

## 1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (b) Norm Dewes and Grant Chivers, Shirley Community Trust

Norm provided a letter from the Community Committee of Te Runanga o Nga Maata Waka and letters of support from Shirley Community Trust, Shirley Primary School, Hammersley Park School, Mairehau High School, Tim Barnett MP Christchurch Central Electorate, and Shirley Intermediate School, regarding the proposed skateboard facility in the Shirley area. Norm advised that all of these parties were keen to see the skatepark go ahead and wanted to be included in the plan, design and selection of location for the facility. Norm advised that the community want it to be in the right location and that it be supervised well. He asked that the Council consider locating the facility in the grounds of the Shirley Rugby League Club, if a suitable site cannot be found on Macfarlane Park.

Grant advised that residents had not said they did not want it located at Macfarlane Park, but that there are benefits for siting it at the League Club. These include the fact that there are no residential neighbours at the League Club, and there are other buildings on the site that could be utilised for other community activities. The supervision of the skatepark at this site would be a community responsibility.

Rod Whearty (Acting Parks and Waterways Advocate) advised that a staff meeting had just taken place regarding the skateboard facility and concurred that the siting of the facility is critical. The site needs to be highly visible, have a street frontage and toilet facilities. The site also needs to appeal to a wide cross section of the community so that it is not just a place for young people to congregate. Staff have identified a potential site for the facility at Macfarlane Park, where the old toilet block is on Jebson Avenue. The planner will do a rough conceptual plan for this site, and once this is received, staff will bring the plan and the location back to the community and users of the facility for discussion.