

## 20. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT CONT'D

### NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUPS

**Simon Chambers**, Coordinator of Neighbourhood Support Canterbury, and **John Riley**, District Commander of the Police, were in attendance to speak about new organisational arrangements for the coordination of Neighbourhood Support Groups.

The Police have supported Neighbourhood Support Groups nationally since 1995, in association with community oriented policing. The number of groups has grown well, with approximately 1500 groups in Christchurch and 387 in Burwood/Pegasus. However, the deputation suggested there is scope for the role of the groups to develop further.

Neighbourhood Support Canterbury has now been established as an independent entity, with Neighbourhood Support New Zealand as a parent body. A wider role and increased profile in the community is envisaged, covering policing, civil defence, fire and district health aspects. The deputation requested funding from the Board as a contribution towards the costs of a full time co-ordinator.

The Board **resolved** that \$5,000 be allocated from the Board's 2001/02 Discretionary funds to Neighbourhood Support Canterbury as a contribution to its operational costs.

[Glenda Burt took no part in the voting on the resolution.]