

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) EWEN COKER, POOR PEOPLE'S EMBASSY

Ewen Coker addressed the Committee by way of an address entitled, "How You Treat the Poor is of Consequence". He requested:

- That the Council adopt a job creation policy, and a job retention policy to give it purpose;
- That the Council establish a fully resourced unit to alleviate poverty in Christchurch;
(as part of its brief the unit would evaluate any impact on the poor of the policies and work of other units, as well as decisions from Community Boards, Council Committees and Council meetings)
- A report be prepared on "how the planned revitalisation will impact on existing poor inner-city residents, and the community groups catering for them"
- That poor be on the task force, not just their representatives.

Mr Coker also distributed a paper entitled, "The Ugly Side of Poverty".

The Committee **decided:**

1. To receive the information.
2. That a report on progress of the Poverty Task Force be presented to the next meeting.