

## 2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (b) Brian Booth – New Direction Charitable Trust

Brian Booth and Stephanie Walker spoke to the Board regarding the Trust's plans in the Shirley area. The Trust has bought St Aidans Church and is currently upgrading the building. Brian stated that the church has been renamed the 'Emmett Street Christian Centre', and will be a place of worship and the base for programmes in the community. Brian stated that one programme will be based in schools, and called 'Get Real'. He said this will be to address bullying and pressures that young people have to deal with. The Trust has also leased a shop in Acheson Avenue for the sale of second-hand clothing. Stephanie stated she will be running life skills programmes for single parents, and programmes from home that will work with the whole family unit. They said the Trust has a great team of supporters, but is in need of some short-term funding for salaries. The Chairperson suggested that the Trust meet with Ingrid Stonhill to discuss where the Community Board could help.