

9. AKAROA DESIGN AND APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2012

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2012. The meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

The meeting was attended by Committee members Stewart Miller, Victoria Andrews, John Davey Philip Kennedy, Pam Richardson and Lynda Wallace.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Kent Wilson, Planner.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 3 May 2012.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

4. PLANS TO CONSIDER

4.1 Rue Balguerie Sea Wall Proposal

Jeff Bellamore (Senior Designer, Structural) presented two options to the Committee in relation to the proposed repairs to the sea wall adjacent to the Children's Playground, in Rue Balguerie.

Option 1 is to retain the existing stone walls and build a new wall in behind. There would be no visible evidence of the new wall except for the round discs which would be used to tie the old wall to the new wall. These could be painted an appropriate colour. Retaining the old stone wall would be dependent on the wall being sound enough to be tied back and there may be sections that cannot be saved.

Option 2 is to demolish the old stone wall and build a new concrete wall. A resource consent would be required for Option 2.

The Committee supported Option 1 as it was felt that it was important to preserve the original wall and retain as much of the heritage fabric as possible.

The Committee was informed that the current concrete footpath would need to be dug up to allow for erection of the new wall. Members accepted the suggestion that the new footpath be constructed using asphalt.

4.2 Bridges – Akaroa Boat Parking Area

Members were informed that the two bridges crossing Grehan and Mill Streams in the boat parking area currently had vehicle weight restrictions due to decayed timber beams. It is proposed to remove the timber beams and replace them with steel beams and then reuse the existing timber decking. These repairs would allow the weight restrictions to be removed.

The Committee was satisfied with the proposed method of repair for these bridges and staff were commended for bringing this information to the Committee as the bridges were situated within the Akaroa Historic Area.

5. COMMUNITY ADVISER'S UPDATE

5.1 Rue Jolie South Bridge, Aylmers Valley Stream

Members were informed that repairs to the Rue Jolie South bridge will be undertaken in the near future

The Committee commended the Parks Heritage Contract Manager and the Contracts and Operations Team for the repair work recently carried out on other heritage structures in Akaroa, namely the Bruce Bridge and Fishermen's Rest.

5.2 Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines

The Committee felt that there was not enough consistency with plans for alterations or repairs to buildings and structures within the Akaroa Historic Area, being presented to the Committee, particularly for property owned by the Council. Members asked that Units within the Council be made aware that proposals for any such repairs or alterations should be presented to the Committee for comment.

It was noted that the Public Realm Design Guidelines for Akaroa had never been finalised and formally adopted. Such a document would provide a good resource for Council staff when considering repairs or maintenance for structures within the public realm.

It was **decided** to ask staff to include the Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines on the agenda for the next Committee meeting for discussion.

Members agreed that the Akaroa Streetscape Report, which was commissioned and adopted by Banks Peninsula District Council (31 August 2005), should be discussed with the Planner at the next Committee meeting to seek an opinion on whether it could/should be linked to the Akaroa Township Public Realm Design Guidelines.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Nil.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the minutes of the Akaroa Design and Appearance Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2012.