

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Styx Mill Dog Park

Kathleen Crisley addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the closure of the Styx Mill dog park. Ms Crisley was not opposed to the dog park at Styx Mill closing if another park in an accessible and appropriate location replaced it. However, she was critical of the public consultation on the closing of the park and recommended that the Board encourage open and extensive public consultation on this issue.

The Chairperson assured Ms Crisley that public consultation had not yet begun on the changes to Styx Mill and the Board did not support the closure of the dog park unless an alternative location was found. Board members thanked Ms Crisley for bringing her concerns to the Board.

(b) Te Ora Hou

Martin Minhinnick addressed the Board in relation to his work with Te Ora Hou with regard to item 7 on the agenda. The Performing Arts Project will provide young people from low socio-economic backgrounds with the opportunity to experience alternative environments and will encourage and support often overlooked talents. Over the last 2½ years Mr Minhinnick has seen many talented young people who have needed such an opportunity to develop their talents.

Board members asked Mr Minhinnick for clarification on some issues. The Chairperson expressed the Board's appreciation at Te Ora Hou's and Mr Minhinnick's personal commitment to young people in the community.

(c) Development of the Corner of Hills Road and Westminster Street

The Chairperson invited Mr Gavin Johnstone to speak to the Board about his concerns regarding the possibility of a bar and casino being built on the corner of Hills Road and Westminster Street. Ms Douceline Wardle attended as a support person for Mr Johnstone and spoke on his behalf.

As Mr Johnstone wished to address the Board on a resource consent issue the Chairperson asked any Board members who sit on committees relating to the granting of resource consents to retire for this presentation.

Norm Withers and Graham Condon retired at 5.45 pm.

The Community Advocate advised the Board that, as application for a resource consent is a quasi-judicial matter, the Board should note Mr Johnstone's concerns but not participate in any discussion on the matter.

Mr Johnstone expressed his concerns about the possibility of a non-notified resource consent being issued for the development of the site at the corner of Hills Road and Westminster Street. His property is adjacent to this site.

The Chairperson advised Mr Johnstone of other avenues through which he may wish to pursue the matter.

Norm Withers and Graham Condon returned at 5.55 pm

(d) The Intersection of Hawkins Road/Lower Styx Road/Marshland Road Intersection

The Chairperson invited Mr Terry Wilkinson to address the Board. Mr Wilkinson drew the Board's attention to item 22 on the agenda and expressed his concerns about the traffic safety at the intersection of Hawkins Road, Lower Styx Road and Marshland Road.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Wilkinson for addressing the Board.