

11. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee
was held on Tuesday 20 March 2007 at 10:00am

PRESENT: Winston McKean (Chairman), John Davey, Victoria Andrews, Lynda Wallace and Tony Ussher

APOLOGIES: David Margetts - Historic Places Trust

Kent Wilson, Planning Officer entered the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and was not in attendance until Item 4.3.

The Committee reports that:

1. INTRODUCTION OF JOANNE PRICE - N.Z. HISTORIC PLACES TRUST

Members were introduced to Ms Joanne Price who would be in attendance at upcoming committee meetings as the Historic Places Trust's representative.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2006

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2006

The Committee **resolved** that the reports of the meetings held on 15 August 2006 and 8 November 2006 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

Ms Wallace expressed concern regarding the 8 November minutes recording and felt that all items discussed should have been tabulated for reference purposes. She noted that the main concern of the committee members with regard to 136 Rue Jolie had been the increase in footprint of the building with its proposed additions. Other issues (chimney, trellis) were more minor. This is not reflected in the minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 PARKING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY REPORT AND WALKING AND CYCLING REPORT

Ms Andrews expressed concern that the proposed Akaroa Town Plan/Strategic Study had gone to a more of a harbour-wide study rather than being focussed on Akaroa but that the Civic Trust still felt that a more localised report would be more useful.

4.2 AKAROA DESIGN GUIDELINES BROCHURE - FUNDING

The Chairman advised that he had raised this matter at Community Board level and that staff were requested to confirm that the funding of \$10,000 was in the budget.

Ms Andrews advised that the Resource Management Manager, Tim Harris, had confirmed that this funding was in the 2006/2007 budget for the brochure.

4.3 ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING - 136 RUE JOLIE

Information on the decision of the resource consent had been circulated with the agenda.

Ms Andrews said she appreciated the detail of the report on this project, however she had some concerns about the comments made regarding the chimney. She said the local guidelines should be used and that comparisons to Christchurch historic buildings are not relevant.

Ms Wallace questioned the consultant's conclusions and recommendations in respect of the extent of increase in building size on this project as she believed that the effect of continuing to allow this sort of enlargement of heritage buildings will be to destroy the character (form, scale and size) of the Town Centre.

It was suggested that any consultant planners employed by Christchurch City Council should be suitably briefed on local guidelines and issues and that they attend meetings to enter into discussions on the particular project.

Members agreed that a number of issues in the Cunningham's Resource Consent report were questionable.

- identification of affected parties
- assessment of scale and size
- insufficient weight given to key objectives and policies of proposed District Plan in relation to form, scale and size
- concerns about the way in which the heritage consultant's views were taken into account
- inappropriate reference to a Christchurch example of built form

4.4 BLACK CAT PROPOSAL ON AKAROA WHARF

Members asked if there had been any progress on this project since last year.

4.5 CHECK LIST

A copy of the Arrowtown Design Guidelines' Checklist was circulated for members' information.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence as previously circulated with the agenda was received.

6. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2007

Members **resolved** to adopt the meeting schedule for 2007 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairman advised that he will be resigning from the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board at the end of June and his resignation would also affect his representation on the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee.

He said the Community Board will have to address the matter regarding the chairmanship of the committee.

Staff were asked to advise on the correct procedure in respect of committee membership and chairmanship.

7. PLANS TO CONSIDER

There were no plans to consider.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 AKAROA ADVENTURE CENTRE - 62 RUE LAVAUD

Ms Andrews expressed her concerns that issues are not discussed fully before issuing resource consents for activities that impact on the character of the Historic Area.

8.2 STATUS AND NEED FOR THE CCC AKAROA HISTORIC AREA VARIATION

The Planning Officer advised members that he believed this issue was progressing with the Policy Planner in Lyttelton.

8.3 NON-COMPLYING SIGNAGE WITHIN AKAROA'S HISTORIC AREA

The Planning Officer advised that he had spoken to the Enforcement Team outlining various issues in regard to non-complying signage.

8.4 AKAROA DESIGN GUIDELINES

It was suggested that all members of the Committee receive a full colour copy of the Arrowtown Guidelines for reference in future discussions.

The Planning Officer undertook to distribute copies to members.

8.5 UPDATE ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE DESIGN GUIDELINES BROCHURE FOR AKAROA

Members were informed that John Wilson has been contracted to produce the brochure. It was hoped that this may be available by May/June 2008.

Members requested assurance from the Resource Management Manager, Tim Harris, that the \$10,000 allocated in this year's budget will be carried over to the 2007/2008 budget to ensure production of the brochure next year.

8.6 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

Ms Andrews said that the Akaroa Civic Trust had concerns about the membership of this committee, especially now that Mr McKean was leaving the district.

8.7 POSSIBLE HONORARIUM FOR ARCHITECTS

Ms Andrews suggested that the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board should investigate setting up a possible fund for remuneration of committee architects' expenses.

Members were advised that under Banks Peninsula District Council, re-imburement for mileage was available and therefore this arrangement should be covered under the Memorandum of Understanding with Christchurch City Council.

The Planning Officer undertook to raise this issue with the Resource Management Manager, Tim Harris.

The meeting closed at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 17 April 2007

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive this report. (Please note this report has not yet been confirmed by the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee.)