

16. AWATEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Community Advocate tabled a letter from the Association asking for financial assistance of \$5,000 with regard to a submission being lodged against a notified resource consent application in respect of a business operating on the site of Owaka Pit.

The Community Advocate reported that the Council's Solicitor had advised that it was not appropriate for Council monies to be committed to challenge Council city plan zoning, as would be the case with the Association.

It was also noted that the Council was a property owner in the immediate area and this would affect how any resource consent hearing would be held.

Members were supportive of the request however and decided to provide funding.

A recommendation to approve a grant up to \$6,000 to the Association was lost.

The Board **resolved**:

- 1 That subject to the agreement of Council legal staff, this Board fund \$5,000 to assist in the preparation of a submission against the notified resource consent by the operator of the business currently operating at the Owaka Pit.
- 2 If consent is not given by Council legal staff, that the election recess committee investigate other ways to support the Awatea Residents' Association.