

19. **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD – HILLMORTON WORKING PARTY – REPORT OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2006**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the proceedings of the Board's Hillmorton Working Party meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Hillmorton Working Party
held on Thursday 28 September 2006 at 4.15pm
in Committee Room 1, Civic Offices**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Paul de Spa, Chris Mene and Megan Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Corbett

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Oscar Alpers.

2. FORMER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Mark Solomon, Kaiwhakahaere, of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu who had been invited to be briefed on both the Working Party's work to date, and its desire to seek protection of the building along with the more immediate priority of initiating key repairs to the north face of the building ahead of a staged restoration programme.

Details of the Board's involvement to this point included: convening a public meeting in May at which a strong preference emerged for the building to be retained; a Conservation Plan for the building commissioned by the Board; and the Board's ongoing liaison with the Historic Places Trust and others with an interest in the building.

Potential future uses of the building had been discussed, as had the idea of forming a community trust similar to what had occurred with the Old Stone House and the Sydenham Church.

Several images were screened as to how the building might look following restoration, and initial costings for essential maintenance and overall restoration costs including the land had been calculated.

Should a community trust be formed to undertake the restoration work then Ngai Tahu would be welcome to be represented.

Mr Solomon acknowledged the matters raised and indicated that if a decision was made by the Council to acquire the property then immediate restoration would be sought in line with the commencement of the subdivision development.

Members indicated that the Board was keen on seeking input and a solution from the community including the involvement of Ngai Tahu.

Mention was made of the history of the site including its natural, Maori and built features. Being a new community in the making, the Board had a desire to be involved from the beginning of the new subdivision.

Mr Solomon invited the Board to submit a proposal, and undertook to raise the matters discussed with the Ngai Tahu Property Company.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Solomon for meeting with the Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 4.51pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.