

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

- 4.1 Mr Dennis Hills of Guardians of the Styx (GOTS) addressed the Committee on concerns held by the 'Guardians' at the standard of ongoing maintenance of community plantings at the Styx project.

He signalled that Council staff had been asked to identify an area(s) in the Styx River catchment which GOTS members could treat as "their own" both in terms of further plantings and maintenance of these plantings. He was confident that negotiations with this request could be carried out through existing relationships.

Mr Hills submitted the following draft clauses for inclusion in a planting policy for Council reserves.

1. A clear policy on the timing of plantings in developments which have not been completed. If plantings do commence before the completion of the development, they should be fenced or marked in such a manner that contractors' vehicles do not kill plants or otherwise adversely affect the plants.
2. Consideration be given to ground preparation (or the state of the ground) at sites where community labour is to be used.
3. If maintenance (through weeding or cultivation) of riparian plantings will benefit their growth and survival, then this work should be programmed.

The Committee **decided** that the written submission from Mr Hills be used by staff as a basis for the ongoing involvement of the Guardians of the Styx in matters relating to the Styx project.

- 4.2 Mr Peter Jarvis of "Eventing Canterbury" attended to support the application from "Eventing Canterbury" to establish an equestrian cross country course at Canterbury Park.

The Committee's decision is recorded under Part A clause 2 of this report.