

### 3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Messrs Keith McKay and Gary Teear – North Beach Coastal Image Group.

Messrs Keith McKay and Gary Teear, on behalf of the North Beach Coastal Image Group outlined a proposal to establish a recreational foreshore at North Beach, in particular a marine promenade. Mr McKay, with the aid of a powerpoint presentation, spoke on the concept and emphasised several opportunities including:

- a focus on recreation
- the beach “will come alive” with increased use (eg surfing, wind surfing, kite surfing, picnic area and shade trees)
- the proposal addresses safety issue and fits in with the Council’s “safer parks” policy
- will enhance the reputation of Christchurch

Mr Teear, a registered civil engineer specialising in coastal and ocean engineering, (with the aid of a powerpoint presentation) addressed various issues, including the height of sand dunes in relation to a possible adverse event such as a Tsunami.

The opportunity was then taken for elected representatives to ask questions.

Ms Soren O’Neil and Mr Bruce Bennetts on behalf of supporters of A Natural Dunes System (SANDS) presented a proposal for a natural, safe and sustainable coast line.

Mr Bennetts (with a powerpoint presentation) spoke on the following two submissions:

- dune dynamics (“tampering with one part of the system will inevitably lead to changes in other parts of the system”)
- dune sustainability (“maintaining the height of a lower dune without regular reconstruction will not be possible”)

Ms O’Neil (with a powerpoint presentation) addressed the meeting on the following:

- ecological significance (“dunes are a natural habitat of wildlife”)
- community significance (“dunes ‘connect’ the community with the beach”)
- recreational use (recreational activities already taking place)

The speakers submitted that Coast Care is doing a commendable job in achieving the objectives set out in their current management policy document and recommended that Coast Care be allowed to continue with such objectives.

The opportunity was taken for elected representatives to ask questions.

Councillor Pat Harrow (in the Chair) thanked both deputations for their presentations and acknowledged the information packs supplied to elected representatives by the deputations.

The Committee **decided:**

1. That the Parks and Waterways Unit prepare a report on the Coastal Image proposal for the June meetings of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee.
2. That the report cover:
  - (a) The area between North New Brighton War Memorial Hall and Waimairi Surf Club.
  - (b) The opinions of the community as presented.
  - (c) The information presented by Gary Teear.
  - (d) The positive aspects not just the sand dune height.
  - (e) The Environment Canterbury Resource Consent issues.
  - (f) Possible sources of funding.
3. That Council staff consult with Gary Teear regarding his new information about coastal management.