



3. PETITIONS

(a) **MACFARLANE PARK KINDERGARTEN COMMITTEE: PETITION
OPPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF WINEBAR ON CORNER OF EMMETT
STREET AND ACHESON AVENUE**

Councillor Ingrid Stonhill attended the meeting in support of the petitioners. Mrs Nicola Cotterell, Chairperson of the Kindergarten Committee, and Mrs Maria Mann, Petition Organiser, advised the Committee of the petitioners' main concerns, being:

- The proposed winebar would be sited too close to the kindergarten
- It would be en route to school for many children
- There were many existing problems with tagging, gang tensions and children wandering the streets, which the availability of alcohol would increase
- Money would be spent on alcohol by families in the area who could ill afford it
- The shopping block itself would be adversely affected by the activities that would take place around it through the operation of a winebar

The Committee considered the matter in conjunction with the Environmental Services Manager's report on the petition.