



1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Youth Council

Liz Cooper, Jonathon Derby and George Hampton, representatives from the Council's Youth Council who are resident in the Shirley/Papanui area, spoke to the Board about their roles on the Youth Council and their aspirations while in office.

The Youth Council was established in the 1970s and at that time comprised one representative from each school. An interview process was introduced in the 1990s and there are now 17 representatives from all fields. Its members have proactive interaction with their peers in the community and currently work with staff on local issues. However, there was the desire to gain a higher profile and as an organisation they were currently considering their status. Recent attendance at a conference in Gisborne showed the need for improved interaction between young people and local body representatives. It was hoped to have more involvement with community boards and possibly nominated community board representatives.

In response to members' questions, the representatives said they would like to see the establishment of a structure where young people have more say, for example on social problems, as well as improving the spreading of information with their peers.

In thanking the three representatives, the Chairperson encouraged them to keep in contact with the Board and said that their suggestions and comments on Board activities in its area would be welcomed.