

16. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

16.2 ROADSIDE SELLING OF FRUIT AND FLOWERS

Mr Robert Shand addressed the Board referring to breaches of the Council's Bylaws by flower sellers in Linwood Avenue and, until recently, in Main Road. Mr Shand outlined a considerable number of breaches which he believed had occurred.

Mr Shand called for the abolition of licences for roadside selling, as he considered that these required considerable policing and were therefore a burden on the ratepayer.

Mr Christopher Griffin, the owner and operator of the New World Supermarket, Redcliffs, was unable to attend the Board meeting as part of this deputation and instead submitted a written statement in support of Mr Shand's submissions.

Mr Shand submitted that many of these roadside stalls were full scale businesses trading from roadside shops and that these were not in the spirit of the Council's Bylaws, which were drafted to allow the selling of ice-creams or home grown produce on an occasional basis.

Brian Neill, Traffic Engineer, Major Roads and Transport Improvements reported on the process that led the Council to approve certain roads for roadside selling.

The Legal Services Manager suggested that the Board may wish to recommend to the Council that it ask the government to give local authorities the power to prohibit mobile shops in their areas, if they wish to do so. In discussion, it was suggested that the Board could invite an appropriate officer to attend a seminar meeting to outline the Council's Bylaw and Policies on these matters. It was also suggested that the bylaws could be enforced more actively on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Board **resolved** to ask the Community Advocate to take steps to ensure that enforcement of the bylaws was increased, especially at weekends.