

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

A) LINWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE

Eleanor Bodger, the Community Development Worker at the Linwood Resource Centre, addressed the Board in support of a report which the Board had previously considered. Ms Bodger emphasised the need for community involvement and stressed how important it was for people to feel that they could approach the Board and be heard and explained how empowering this process was for people. Ms Bodger considered it important that the Board ask people in the community how the Board could help them to achieve their goals.

B) PENGUIN COLONY AT BOULDER BAY

The Chairman advised that two deputations had sought speaking rights on the question of a proposed penguin colony for Boulder Bay.

The Board **decided** to extend speaking rights to these deputations as follows:

(a) **Taylors Mistake Association**

Mr Jim Turpin, Chair, Taylors Mistake Association addressed the Board expressing disappointment that his Association did not receive early advice that this matter was to be placed on the Board's agenda and that this was not the first time that this had happened.

Mr Turpin traversed some of the past history of the baches at Taylors Mistake and Boulder Bay and the various decisions that had been made regarding the future of these baches over many years.

Mr Turpin, in addressing other aspects of the report before the Board suggested that Boulder Bay was not a suitable location for a penguin nesting area or for a penguin "parade" for which visitors would be charged an entry fee and that the proposal was therefore unsound. Mr Turpin expressed the belief that the survival of the penguin species would be ensured by the existing colonies in Harris Bay and at Motunau.

(b) **Port Hills 2000**

Ms Di Menzies, Chair, Port Hills 2000 and Dr Chris Challies a wild life consultant, addressed the Board outlining why Port Hills 2000 supported the proposal for a penguin colony at Boulder Bay, emphasising that this penguin was an endangered species and that this project was seen as an amenity for the area. Ms Menzies expressed the hope that the Council would support this conservation and recreation project.

Dr Challies spoke in support of the proposal to establish the penguin breeding colony in Boulder Bay and emphasised that the selection of Boulder Bay as a suitable site for this project was undertaken with very great care. The criteria followed were outlined in the report in the Board's order paper. Dr Challies saw the penguin colony as representing a use of public land which was an alternative to the occupation of this land by baches.

Dr Challies also outlined the benefits which would result from the establishment of a penguin breeding colony, a penguin parade and the proposed public viewing facility as a form of eco-tourism.