5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

5.1 COUNTRY PALMS SUBDIVISION COMMUNITY, HALSWELL

Ken Hunter, on behalf of Country Palms subdivision residents, addressed the Board regarding the lack of a children's playground in the Country Palms subdivision. There is currently no children's playground within the subdivision.

Ken stated that there are four playground facilities within a 1km radius. However, these playgrounds are not suitable for pre school and school aged young children due to the distance and safety concern of children crossing major arterial roads. There is no funding available in the Council's Capital Works Programme for the next five years for a new playground facility within the area.

The Board **decided** to seek an opportunity for the residents to make their presentation to the relevant Council Portfolio Group.

5.2 PROBLEM GAMBLING FOUNDATION OF NEW ZEALAND

Kate Morgan, on behalf of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand, addressed the Board regarding the Council's proposal to review its Gaming Venue and TAB Policy. The Council's statement of proposal included five options, with Option 5 being the preferred Council option.

Kate urged the Board to support the view of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand and encouraged the Board to submit to the Council that Option 4, status quo, be adopted. Kate asserted the Foundation's opposition to Option 5, the preferred Council option as this policy change would harm the Christchurch community.

The Board **decided** to establish a working party to work on a draft submission, which would then be adopted by the Board at its meeting of 26 July 2006.



