concerns over the possible installation of a street light in the Meon Street alleyway. Mr Milne noted that this issue first gained his attention through a residents' association newsletter, and he pointed out that prior to this no neighbour directly next to the alleyway was consulted by the Council. Mr Milne expressed that he had no firm opinion over whether the light should be installed or not, but could not see how a light would improve things in the area. To this end Mr Milne wanted the Council to show him how the light would be of benefit. He also expressed concern that the petition had been signed by people who lived well away from the alleyway, and that the petition organisers had not approached some people in the area who he knew were against the idea of a light. He was also concerned at the lack of consultation from the Council in the initial stages of this project and could not see the point in the Council spending ratepayers' money if it would not be of proven benefit to the area.