

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST

Rob Fenwick, Chairman, spoke on the work of the Antarctic Heritage Trust and its efforts to conserve the buildings used by Antarctic explorers in the Ross Sea region.

He advised that despite efforts to date the battle was being lost to preserve buildings and facilities used by previous explorers such as Scott and Shackleton. A new approach was needed resulting in a fundraising campaign being launched during the visit of Princess Anne.

The project would generate considerable benefits for both Christchurch and Canterbury. The Trust would like to form a partnership with the City Council. Some seeding funds had been received and as the project was of world-wide interest approaches were being made to institutions in both the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Nigel Watson, Executive Director of the Trust, spoke of the \$33M restoration project and the unrivalled world heritage opportunities the project represented.

It was expected that the project would receive major international coverage, which would result in economic opportunities for Christchurch businesses.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Antarctic Heritage Trust be congratulated on its initiatives in establishing the conservation project.
2. That the Trust keep the Council informed of developments, including particular anniversaries of Antarctic exploration events.
3. To support in principle a major celebration of Antarctic exploration recognition in the next few years in Christchurch in which the whole of Christchurch City can become involved.
4. That the current Antarctic Heritage Trust books be updated and reprinted.